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Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

As we get ready to embark on another County Fair, remember all of the learning opportunities that the Fair presents! During the judging process of your project, be sure to keep an open mind and have your listening ears on. Judges offer great advice that will enable you to grow in your project. 4-H project judging is one of the highly visible learning opportunities in the 4-H Youth Development program by developing communication and life skills in youth. 4-H youth are known for their public presentation skills, ability to convey information and engage in a conversation, which gives youth a distinct advantage when interviewing for scholarships or job interviews!

Not only should you be an active listener during the Fair, but also be an educator! Fair visitors love to hear about 4-Hers projects and the work that went behind it. Some fairgoers may not understand the purpose of shearing a lamb, blowing out a heifer, or using a cane/pipe for showing a pig. A great way to share this information with others is to come up with an "elevator speech". This is a clear, brief message about your 4-H project. It is typically around 30 seconds, the time it takes people to ride from the top to the bottom of a building in an elevator. Herdsmanship judges are also very interested in hearing about your livestock project and how you prepared your animal for the fair!

Good luck on all of your 4-H exhibits, and I can't wait to see you at the Fair!

Sincerely,

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changes/corrections are current in the on-line edition. They are marked in red & *italics*.

4-H Family Calendar

July

- 27 State Livestock Judging Contest
- 30 Swine Pre-Fair Workshop 7pm, Fairgrounds
- 31 Moto Cross 7pm



August

- 4 Superintendent & Committee Presidents Training, 6:30 pm
- 7 Cat Show 9am
- 9 Sheep/Goat/ Swine Pen Setup 6pm Drewiske bldg
- 13-16 Pierce County Fair
- 18 Carcass Evaluation Day 7:30pm, Spring Valley
- 19 Older Member Trip to the Guthrie Theater

September

- 10 Record books due

Tid-bits from the Fair Office



Tid-bits from the Fair Office

- 2015 - Pre-Fair Motocross is Friday, July 31st at 7pm
- 2015 - Fair Dates are August 13th - 16th
- 2016 - Fair Dates are August 11st-14th

We are using the new 2015-2016 Fairbook. The book is also on-line again at www.co.pierce.wi.us/fair/fair_main.php (underscore between 2nd fair and main) and click under 2015-2016 Jr. & Open Fair book to access. This should be used as a reference only. All Fair book

Concrete Project Update

The fairgrounds has spent a large sum of money to improve the area between the milk house, silver barn, blue barn, and arena barn by adding concrete to this area. Take a look at it when you are at the Fair. Thank you to Ellsworth FFA Alumni, Pierce/Pepin Holstein Club & 2014 Dairy exhibitors for your donation towards this large project.

New Building Dedication

We are pleased to announce that due to a community and citizen initiative, the P.C. Buildings/Grounds committee will be dedicating the new exhibit building on Thursday of the Fair (August 13th) at 4:30 p.m. in memory of Kenny Hines, the former Pierce County Fair Groundskeeper. It will officially be called the "Kenny Hines Memorial Building" in all future references.

Seyforth Building Improvements

Our plan involves adding two decorative light posts and placing four permanent cast metal benches out front of the Seyforth Building. This project will be funded with monies given to the Fair in memory of Kenny Hines from co-workers, past employees, local organizations, 4-H clubs & individuals. The project is in the infant stages and unfortunately won't be completed by Fair time. The two decorative light posts are placed but we don't have enough funds for the benches yet. If you would be interested in contributing towards this project, please contact Ann Webb at the Fair Office. Thank you to 4-H Adult Advisors, 4-H Livestock Committee, and Country Partners 4-H Club for your donation towards this project.

Food Drive

We are holding a food drive during the Fair.

Please bring a canned food item when bringing in your entries or while attending the fair in order to make this a success. Thank you!



This section is very important to read. Every two years when we change the Fairbook, something is most likely changed that could affect the way that something has "always been done that way" in the past. This is not a complete list, so please review the beginning of the Fairbook page 2-5 for check-in times and judging times, the regulations on page 15-29 and then refer to each individual department that you are entered in. Conference judged projects change every two years so check front of book.

For the safety of our exhibitors, exhibitor's animals and the fairgoers, we are encouraging that exhibitors use the earlier entry times for bringing in their animals to the Fair.

CHECK-IN TIMES:

Jr. & Open Poultry & Rabbits - Tuesday from 4:30-7 p.m.

Jr. & Open Sheep & Goats & Jr. Horse, Jr. Swine - Wednesday from 5-9 p.m.

Jr. & Open Dairy, Jr. & Open Beef, and Jr. Horse - Wednesday from 5-9 p.m. and Thursday 8-noon

WEIGH-IN TIMES:

Jr. Beef - Thursday 1-3 p.m.

Jr. Swine - Wednesday 6-9 p.m.

Jr. Sheep & Jr. Goats - Wednesday 6-9 p.m.

SHOW TIMES:

Jr./Open Poultry & Rabbits - Wednesday @ 8:30 a.m. in SILVER BARN

Jr./Open Sheep - Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Jr. Swine - Thursday, 4:00 p.m.

Jr. Goat (Class I)/Open Goat - Friday 10:00 a.m.

Jr. Goat Class A- Thursday 9:30 a.m.

Jr. Goat Class J- Saturday 10:00 a.m.

LOAD OUT TIMES (Market Animals ONLY):

2 p.m. for beef

3 p.m. for sheep

3 p.m. for swine

4:30 for all other animals or above animals not going to market.

