December 2014

Dear Family and Friends of Pierce County 4-H,

Hello! I am excited to introduce myself as Pierce County's 2014-2015 Program Assistant.

My name is Emily Schalla and I am a junior at UW-River Falls studying agriculture studies with a minor in conservation. I grew up in West Bend, WI, about 45 minutes north of Milwaukee, with my parents and two older brothers, Steven and Michael.

I was involved in the Kirchhayn Trotters 4-H Club in Jackson, WI and Washington County 4-H for 12 years. I did a little bit of everything throughout my time in 4-H from arts and crafts and youth leadership to shooting sports and sheep. I served on my club's officer board in every position, was elected onto the Washington County 4-H Board of Directors and served as secretary during my high school years, showed at the county fair as well as State 4-H Horse Expo for many years, and was a part of countless club, county, district, state and regional opportunities. Outside of 4-H, I was a club swimmer and was active in school co-curricular's such as student government, musical, and the outdoor club. I am also a member of the Kilties Drum and Bugle Corps out of Racine, WI.

My advice to any current 4-H member is to be as involved as you possibly can. For the younger kids, I know it's hard because of needing Mom or Dad to drive you places and for the older kids, crazy high school schedules and sports take up a lot of time, but if you see it through it will be a great experience. I have meet some of my best friends through 4-H and have had wonderful travel opportunities that I never would have had otherwise. Being a 4-H member gives you a bond with other members around your community, state, even the world. That bond will help you in life with your confidence level, speaking abilities, poise, and so much more. Now, I bet everyone thinks I'm relating this to future jobs and college but 4-H can help you in anything you do. Want to travel the world? Learn to communicate with fish? Be a character at Disney World? All of these relate because 4-H can help you get there and help you succeed in doing them. Getting involved and taking advantage of every opportunity possible is the first step.

I am excited to learn more about the Pierce County 4-H program in the upcoming year and to meet all of the new faces. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Sincerely,

Emily Schalla
Pierce County 4-H Program Assistant

Frank Ginther
Pierce County 4-H
Youth Development Agent
4-H Family Calendar

December

5 Mall of America Trip registration Due
6 Leadership Retreat and Annual 4-H Leader Training, Annex
7 Volleyball Tournament and Youth Protection Training, Ellsworth High School
10 Wisconsin Pork Scholarships Due
13 Beef Weigh In, UWRF Mann Valley Farm
13 Older Members Trip to Mall of America
23 Creative Arts Festival Entries Due
24 UWEX Closed
25 UWEX Closed

January

1 UWEX Closed
1 National Youth Summit Registration Due
5 Annual 4-H Leader Training, River Falls, 7 p.m.
6 State 4-H Art Lab registration due and Horse Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., PCOB
14 Livestock Committee Meeting, PCOB, Ellsworth
16-19 National Youth Summit Program
17 Creative Arts Festival
19 Poultry Workshop
24 Pierce County 4-H Cloverbud & Explorer Day Camp
30-31 4-H Arts Lab, Wisconsin Dells

February

3 Horse Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., PCOB
6 WI 4-H Meat Evaluation Contest Registration Due
7 Dairy Quiz Bowl and Management Contest, Portage, WI
13 Adult Chaperone Applications for State Trips Due
14 WI 4-H Meat Evaluation Contest, UW-Madison
19 MAQA Training Webinar for Volunteers, PCOB, Ellsworth
22 Horse Winter Round-up, Seyforth Building Fairgrounds
23 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa Camp Counselor Applications Due

March

3 Horse Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., PCOB
7 WI Livestock Quiz Bowl
15 WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due
21 Performance Arts Festival

4-H Club News

Club meeting minutes can be found on the website.

Fair News

Fair Premium Checks
It is very important that you cash your check as soon as possible. State Aid for our fair is lost on all uncashed checks.

Future Fair Dates
2015, August 13-16
2016, August 11-14

Adult Leaders

Youth Protection Training
All new volunteers are required to take a Youth Protection training to be a certified Wisconsin 4-H volunteer. We will be offering a session during the 4-H Volleyball Tournament, Sunday, December 7th at Ellsworth High School. The session will begin at 2pm.
**Annual Leader Training**

One adult leader from each club or chartered committee MUST attend the Annual Leader Training on Saturday, December 6\(^{th}\), at 9am at the Courthouse Annex, Ellsworth OR Monday, January 5\(^{th}\) at 7pm at the River Falls Public Library Upper Level Meeting Room. The topic this year is Retention of leaders and members.

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**4-H Logo Guidelines—Co-Branding Required**

**Logo Guidelines Include UW-Extension with 4-H Clover**

UW-Extension has released guidelines for branding and logo use which include co-branding the UW-Extension logo and the 4-H Clover. The clover should always appear with the UW-Extension logo for all printed materials, banners, displays, and clothing. If you have already ordered your new team Volleyball shirts don’t change them, however, the next shirt or promotional item that you or your club orders needs to meet the logo guidelines and be co-branded. Contact Sandy, Joanna, or Frank at the UW-Extension Office to get the official copies of the new look!

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**Older Members**

**Mall of America Trip**

Join the Older Members as they do some Holiday shopping at the Mall of America on Saturday, December 13. We will also be going out to dinner at Boca Di Beppo. Registration is due December 5\(^{th}\). 4-Her's are responsible to bring additional money for lunch and shopping. Please call the Extension Office for more details!

**2015 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Program**

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than $10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2015. Applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by March 15, 2015. Applications consist of a resume, cover letter, list of 4-H projects the applicant participated in, and a recent photo. For specific details on these items, please contact the Extension Office.

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**National Youth Summit Series**

The National Youth Summit Series is proud to present our second annual Agri-Science Summit. The Agri-Science Summit will take place on January 16-19, 2015 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. High school age students will spend three days learning from agricultural scientists, researchers, leaders, politicians and advocates. The Summit is a hands-on learning experience through innovative workshops, visiting industry professionals, as well as academic and professional site visits. More information and registration information can be found on http://www.nationalyouthsummit.org/agriscience-conference. Registration is due January 1, 2015.

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**Younger Members**

**Cloverbud and Explorer Day Camp**

On Saturday, January 24, 2015, youth in Kindergarten through 3\(^{rd}\) grade are invited to attend our annual Winter day camp. Parents are highly encouraged to attend with your child are create memories together. Look for an e-mail in the next two weeks for more details.
4-H Trips

Congratulations 4-H Award Trip Recipients for 2015

Citizenship Washington Focus:
- Elizabeth Anderson, Valley Eagles
- Grace Anderson, Valley Eagles
- Elizabeth Carston, Rock Elm Skyrockets
- Alex Daniels, Town and Country
- Hank Larson, Valley Eagles
- Kelsey Swancutt, Isabelle Creek

Out of State Service Learning-Hawaii:
- Maria Cole, Country Partners
- Alicia Hoffman, Busy Fingers
- Marissa Schumaker, Martell Rushers
- Mariah Stewart, Helping Hands

American Spirit:
- Jillian Boles, St. Croix Stars
- Tianna Cebulla, Valley Eagles
- Grace Larson, Valley Eagles

State 4-H Youth Conference:
- Ben Anderson, Valley Eagles
- Jacob Boatman, St. Croix Stars
- Aaron Daniels, Town and Country
- Cassie Meyer, Town and Country
- Catherine Stewart, Helping Hands
- Alternate: Hannah Nelson

Alternate: Mitchell Nelson

7th and 8th Grade Trip:
Alternate: Paige Nelson

National 4-H Congress:
Alternate: Hannah Nelson

Adult Chaperone Applications for Statewide 4-H Trips

Applications for 2015 State and National 4-H outreach program volunteer and staff Adult Advisors are available at http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/volunteers/index.cfm.

If you enjoy working with teens, collaborating with others as part of a unified leadership team, and experiencing another part of the country, consider applying to serve as an Adult Advisor to Space Camp, Huntsville, AL; Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Washington, D.C.; or National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA. Note the new deadline of February 13, 2015, a change from previous years. We've had numerous adults from Pierce County take part in this opportunity. Consider traveling with WI statewide 4-H youth today!

Cultural Arts

State 4-H Art Lab

The 4-H Art Lab will be held January 30-31, 2015, at our State 4-H Environmental Center, Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. The registration deadline is January 6, 2015. The registration fee is $50.00. 4-H Art Lab is sponsored by 4-H Arts and Communications.