BRINGING YOUR ANIMALS TO THE FAIR:

When bringing your animals onto the grounds, it is vital that everyone follow the same in-out procedures. Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep & Goats, should all ENTER through the EAST gate and EXIT out the NORTH gate. Dairy & Beef must enter the cattle arena through the east end, stop in the middle of the show ring area to be vet checked then your animal can be unloaded. You must then exit out the west end of the Arena barn and exit the fairgrounds through the north exit gate. Unloading of animals on the east side doors is not permitted. Swine, Sheep & Goat, please use the unloading area on the north side of the Drewiske Barn as you have done in the past.

Reminders:

- **ANIMAL SCRAMBLE WILL BE SUNDAY AT NOON!**
- **ROCKET LAUNCH WILL BE TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH AT 7:00 P.M.!**
- Pony Pull + Horse Pull Sunday in grandstand 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
- Pedal Tractor Pull is Thursday night at 6:30 p.m.
- Talent Show is Thursday night @ 6:30 p.m.
- No Fireworks.
- TRUCK + TRACTOR pull is Friday night at 6:30
- Senior Citizen Day is Friday - \$2 if 62+
- Veterans Day is FREE on Sunday.
- Garden Tractor Pull is Thursday in grandstands at 6:30 p.m.

Entry Tag Info

Open Class Entry Tags can be picked up between 8:00-4:00 p.m. at the Seyforth Building, Pierce County Fairgrounds starting Wednesday, July 29.

Jr. Fair Entry Tags can be picked up between 8:30-4:30 p.m. at the UW-Extension Office, Pierce County Office Building from Wednesday, July 29th through 4:00 p.m. on August 6th. Check to see if your club leader picked them up first. Starting on Friday, August 7th tags will be at the Jr. Fair Office at fair grounds for pick up. **PICK UP YOUR TAGS EARLY! DON'T WAIT FOR THE LAST MINUTE!!**

Each exhibit gets an entry tag, which is used to identify the item (animal, vegetable, or mineral) from the other 11,000 items that are entered in the Pierce

County Fair annually. Exhibitors need to pick up their entry tags and display them on their exhibit. In the case of animals, they may be put on a cage or pen BUT MUST be shown to the superintendent or ring steward upon request. Start with picking up your entry tags. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT! IF TAGS ARE NOT PICKED UP, YOU ARE NOT ENTERED AND CAN NOT SHOW AT THE FAIR.

On Friday August 7th tags will be available at the Seyforth Building on the Fairgrounds during the following hours only:

- Friday, August 7th 8-4 p.m.
- Saturday, August 8th, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Sunday, August 9th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, August 10th, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 11th, 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 12th, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Checking in your exhibit - refer to the front of your Fairbook (pgs. 2-5) for specific details on checking in your tagged exhibits. Superintendents and helpers are only available at certain times for check-in. Do not be late for these times.

Your Junior Fair season pass will be in your entry tag envelope. Do NOT lose it!

Cloverbud Judging

Monday, August 10th, 12-6 p.m.

Members need not be present. All Cloverbuds exhibits will be given participation ribbons and can receive either face-to-face comments from the Exploring judge or written comments. Bring your exhibit to the new exhibit building.

Exploring and Cloverbuds Judging Schedule

Every year one little Explorer comes to the Junior Fair Office on Wednesday or Thursday wondering where their Exploring project goes. Someone in the Office has to tell them that **judging** for **Exploring** was done on **Monday, August 10th**.

Please note the schedule for Exploring judging. All judging is on Monday in the New Exhibit Bldg. and is conference judged. The exhibitor must be present for judging.

(Suggested Judging Times)

12:00 noon	Town and Country
12:30 p.m.	Mann Valley, River Ramblers, Olivet Otters, Denim & Dust
1:00 p.m.	Maiden Rock Rockets, Country Partners, The Soaring Eagles
1:30 p.m.	Rock Elm Skyrockets, Merri-Heirs, Fancy Doers
2:00 p.m.	Falcon Falls, Helpful Workers, Isabelle Creek
2:30 p.m.	Royal Rushers
3:00 p.m.	Martell Rushers, St. Croix Stars, Heartland Hustlers
3:30 p.m.	Big River Defenders, Valley Eagles
4:00 p.m.	Helping Hands, Busy Fingers
5-6 p.m.	Anyone not able to make his or her scheduled time

Interested in Volunteering? We Need Your Help at the Fair!

The fair is approaching fast, and the time has come to recruit volunteers



Volunteer Services

to help out in project areas at the fair. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE help us out. We are in need of helpers in almost every area. From the Cat Show on Friday August 7th, to Friday of the Fair, August 14th. We especially need help during entry and judging days on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the fair (August 11-13). Helping at the fair looks great on record books, ME forms, Ambassador Applications, and a great way to help out in the community. Please let me know when you are available to help. You can contact me via phone or email. In your email, please include the day in which you wish to help, the time of day, daytime phone number, and what area(s) you would likely be interested in helping!

Thank you in advance!

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Removal of Exhibits

REMINDER - FAIR EXHIBITS MAY NOT BE REMOVED BEFORE 4:30 p.m. ON THE LAST DAY OF THE FAIR OR PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFEITED.

Presentations Exhibitors

Check-in and Judging

If you are in Presentations (31J Classes E, and F; Speaking & Communications; or Creative Writing) please drop them off at the Seyforth Building (Jr. Fair Office) Monday, August 10th anytime between 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. OR 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11th. The judge will be taking time this year to do advance reading. You may come for conference judging anytime between 1-7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11th in the New Exhibit Building.

Barn Permits

For those Junior Fair Exhibitors who have animals and are Grade 6 or older, overnight permits may be obtained from the Fair Office **by 8:00 p.m.** each evening. The exhibitors may stay only in the barn where their animal is housed. Separate permits are needed for each night, but can be issued all at the same time. The Junior Fair exhibitor's parents or legal guardian must sign regardless of the exhibitor's age. Any unruly conduct such as use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, illegal drugs, alcohol, abusive language, violent tempers, or intimate physical relations is not allowed. Youth have a midnight curfew. Disciplinary action for failure to comply with the permit procedure, conduct rule or curfew will result in immediate removal from the Fairgrounds, revoking of further overnight privileges and loss of animal premiums.

Dairy & Beef Exhibitor Wash Rack & Manure Bunker Info

We need all Dairy and Beef Exhibitors help in keeping the area between the wash rack, milking parlor, manure bunkers and barns cleaner. So if your critter leaves a "Present" on the way to or from the wash rack or milking parlor, please come back to clean it up. When you put your wheelbarrow into the bunker, please clean up the area around it and put it in as far as it can go. This area has become too littered with "Presents and Bedding" that are not being cleaned up. It will enhance our fair-goers experience to see a cleaner environment. We all need to be conscience of bio-security for ourselves and fairgoers. Thank You.

Feed Drop Off Limited Parking

Please be considerate of the Fair's limited parking space when loading or unloading feed near the barns. Do not take more than 20 minutes if possible before moving your vehicle to a designated parking spot. This will help with overall traffic flow and allow everyone to enjoy the Fair. There should be plenty of room within the barns to store your hay and bedding. Please do not put hay or bedding outside the buildings with tarps. Only bring what you are going to use. Please keep our ground looking neat.

Attention Livestock Exhibitors- Policy for Feeding and Watering

Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their beef/sheep/swine **throughout** the entire fair. All animals are to be fed by 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily. The Livestock Committee has adopted a policy known as the 3-strike rule. This rule (condition of animals is periodically checked and strikes will be issued each time improper care of your animal is observed) regarding feeding/watering will be enforced. After the third strike your premium for this project will be forfeited and you will not be able to show this animal species at the Fair next year. If you have questions about this rule, please contact the superintendent of your species area. Best of luck to all of you at the 2015 Pierce County Fair!

Intrastate Health Certificate for Swine

Remember that all swine must have an Intrastate Health Certificate in order to unload at the fairgrounds. Check with your veterinarian right away to get that taken care of before Fair.

Terminal Swine Show

All swine will need to go directly to slaughter on Sunday. **NO** swine will be allowed to go back to your farm.

Auction Animals Must Be Ready On Friday Afternoon

All 2015 County Fair Auction participants **MUST** have their animals fit and ready to go by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 14th. Buyers will be arriving shortly before that time and the Committee has some new instructions for Auction participants to follow

regarding entering and exiting the sales ring. Please be by your animal, ready to talk with buyers no later than 5:30 p.m.

Carcass Show

This year the Carcass Show will be held **Tuesday, August 18th** at the Spring Valley High School, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone will receive their ribbons and oral reasons will be given by the judge. Anyone having a carcass animal needs to attend that evening in order to receive his or her premium.

Animal Bedding

Animal Exhibitors are required to bring your own bedding.

Animal Care at the Fair

- Safe, clean transportation is provided (make sure that all trailers are kept clean and extremely safe.) Bio-security is everyone's concern.
- Wash your animals at home first. Do not bring dirty animals to the fair.
- Animals are WELL TRAINED and (if applicable) HALTER BROKEN.
- Clean, fresh water is available for all animals.
- Manure and waste is promptly disposed of. Keep bunker area cleaned up also around barn and to and from milking parlor.
- Each animal is housed with adequate space.
- Feed is provided for all of the animals.
- Adequate animal washing, preparation and showing techniques are followed throughout the show day. (Make sure blocking and grooming chutes are safe and clean and will not cause injury to the animals.) All grooming shoots must be outside the barns. **NO** shoots allowed in barns.
- Animal show preparation includes no practices that cause undue stress (absolutely no prodding, kicking, whipping, hitting).
- A veterinarian is on call and makes periodic checks of all animals.
- Adequate ventilation and protection from severe weather is provided for all animals.

Booth and Barn Decorations

Barn decorations can be put up on Tuesday, August 11th from noon to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 12th from 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. No decorating in Silver Barn until Wednesday due to show conflict. Decorations can be taken down after 4:30 p.m. on

Sunday. No Monday decorating will be allowed unless prior approval from Fair Office.

Booth decorations can be put up on Monday, August 10th and Tuesday, August 11th from noon to 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Decorations can be taken down after 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Nothing is guarded until Wednesday.

Sunday Barn Clean-Up

The Fairgrounds staff has requested that all animal exhibitors make a special effort to **CLEAN UP** all stalls, pens and cages before leaving the grounds. All excess manure must be cleaned up or your 4-H club may be charged for cleaning fees.

Prepare for Hot Weather at the Fair

Fans may be a hot commodity during the Fair! If you are working in the Seyforth, Home Ec., Round Barn or the New Exhibit Building, you may wish to bring a fan along to help keep you cool.