The mission of the Art Lab is to provide an in-depth and focused experience in the "art track" of choice. This year's tracks include photography, theatre arts, taekwondo, print making, film making, basketry, digital storytelling. Each participant will choose one track for the entire weekend.

Additional information, a brochure, the registration form and other required forms (please see note below regarding the other forms that are required) are on the 4-H website at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artsleadership.cfm
SAVE THE DATE: Pierce County 4-H Performance Arts Festival

Where: Meyer Middle School, 230 N Ninth Street, River Falls, WI.
When: Saturday, March 21, 2015
Who: All 4-H Members and Cloverbuds
Time: Performances and judging will begin at 9 a.m. The end of the day will depend on the registration numbers. An awards ceremony will take place following the drama and music performances.

What: This festival includes all of the group on-stage performances (plays, skits, mini-dramas and musicals), the individual music performances, and the small ensemble music performances, Pierce County’s Got Talent, Photography Judging and Life In Pierce County.

Photography

The Photography Festival and Life In Pierce County will be held at Meyer Middle School, 230 N Ninth Street, River Falls, WI at the same time as the Performance Arts Festival on Saturday, March 21, 2015.

Please watch the next newsletter for information about these events.

Camp

Camp Counselor Applications for 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa 2015

The 2015 Camp Counselor applications are enclosed in this newsletter. Applications for Junior Director and Lead Counselors are due on February 23, 2015 and applications for all other camp counselor positions are also due on February 23, 2015.

Animal Science

Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Pierce County 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee meeting is Wednesday, January 14th at 7pm in the Lower Level Meeting Room in the PCOB. Topics include report on the beef weigh-in and planning for winter workshops.

Beef Weigh-in for 2015 County Fair Market Animals

Weigh in for Pierce County Fair Beef and Dairy animals will be Sat. Dec. 13th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am; at the UWRF Mann Valley Lab Farm 2. (129 South Glover Road River Falls, WI 54022) Animals will be weighed at the Pavilion/Auction building, NOT by the Bull test area. Please as a reminder; all market animals must be dehorned, bulls must be castrated, and they must be halter broke and under control at the weigh in site. Any questions, please contact Kurt and Nettie Nelson at 715-594-3805.

A market animal must be weighed and ear tagged, and a hair sample retained at the Pierce County weigh-in site, in order to be shown at the Pierce County Fair in the Market Animal classes.

Specific rules for Steers:

A. Weigh-in and tagging is on Saturday, December 13th, 2014 at UWRF Mann Valley Farm, Lab Farm 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. if questions please call Nettie and Kurt Nelson at 715-594-3805. Livestock Committee will not conduct primary handling of any steer to be weighed. The Committee will continue responsibility for tagging and recording information on these animals after the steer is in the chute. Steers at the December weigh-in must be haltered and families bringing in their animals are responsible for primary handling of those animals.

B. A market steer must be dehorned and castrated before this initial weigh-in to be eligible for the project. No exceptions will be made. Steers must be banded or knife cut. This will be enforced. Horned and/or cut steers will not be weighed.
C. Each market animal must be born on January 1st, 2014 or after to be eligible for the project.

Other important general rules pertaining to participation in the Pierce County Meat Animal Project:

1. To show at the 2015 Pierce County Fair, 4-H and FFA members must be enrolled in the beef, sheep, swine, or goat project by November 1, 2014. They must have completed a record book for the previous year (except 1st year) with financial form for Auction animals.

2. A maximum of 4 animals of each species per exhibitor may be weighed-in at the initial weigh-in. A maximum of 2 animals of each species per exhibitor may compete in the junior fair.
   * Immediate families with more than one sibling in the household may list all animals under the family name. At Fair entry day, each exhibitor MUST identify which animal each sibling will show and/or auction.

3. Livestock Committee will weigh-in and double identify each animal

4. LOSS OF EAR TAG: If an ear tag is lost, inform Extension Office immediately and Livestock Committee members will replace ASAP. If animal loses both forms of ID then the animal is ELIMINATED from participation at the Pierce County Fair.

Poultry Workshop

The workshop will be Monday, Jan 19th at 6:30pm in the Seyforth Building. We will be going over the new changes in the project for this year, correct class to enter your chickens in for the fair, and learn about eggs and hatching eggs. If anyone has questions they can call or e-mail joeke17@hotmail.com or 715-797-3647.