Conference Judging at a Glance (Exhibitor must be present)

This is a two-way conversation between the member and the judge. The judge will ask questions about your project, what you've learned, what was the most challenging part, etc.? Also, you may ask the judge questions that you may have. The object is for you to learn from your exhibit. Together, you'll discuss your work; don't be afraid of the judge. They are there to help you learn and grow. As you work on your project activities and prepare exhibits for the fair, remember to prepare yourself, too. Conference judging includes an evaluation of both your actual exhibit, and you're learning and knowledge of the exhibit. You should prepare for both parts of the evaluation. Think about what you learned in preparing your exhibit, decisions you made, why you made them, and the quality of your finished exhibit. Knowing and doing the following should help you out:

1. Prepare your exhibit carefully and neatly.
2. Know why you chose this item as your exhibit and how it fits your project.
3. Know how you prepared your exhibit.
4. Know how much the exhibit cost in time, materials and effort.
5. Be able to explain what decisions you made, and why, in preparing the exhibit.

6. Study some background information about the exhibit topic.
7. Be able to explain some of the problems you had making this exhibit and what you might do differently if you did it again.
8. Decide if the results were worth the costs and what you learned.
9. Know what other kinds of exhibits/projects you might be interested in doing in the project area.
10. Don't chew gum during the conference.
11. Look at the judge
12. Be confident.
13. Relax!

Monday, August 10th, 12-6 p.m.

Exploring.....New Exhibit Bldg.

Cloverbuds.....New Exhibit Bldg.

Monday, August 10th, 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Music Performances Class P.....Seyforth Bldg

Monday, August 10th, 2:30- 3:00 p.m.

Other music entries must be checked-in and be conference judged from 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11th, 1-7 p.m.

Presentations (Class E-F)	New Exhibit Building
Knitting and Crocheting	New Exhibit Building
Home Furnishings	New Exhibit Building
Health/Political Science	New Exhibit Building
Youth Leadership	New Exhibit Building
Cultural Arts - Classes:	
A, D-K, R-V	Seyforth Building
Child Development	New Exhibit Building
Woodworking	Lower Round Barn
Animal & Vet	Lower Round Barn
Food & Food Pres.	Seyforth Building

*****Important note:**

Cultural Arts - Dept. 18, non-conference judged items (Classes B, C, L-O, Q, W-X) are to be checked in, Tuesday August 11th, 1-7 p.m. in the Seyforth Bldg. The Non-Conference Cultural Arts items will be judged on Wednesday, August 12th beginning at 9 a.m. Don't miss your Check-in time on Tuesday for these non-conference judged entries! See page 3 of the Fairbook for a reminder of the schedule.

Computers, Electricity, Robot, Geospatial and Legos Revue

The 4-H Computers, Electricity, Geospatial and Legos Revue will be held on Monday, August 10th at the Fairground's New Exhibit Building from 9:30 to 11:00. The Robot Revue will be held Saturday, August 8th before the fair from 8-11 a.m. in the New Exhibit Building.

Pedal Tractor Pull

Thursday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m. be a part of a **PEDAL TRACTOR PULL**. This requested event will be held east of the Seyforth Building with registration starting at 6:00 p.m. that day. There will be separate brackets for girls and boys with age brackets of 4 years and under, 5-6 year olds, 7-8 year olds, 9-10 year olds, and 11-12 year olds. Be sure to bring mom or dad with you to sign up as a waiver form will be necessary to sign. Also age brackets may be limited to the number of participants.

Thank you to the people who Adopted a Fair Planter



Thank you to all the individuals, families, and clubs who adopted a Fair planter this year. Please be sure to look for them throughout the Fair. A complete list of who adopted a Fair planter will be provided during the fair.

Permits Required for Camping during the Pierce County Fair

Beginning Saturday, August 8th at 8:00 a.m. you can purchase your camping permits at the Information Booth at the Fair Office in the Seyforth Building for \$60.00. This permit then allows you to camp for the duration of the fair. **Every person staying in the camper must purchase a season pass (adult and junior fair).** You can purchase the season passes at the same time you purchase the camping permit or show us the passes you already have. Parents or guardians must apply for all Junior Fair exhibitors overnight camping.

Campers will be lined up along the fence north of the Beldenville Old Car Club building. There are going to be approximately 22 **assigned** camping sites that will be 35 feet deep by 15 wide. Due to the limited space available we ask that you do not open canopies of your camper. With the latest electrical upgrade being

done, all spots should have standard power. No air conditioning units will be allowed. No sharing of outlets will be tolerated. *Fairgrounds keeper has final approval of all electrical set up and use. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of all electrical privileges.* Purchasing your camping permit early will help you secure your choice of sites. The camping sites will be assigned first come first served so don't wait too long! If you have questions contact Ann Webb - Fair Coordinator at 715-273-6874

Lost/Destroyed Junior Fair or Season Tickets

Visitors and exhibitors are required to show their admission tickets each time of entrance. Transfer or loan of tickets will be considered fraud and will subject the offender to a fine of \$25. A lost ticket will not be replaced without purchase. Unused tickets will not be refunded.

PROJECT LOCATIONS

Downstairs Round Barn

Jr. & Open Flowers & Houseplants
Jr. Woodworking
Jr. Electricity
Commercial Exhibits

Upstairs Round Barn

Jr. Animal & Vet Science
Jr. Exotic Animals (non-animal exhibits)
Open Plant & Soil Science
Jr. Natural Science
Jr. Photography
Jr. Mechanical Projects
Jr. Youth Leadership & Self-Determined
Jr. Health, Political & Social Sciences
Booths

New Exhibit Building

Jr. Knitting & Crocheting
Jr. Home Furnishings
Jr. Family & Child Development
School Exhibits
Jr. Plant & Soil

Open Home Furnishings
Exploring & Cloverbuds

Seyforth Building

Jr. Cultural Arts
Jr. Foods
Jr. Clothing
Fair Office & Junior Fair Office

Demonstrations and Presentations

Poultry & Rabbit Building

Jr. & Open Poultry
Jr. & Open Rabbits
Jr. Cavies

Home Economics Building

Open Natural Sciences
Open Cultural Arts
Open Photography
Open Foods & Nutrition
Open Clothing
Open Knitting & Crocheting

Blue Barn

Open Class Dairy

Silver Barn

Jr. Dairy
Llamas East of the Barn

Arena Barn

Jr. Dairy & All Beef

Drewiske Barn

Jr. Swine
Jr. & Open Sheep
Jr. & Open Goats

Horse Barn

Horses

Cash your premium checks!!

There are still many uncashed checks for the 2013 and 2014 Fairs. Please cash them.



Annual Talent Show

It's that time of year to sign-up for the Pierce County Fair Talent show. The talent show preliminaries will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 13th in the Picnic Shelter. Appropriate contact people for your area are as follows:

Spring Valley/Elmwood/Plum City - Duane Kuesel 772-4275
River Falls and St. Croix County, Peg Krasin @ 425-2670
Prescott—LuAnn Sabelko @ 262-3123
Ellsworth/Maiden Rock/Bay City/Hager City— Amy Pieper @ 273-5203

There will be two divisions in each competition. The Junior Division is for those entering the eighth grade and under. The Senior Division is for the ninth grade through adult. First and second places will be awarded in each division for each community show. First place in each division will then go on to compete in the finals, which are held on Saturday, August 15th

at 11:00 a.m. In the final division, a cash prize of \$125 and \$50 will be awarded to the first and second place winners in each division.

Whether you sing, dance, play a musical instrument, or just want to sit and watch, plan on attending the Pierce County Fair on Thursday August 13th to support Pierce County's aspiring talents.

Attention Co. Fair Dairy Exhibitors

A few reminders as you get ready for the Fair. Check your animal for warts and ringworm. They won't be allowed to stay on the grounds if they have either. For warts, pull them off with pliers and give a shot of wart vaccine available from your vet. For ringworm see your vet NOW!

Accurate animal numbers are important. If you have an animal that gets sick or injured after the pen numbers have been called in by your leader, please give Bob Traynor a call at 715-778-5807 before August 6th. The more accurate our numbers are when we measure barn space, the better it is for everyone.

It worked well last year to have posted hours when the parlor was open. Expect it again this year. Your cooperation is appreciated. Reminder of early check-in of 5-9 p.m. on Wednesday night. Please have your animals milked prior to coming as the parlor will not be open until Thursday.

Parlor clean-up will be at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday night. If you plan to go to the demo derby, either milk your cows before you go or arrange for someone to milk them for you. All of the parlor clean-up is voluntary. So any help with clean-up is welcome. It enhances our fair-goers experience to see a clean environment.

Since you will be getting milk checks again this year, please be extremely careful to not add treated milk and spoil the load. All necessary precautions must be taken. Please report number of pounds accurately, we are always over by several hundred pounds.

Crossover Animals

If same animal is shown in Junior and Open Class, you must tell the superintendent at check-in and premium will only be awarded in Junior Fair.

Ethics Reminders

Ethics- What is it?

-Knowing what is right from wrong.

-Moral philosophy and principles that identify actions as acceptable or unacceptable as generally observed by society.

One way to help us decide is the black and white ethical compass- it has key questions that you should ask yourself when making a decision.

The questions are: *Does this practice break Food and Drug Administration (FDA) law?*

Does the practice harm the animal? Does it falsely represent the animal? Would you need to lie to the judge to cover it up? Would consumers be upset if they knew about the practice? Does the practice make the animal or by products unmarketable? Does the action represent the person you want to be? Remember that what you do both in the ring and outside of the ring represents both you and the Livestock industry. People notice your actions and judge the whole industry by them!

Junior & Open Dairy Show Ring Policy

The following practices are unacceptable in the showing of dairy cattle.

1. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or show;
2. Misrepresenting the age or ownership of an animal or the number of calvings and stage of lactation;
3. Filling an animal's rumen unnaturally with liquid (tubing);
4. Balancing the udder by any means other than by leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters;
5. Treating the udder internally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation;
6. Overfilling or over bagging of udders;
7. Treating the udder externally with an irritant counterirritant, or any other substance to temporarily improve conformation (allowable practices/substances include sealing and setting teats, but not shrinking/shortening of teats);
8. Roping udders and the use of objects to physically improve definition of the suspensory center ligaments;
9. Administering epidural anesthesia (blocking tails) and/ or applying any irritant either externally or internally to the perineal (rectum and vagina) area;

10. Inserting foreign material/articles under the skin, into the top line or on the feet (administration of acceptable medications is permitted.);
11. Performing surgery of any kind to change the natural contour of appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair. Not included is the removal of warts, teats and horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves;
12. Draining fluid from hocks unless authorized by a veterinarian at the show;
13. Excessive manipulation of hair and/ or the use of any hair not naturally attached to the animal or the use of any substance or material which is intended to resemble or imitate hair.
14. Mistreatment of animals;
15. Any un-sportsmanship like conduct during the event.