State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Management Contest

Consider forming a team for the Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Management Contest! The contest will be Saturday, February 7th at John Muir Elementary School in Portage, WI. The Dairy Quiz Bowl will have teams of four who will compete in answering oral questions from a moderator. Teams receive points for correct answers. In the Dairy Management Contest, teams will work together and individually to answer questions related to the management of dairy farms and dairy cattle. Throughout different stations, team scores will be added together to determine a final team score.

For more details and information, please visit the Dairy Events webpage at http://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyyouth/dairy-events.

MAQA Certification Training for Facilitators, Volunteers, and Advisors

The topic for 2015 is Animal Handling. The training will be Thursday, February 19, 2015 from 7-9pm via webinar at the PCOB in Ellsworth.

2015 WI Meat Evaluation Contest

Interested in expanding your knowledge of meat evaluation? You’re in luck! On Saturday, February 14, at the UW Madison Meat Laboratory youth from all over the state will have the opportunity to rank beef, pork, and lamb carcasses as well as test identification skills on retail cuts and meat labeling. There is a junior competition (grades 3-8) and a senior competition (grades 9-13). Please contact the Extension office with your team information by February 6th. More information can be found at http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/.
2015 Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Contest

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. The winning 4-H senior team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl in Omaha, NE. The Wisconsin State Contest will be held at the UW-Madison Agriculture Science Building on March 7th starting at 9:30am. To register for the quiz bowl, please contact the Extension office for information.

Wisconsin Pork Association Scholarships

The Wisconsin Pork Association scholarship is open to high school seniors pursuing post high school education in agriculture. Preference will be given to those students possessing leadership abilities and a sincere interest in the swine industry. Five finalists will be selected from the applications received to compete for the $500 scholarship, with each finalist receiving $250 for their participation. An interviewing committee will select finalists. The application for this scholarship is posted on www.wppa.org. Several other scholarships are available including for UWRF students. Applications can be downloaded from the Wisconsin Pork Association website: http://www.wppa.org/ProducerResources/879/Youth.aspx#.VH-8mbctDIV, or call the WPA office at 608-723-7551 for more information. Application deadline is December 10, 2014.

Livestock Record App – Focused on Market Animals "Search for 4-H Livestock Record"

National 4-H Council has developed an App for completing Livestock Records. It is only available for apple products currently and is really basic in its design. For many counties you can add this as an appendix or addition to the current records you have for your county. Since it’s not available on all devices and operating systems you need to be sensitive with what might be required. It's a neat app to play with, some pieces that have not yet been developed are things like, what goals did they have for the year? What did they learn from their project year? Etc.. Another thing to be mindful of is it doesn't sync across devices iPhone to iPad (as of yet), so the data that is generated needs to be backed up by your iTunes account for future reference. Check it out and let us know what you think!

Livestock Learning Series

We won't be holding these this year however all of last year's sessions are available and can be used with your groups this year as well. The PowerPoint presentations and the audio of the sessions are available at this link. The learning series that was recorded from earlier this year contained information for new members, beef, sheep, goat, and swine educational information. Use it combination with educational programs scheduled in your county with other hands on activities for youth. http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/livestock-learning-webinar-series/

Livestock Judging – Join the Pierce County Teams!

2015 marks the start for new opportunities for Pierce County 4-H/ FFA livestock project members. In past participation in Area Animal Science Days, Agriculture Technology Contests, and other educational workshops related to livestock, youth have been asking, when are livestock judging practices going to start for the new 2015 judging year? Any youth who are in grades three through thirteen who have an interest in animal agriculture and its related industries are encouraged to participate in Livestock Judging. By participating in livestock judging youth will have the opportunity to travel and visit a diversity of beef, swine, lamb and goat farming operations within Pierce County and travel throughout the state to view and judge animals from top producing herds. Youth will meet and interact with the owners and managers of these successful operations,
and these contacts can help youth better understand animal agriculture and develop stronger ties with its leaders. From establishing positive relationships with the community to creating lifelong friendships youth will not want to miss out on this fun and interactive 2015 judging year. For more information regarding practice times and schedules please contact Baily Sherwin at 715-307-3412 or the UW-Extension office at 715-274-6781.

**WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW PIERCE COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES!!**

Watch this newsletter or our website: [http://pierce.uwex.edu/4h](http://pierce.uwex.edu/4h) for important 4-H program updates, deadlines, or to access forms. Many items are also regularly e-mailed from 4-H Online to your Inboxes so please keep us updated if your family e-mail address changes. Enjoy the experience of life skill development and get involved, it’s a great deal of family fun. We’re excited that you chose 4-H! Here is our “Green Guarantee”:

In Wisconsin, 4-H clubs guarantee youth members the opportunities to:

- Develop positive relationships with peers and adults
- Be actively involved in their own learning
- Contribute as active citizens through community service and leadership
- Develop skills that will help them succeed
- Recognize, understand and appreciate others
- Have fun

### Horse

**State Sportsmanship Award**

Congratulations Shauna Pearson of the Martell Rushers 4-H Club for winning the 2014 WI State 4-H Horse Sportsmanship Award! Shauna was awarded the Sportsmanship medal at the 2014 State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference held at UW-River Falls last month. This award is given to 4-H members that exhibit qualities such as: putting others before themselves, being a good role model and example to others, use of the Horse project for personal growth, being helpful to others, accepting wins and losses with dignity, and respecting others as well as themselves.

**Youth Horse Association Election Results and Youth Conference Attendees**

Congratulations to Elizabeth Carston, from the Rock Elm Skyrockets 4-H Club for being elected to serve another term on the WI State 4-H Horse Youth Association. Elizabeth will represent the Western District.

We also would like to recognize the 4-H Youth attendees at the State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference:

Audrey Bigouette, Elizabeth Carston, Kelsey Swancutt, Shauna Pearson, and Morgan VanderMarliere, who learned about communication, ethics, model horse, photography, and leadership!

**Winter Round-up Mandatory Meeting for all Pierce County 4-H Horse Families**

When: Sunday, February 22-3 p.m. for new members and leaders; 4 p.m. for established members and leaders
Where: Seyforth Building on the Pierce County Fairgrounds in Ellsworth
Topics offered: Fairbook and Horse Project Form changes, Horseless Horse, Horse Bowl and other educational opportunities, County Horse Handbook. **This meeting is required to attend the Pierce County Fair with your Horse or Pony!**

Questions, use the Pierce County 4-H Horse Committee E-mail: piercecounty4-hhorseproject@outlook.com
4-H Camp Kinnissippewa Counselor
Position Description

Position Period: April 19, 2015 (Training in Pepin) & June 9 - 12, 2015 (Training & Camp)

4-H Camp Kinnissippewa Counselor Responsibilities:
1. Assist in the program planning, supervision and delivery of 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa at Kiwanis Scout Camp.
   a. Assist with developing, planning, coordinating, teaching and evaluating educational programs at camp.
   b. Maintain a safe, clean environment for youth campers.
   c. Supervise youth campers and implement appropriate risk management strategies.
   d. Be concerned with the social and emotional wellbeing of each youth camper.
   e. Utilize effective behavior management strategies, as appropriate.
   f. Build suitable relationships with youth campers.
   g. Engage campers in educational experiences and encourage young people to assist in program planning and evaluation as appropriate.
   h. Promote camper and counselor participation in all activities.
   i. Serve as a role model for youth campers. Exhibit appropriate personal habits, health, dress, language, table etiquette and relationships with other staff.
2. Serve as link of communication between campers and adult camp staff.
3. The 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa Counselor is responsible to 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa Directors / UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Educators.

Required Knowledge & Skill Qualifications:
1. Must be in 9th – 13th grade at time of application and must have completed 9th grade at time of 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa.
2. Positive attitude and commitment to teamwork in collaborative environment.
3. Values life-long learning and views position as a learning experience.
4. Strong organizational and communication skills.
5. Ability to work well with adult volunteers and other youth leaders.
6. Ability to creatively and flexibly solve problems as they arise.
7. Ability to be self-directed.
8. Experience in working with children in a group setting preferred.

Benefits: Receive unique opportunity for personal and organizational leadership development, all training materials, a camp sweatshirt, camp lanyard, camp drawstring backpack, and all meals and lodging at 4-H Camp.