New Superintendent

The staff of the Fair Office would like to express our appreciation and congratulation to our new superintendents. We would like to welcome Jr. Dairy superintendent, Mark Raleigh; Jr. Foods superintendent, Deb Des Lauriers-Robey; Horse superintendent, Jon Miller; Jr. Home Furnishings, April Daniels! A "BIG THANK YOU" goes out to the former superintendents, Jr. Dairy superintendent, Erin Ingli; Jr. Foods superintendent, Terri Pearson; Horse superintendent, Jen Lubich; Jr. Home Furnishings, Wendy Arneson for your hard work! You were a valuable asset in making the Pierce County Fair such a success. Also thanks to these people who will be assisting superintendents: Bob Traynor, Jr. Dairy; Jim Geraets, Swine; Katie Christiansen, Tractor Operator; and Megan Gereats, Poultry.

Recycled Ribbon Program

We are still doing the Recycled Ribbon program, so if you have old ribbons (Junior Fair or Open Class) that you would like to donate back to the Fair, please drop them off at the Fair Office, Extension Office or give them to your club leader at your next meeting. We can only take ribbons back that don't have writing on the back white tag.

Fair Sign Program

Reimbursement for signs will only be done after a follow up e-mail is sent to Ann Webb indicated when the sign was taken down. We have been contacted by the Highway Department about signs that have been

on the road right-a-way and have been up for months after the Fair. We have a less than 30 day limit that these signs can be up.

Most Admired Senior Citizen

Do you have a very special friend or relative who is over 60 years old? He or she could be one of the Pierce County's most admired senior citizens. No matter what your age, you can nominate your favorite Pierce County senior citizen. Selection is of the most admired senior citizen is based on their current volunteering efforts. Fill out an entry form found on the Fair web-site before July 24 dead line. Please see the web-site for complete contest details.

Fair Website

Use the Fair web-site to look up anything about the Fair at: www.co.pierce.wi.us/fair/fair_main.php. Give us a "jingle" if you have any questions related to the Fair at 273-6874, and become a fan of "Pierce County Fair and Fair Grounds (WI)" on Facebook.

4-H Hits Social Milestone

Since the opening of a 4-H Facebook page in October 2005, it has grown steadily. In April of this year, with the addition of engaging content and memes, about a 50% increase pushed the 4-H page over to over 400,000 supporters and continues to grow. This goes to show 4-H is continuing to reach out to our youth and is constantly growing to meet the wants and needs of over 7 million young people.

Rabbit

Rabbit, Cavy and Any Other Small Animal Projects:

Check in is on Tuesday from 4:30 - 7:00pm for all rabbits and cavies. ONLY Any Other Small Animal entries come in on Wednesday morning by 8:00 am.

Cats

2015 County Fair Show Info

The 2015 Pierce County Fair Cat Show is Friday, August 7th at 9 am in the Round Barn. Check-in is from 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Start working on your cage decorations! This year's theme is Disney!

Ambassadors

Do you want to promote 4-H programs and events while working with other teens from the county? Now is your opportunity to become a Pierce County 4-H Ambassador! Fill out the application provided at the end of the newsletter, or grab a form from the UW-Extension Office. Return applications to the UW-Extension Office by **September 1, 2015**. Any candidates who get the application in by August 1st will be invited to participate in ambassador fair activities. If you have any questions, contact Laura Swancutt or the UW-Extension Office at 715-273-6781. Or email Ambassador Committee email at 4hambassadorspiercewi@gmail.com

Shooting Sports

FRIENDLY REMINDER: All shooting sports project members must have attended at least one official practice for each of the disciplines they will be competing in during the Pierce County Fair Shoot, August 8th & 9th, 2015. **Members that do not get to a practice will not be allowed to shoot at the fair.** Remember to complete and pay "member enrollment" that was sent in the spring shooting sports packet. Please check the fair book for rules and guidelines. Contact information hineshalfdozen@gmail.com or pklarson@svtel.net

Archery Practices: Final practices will be at the River Falls Sportsmen's Club on July 30th from 6-7:30pm (arrive no later than 7:00pm).

Thursday, August 6th, will be a practice at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Drewiske Building from 7-9pm

.22 Rifle Practices: Final practices will be at the River Falls Sportsmen's Club on July 30th from 6-7:30pm (arrive no later than 7:00pm).

Muzzle loading Practices: Final practices will be at the River Falls Sportsmen's Club on July 28 from 6-8:00pm (arrive no later than 7:00pm).

Air Rifle Practice: A final practice will be held at the Pierce County Fairgrounds Drewiske Building on Thursday, August 6th from 7-9pm

Pierce County 4-H Fair Shoot 2015 Competitions- August 8th & 9th:

Sat, August 8th at the River Falls Sportsmen's Club. Check-in from 9am-2pm. **No late check-ins accepted.**

Muzzleloader Rifle Competition 9-11am
Small bore .22 Rifle Competition 11am-1pm
Shotgun Trap Competition 1-2pm
Small bore .22 Pistol Competition 2-3pm

Sun, August 9th at the Fairgrounds in the Arena Barn and the Drewiske Barn.
Check-in from 9am-1pm. **No late check-ins accepted.**
Air Rifle Competition 9:00am-4:00pm
Air Pistol Competition 9:00am-4:00pm
Archery Competition 9:00am-4:00pm

If you are competing in multiple events in both barns you must register in each barn. **Arrive early if your goal is to compete in multiple events; make sure you allow yourself enough time to complete your course of fire before ranges are closed!** Shooting begins in both barns as lines fill. **Bring your fair entry tags when checking-in.**

Pierce County Western Gateway WI Statewide Shoot Review:

The 4th Annual Shoot was held on Sat., June 13th at the River Falls Sportsmen's Club. The weather did not cooperate, but that did not deter over 40 shooters from seven counties. They competed in shotgun, archery, small bore .22 rifle, small bore .22 pistol, air rifle, air pistol and muzzleloading. Results are posted at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingssports/results/2015-shoot-results/>

4-H Shooting Sports National Championships:

Six Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports members represented the Wisconsin Team at the 2015 4-H National Invitational Shoot. There were a total of over 625 competitors from 32 states who competed in Grand Island, Nebraska. Pierce County's Hank Larson, a Wisconsin National Shooting Sports Ambassador, assisted with opening ceremonies, the teen social, and emceed awards. Hank Larson and Grace Larson of the Valley Eagles were on the Muzzleloading team, coached by 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor-Coach Kevin Larson. Zach Hines and Tyler Hines of Helpful Workers on the small-bore .22 Rifle team, coached Shooting Sports Instructor-Coach Brian Hines. Cassie Meyer, Town-n-Country and Tianna Cebulla, Valley Eagles, were on the Air Pistol team, coached by Shooting Sports Instructor-Coach Joe Seibel. To see photos and other information, follow the National 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pc4hssprogram?fref=ts>

Horse Project

VOLUNTEERS needed during the fair! We have many volunteer opportunities during the fair for 4-H exhibitors and family members.

There is a volunteer sign up list in the announcer stand. Each day of the fair we have jobs for volunteers. They may be the Ring Crew for Trail, Western Riding and Gymkhana, Announcers, Ring Stewards, In and Out Gate persons, Ribbon Runners, Daily Barn Supervisors, Time Recorders, and Overnight Barn Chaperones.



Pooper Scooper Schedule

Please watch your emails from the Horse Committee for the club pooper scooper schedule. Each 4-H Club is assigned times that their project members are required to pick up horse droppings between the horse barn and arena and inside the warm up arena. **EACH PROJECT MEMBER WHO BRINGS AN ANIMAL TO THE FAIR (TRAILERING IN AND STALLING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS DUTY!! THIS IS NOT A JOB FOR YOUR PARENTS! AFTER HOURS OF THE SHOW, EACH MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP ANY MESS YOUR HORSE MAKES.**

Livestock

ATTENTION BEEF EXHIBITORS:

Hands on Pre-Fair Beef Workshop Monday, August 3rd from 6pm-9pm at the fairgrounds! Bring your calf, heifer, or steer to the fairgrounds that night. You will learn the proper way to wash, blow, and what products to use. We will also be showing a fitting video. Bring all your own supplies for this clinic including hose, wash pail, soap, combs, brushes, curry comb, blowers, extension cords, fitting shuts, clippers, halters, show sticks, and any other products that you want to learn how to use properly.

Additionally, you be able to practice your showmanship skills and learn the proper way to use a show stick, halters, and neck ties. This is a great opportunity to get your animal comfortable with getting on and off the trailer prior to the fair.

Registration is open now or before 3 pm on **Monday, August 3rd**. You must register for this workshop in advance by calling the extension office at 715-273-6781. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST BEEF WORKSHOP!** If you have not went to a workshop yet, please plan on attending to meet the workshop requirement!

Important Livestock Dates to Remember:

August 9th, 6pm: Pen Set-up for Goats, Sheep, Beef, and Swine at the fairgrounds

August 10th, 5-9pm: Check-in/Weigh-in for ALL Livestock at the fairgrounds

August 18th, 7:30pm: Carcass Evaluation Day in Spring Valley

Clothing Revue

Congratulations to our Clothing Revue participants! All of you looked very stylish! Claire Anderson received a Blue ribbon on her dress and Grand Champion with her dress. Elizabeth Prudlow also received a Blue ribbon for her pajamas, skirt, dress, and garment for another individual. She also received Reserve Grand Champion for her skirt! Quinn Emery received a Blue ribbon for her skirt. Great work, ladies, and I can't wait to see your creative outfits next year!

Older Member Trip

The Guthrie Theater Presents: The Music Man Summer isn't complete without seeing a spectacular musical at the Guthrie! Come join us to see "The Music Man", a story about the fast-talking salesman and his money-making scheme to form a boys band in small-town Iowa, on **August 19th**. Before this wonderful musical, you will also get to enjoy a delicious meal at an Italian restaurant! The bus will leave from the Pierce County Office Building at 4:45 pm and from the River Falls Shopko at 5:15 pm. The bus will return to the Shopko parking lot at approximately 11:00 pm and the PCOB at approximately 11:30 pm. **REGISTRATION IS DUE JULY 27TH!** Reserve your seat by calling the UW-Extension office at 715-273-6781 or by emailing Shelby Springman at shelby.springman@my.uwrf.edu



2015- 2016 Pierce County Ambassador Application

Do you want to share in 4-H promotion and fun with other teens from around the county?