Application Fee: Waived at time of application for Pierce County 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa Counselor Staff through a State Farm grant

Application Procedure and Deadline: Send 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa Application along with a cover letter (as directed in application) by February 23, 2015 to:
Frank Ginther
Pierce County UW-Extension
412 W. Kinne St; P O BOX 69
Ellsworth, WI 54011
Email: francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu
Voice: 715-273-6781
Fax: 715-273-6859
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Attach a photo to this application or email a digital one to francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu

### CAMP EXPERIENCES:

List camps (4-H and non 4-H) which you have attended: (Please “X” camper or counselor)

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I would prefer to be a counselor for: (Circle) Grades 3-4  Grades 5-6  Grades 7-8

- __Junior Director__  - __Lead Counselor__  - __Outpost Counselor__  - __Resource Counselor__  - __Cabin Counselor__

### TRAINING EXPERIENCES:

Have you previously attended a camp counselor training workshop? (Circle) YES  NO

If yes, when and where:

List other leadership courses/workshops you have attended:

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How well do you swim? (circle one)  Not at all  A little  Average  Very Well

Are you willing to help with waterfront (swimming or canoeing) activities?  YES  NO

Please rate your experience with canoeing: (circle one)  Never  A little  Average  Very Well
AREAS OF TEACHING INTEREST:
Check all the following that you would like to teach or provide leadership for.

- Arts and Crafts
- Archery
- Campfire Program
- Nature
- Drama
- Teamwork/Leadership
- Climbing Wall
- Group Games
- Waterfront/Swimming
- Camp Social
- Canoeing
- Science

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COVER LETTER:

Please submit with application a one page cover letter that describes the following: camp counselor leadership goals, what you plan to accomplish as a camp counselor, the unique qualifications and characteristics you can offer as a camp counselor, and why you are interested in being a camp counselor.

As a 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa Counselor, I agree to fulfill the responsibilities, comply with all 4-H behavior expectations and participate in mandatory counselor training and planning events:

Signature ____________________________ Date __________________
2015 CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL
Arts and Crafts Section

Where: Elmwood Auditorium, 323 West Winter Avenue, Elmwood, WI
When: Saturday, January 17, 2015
Who: All 4-H Members and Cloverbuds

Time: Judging will begin at 9 a.m.; exhibits should be on display by 9:30 a.m.

What: This festival includes exhibit entries in the areas of communications (performance and non-performance), non-performance music and arts and crafts exhibits. Registration forms for exhibit sections are in this newsletter. You do not need to be enrolled in these project areas to participate in the Creative Arts Festival.

RULES

1) Members will be allowed to enter up to three items per class with a maximum of ten entries in all. Cloverbuds are encouraged to enter.

2) Exhibitors will be judged in two separate age categories.
   The age groups are Group A - Cloverbud - 6th Grade and Group B - 7th grade - One year after High School.

3) Exhibits must be pre-registered by sending in the form or a copy of the form in the Informant by Tuesday, December 23, 2014. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO PROJECT will be accepted that is not pre-registered.

4) Members do not need to be present when their project is being judged. If you will be absent the day of judging, you must fill out the excused absence form. If an exhibit is brought the day of the festival without the proper paperwork being completed in advance by the December 23, 2014 deadline, the exhibits will not be judged, but disqualified. An excused absence form can be found in this newsletter. This does not include performance entries (speaking, interpretive reading, dynamic duos, terrific trios, demonstrations, 4-H pledge, Pledge of Allegiance and storytelling).

5) List exactly what you are going to be bringing. Example: Dept. 18J, Ceramics, Bunny. Each entry should be listed on a separate line. Any item, which can be considered an art or craft as listed in the fair book, can be entered. Project suggestions:
   - Dept. 18J - Cultural Arts: Class A - Scrapbooking, Class B - Art 1, Class C - Art 2, Class D - Basketry, Class E - Ceramics, Class F - Creative Cross Stitchery, Class G - Macramé, Class H - Pottery, Class I - Stencil Painting, Class J - Leather craft, Class K - Block Printing/Stenciling, Class L - Metal Enameling, Class M - Drawing, Class N - Painting, Class O - Theatre Arts, Class P - Clowing. (Please note, Class Q items should not be entered here. They should be entered under the non-performance music area at today's festival or the performance area of the Performance Arts Festival on March 21, 2015.)
   - Dept. 22J - Woodworking.
   - Dept. 24J - Mechanical Projects: Class A - Scale Models, Class B - Modular Construction, Class D, E, & F - Aerospace.
   - Dept. 26J - Clothing, Consumer Savvy and Clothes Horse.
   - Dept. 27J - Knitting and Crocheting.
   - Dept. 28J - Home Furnishings/Environment.