Become a Pierce County 4-H Ambassador!

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any 2015—2016 7th - 12th grade Pierce County 4-H member. All previous ambassadors must reapply!

WHAT DO YOU DO?

- Promote 4-H throughout the county
- Select a special group project
- Serve as County's Public Relations Ambassadors
- Work with other teens from around the county

EXPECTATIONS:

- Work at the 4-H Information Booth at the August 2016 Pierce County Fair
- Attend Ambassador meetings
- Work at county events
- Attend parades

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Fill out the application located on pg. 2 - **Application is DUE Tuesday, September 1, 2015**
2. Any questions/ issues/ ideas please contact:
The Ambassador Committee via email at 4hambassadorspiercewi@gmail.com or
The Pierce County UW-Extension Office at 715-273-6781.
3. If this is your 1st year applying submit a letter of recommendation with your application from your club leader and/or project leader turned into the UW-Extension office by September 1st... *Previous ambassadors do NOT need a letter of recommendation to accompany their application.*
4. Please ask your parent or guardian to send a letter of support regarding your intent to apply and comply with the Ambassador position requirements. Also include language expressing their support of required internet access for program communication purposes and agreement to provide transportation for you to and from ambassador events as needed. Send this letter to the UW-Extension Office by September 1st, 2015.

INTERVIEWS:

All applicants will be interviewed at a date to be announced after the Fair. The new 2015 - 2016 Ambassadors will be announced at the Annual 4-H Awards Program in the fall.

Pierce County 4-H Ambassador Application Form

Obligations—Expected Involvement—Activities

Every Pierce County 4-H Ambassador has the following obligations and agrees to fulfill these obligations to the best of their ability.

1. To work with the 4-H Ambassador Committee members and other Ambassadors as a team member.
2. Attend meetings and events.
3. Maintain a positive attitude and represent the Pierce County 4-H Youth Development Program throughout the year as requested by the County's UW Extension staff.
4. Fill hosting tasks at county events—welcome, emcee, present awards. (Public Speaking)
5. Promote 4-H Programs and Events
6. Help out with Ambassador Project that is decided on. (To be discussed at our meetings).
7. To never use alcohol, drugs or tobacco products during the year as a Pierce County 4-H Ambassador
8. Enter an exhibit in the Pierce County Fair under the -Youth Leadership Division (the section for AMBASSADORS ONLY)
9. Knowing that this is a JOB commitment which you have been CHOSEN to FULFILL and the RESPONSIBILITIES encompassed herein to be promoted with EXCELLENCE and QUALITY!

Remember this is NOT your parent's job. This is your opportunity to shine!!!

Ambassador Application Form

Applicants must be in 7th - 12th grade for the 2015- 2016 school year. Applicants must be active 4-H members. Please submit the following information in any format you choose:

1. Name _____

2. Address _____

3. Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____
(Text message OK? : Y/N)

4. Email (please include your address & your parent's if they want to be included on emails:

5. Name of Parent or Guardian _____

6. Grade in school next fall _____ Shirt Size: AS AM
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7. School and Community Activities _____

8. 4 -H Club _____

9. Number of years in 4-H _____

10. Current 4-H projects _____

Within last few years list your activities for the following:

4-H Club and County Leadership (ex. Offices held, coaching) _____

4-H Club and County Participation (activities) _____

4-H Honors and Awards _____

11. What would you like to contribute to 4-H as an Ambassador? _____

12. Do you have any questions for the Ambassador Committee? _____

Application is due September 1st, 2015 at the
UW-Extension Office
Pierce County Office Building
Box 69, Ellsworth, WI 54011-0069.

FOOD STAND WORK SHIFTS 2015

Shift Schedule Breakdown:

- **Order Takers:** 4-6 People, any age
- **Cashier:** 1-2 adults
- **Convection Oven:** 2-3 people, 16 years +
- **Hot dogs/brats:** 1-2 people, 16 years +
- **Pizza/Garlic Bread/Chicken Strips/Spaghetti:** 4-5 people, 16 years +
- **Malts:** 1-2 people, 16 years + (involves some lifting)
- **Ice Cream:** 1-2 people, adults
- **Utility & Restock:** 1 person, 9 years +
- **Table washer/Trash:** 1-2 adults, around 6-10 kids (number of kids can vary), any age

Saturday, August 8	
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Country Partners
Sunday, August 9	
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Country Partners
Monday, August 10	
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Busy Fingers
3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Isabelle Creek
Tuesday, August 11	
11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Big River Defenders
4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Maiden Rock Rockets + Helpful Workers
Wednesday, August 12	
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Denim & Dust & Heartland Hustlers (some members)
1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Valley Eagles
6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	Valley Eagles
Thursday, August 13	
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Martell Rushers
1:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Falcon Falls
6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	Mann Valley
Friday, August 14	
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	River Ramblers
12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Town & Country
4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Town & Country
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Merri-Heirs + Heartland Hustlers (some members)
Saturday, August 15	
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	The Soaring Eagles & Helping Hands
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Fancy Doers
3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	St. Croix Stars
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Royal Rushers
Sunday, August 16	
8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Rock Elm Skyrockets
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Olivet Otters
4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Food Stand Committee

Each Club needs to provide an Adult Coordinator for the shift – somebody who will be in charge of their club during the shift.

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