6) School projects are allowed but please be selective.

7) The exhibit may be entered at both the county fair and at the Creative Arts Festival, but only once at each event. No graded school projects are allowed at the county fair.

8) Judging will take place upstairs in the gym between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Your exhibits should be checked-in and on display on your club table by 9:30 a.m. Exhibits should remain on display until after the awards ceremony which will be held upstairs in the gym at approximately 12:30 p.m. following all arts and crafts and communications events. We plan to have two arts and crafts judges if there are less than 120 exhibits pre-registered. If there are more than 120 exhibits pre-registered we will have three judges.

9) Each exhibit is required to have a card approximately 3"x 5" with the following information listed: name, club, grade (this is your grade as of September 2014), medium/description and title of exhibit (for example: Ceramics - Bunny; Pencil Drawing - "Lucy").
2015 Creative Arts Festival  
Arts and Crafts Registration Form  

DEADLINE - Tuesday, December 23, 2014.  
Registrations must be in the UW-Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23, 2014.  
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.  

Name:_______________________________________ Club:_________________________________  
(one name per form please)  

Address: __________________________________________________________________________  

Grade: ___________ Daytime Phone: ____________________________  

E-mail: _____________________________________________  

I am entering _________ arts and crafts exhibits (three items per class with a maximum of ten entries in all).  

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Return to UW-Extension Office, PO Box 69, Ellsworth, WI 54011-0069 no later than Tuesday, December 23, 2014.  

-------Copy this form as needed. One form per exhibitor.-------  

Communications Section Guidelines and Categories
Creative Arts Festival 2015  
Saturday, January 17, 2015 - 9 a.m.  
Elmwood Auditorium, 323 West Winter Ave, Elmwood

Guidelines

- Exhibits should be brought directly to the festival no later than 9:30 a.m. on the day of the festival.
- Judges will be available beginning at 9 a.m.
- Please attach a label to each exhibit. Include: first and last name of participant, grade of participant, name of category and name of 4-H club.
- The non-performance music and dance registration form is available at the back of this newsletter. Forms are due at the Pierce County Extension Office Tuesday, December 23, 2014 no later than 4:30 p.m.
- Members may enter in more than one category; there is no maximum on communication entries.
- Exhibits will be judged face to face. Members do not need to be present when their project is being judged. If you will be absent the day of judging, you must fill out the excused absence form. If an exhibit is brought the day of the festival without the proper paperwork being completed in advance by the December 23, 2014 deadline, the exhibits will not be judged, but disqualified. An excused absence form can be found in this newsletter.
- White, red, blue and champion ribbons are awarded to each exhibit. Entries are not judged on the Danish Judging System and do not receive fair premiums.
- DEMONSTRATION CONTESTANTS - The demonstration contestants must conform to state regulations. Teams shall consist of two members. You must include each entry for demonstrations on your fair entry sheet. However, if entering a team, entry needs to be only on one entry form. The entrant will be paid the premium. Cloverbuds are ineligible to enter.

Communication Categories

1. Speaking - Open to all 4-H'ers. The topic should be original and written by the contestant. This category is open and you may write and speak about any topic of interest.

   The age divisions are:
   - Cloverbud - grades K- ...............1-2 minutes
   - Novice - grades 3 and 4..............1-2 minutes
   - Junior - grades 5 and 6 ..............2-3 minutes
   - Intermediate - grades 7 & 8.........3-4 minutes
   - Senior - grades 9 and above.........4-8 minutes

   Speaking is judged on:
   - What was said (40 points) -> grasp interest? Main ideas clearly developed? Appropriate conclusion?
   - How was it said (35 points) -> speak clearly and distinctly? Vocal changes stress important ideas? Use whole body?
   - Delivery natural? Friendly? Conversational?
   - Questions (25 points) will be asked to see if speech giver knows topic.

   Be sure to include the sources of your information in your speech. Also be sure to include the title on your entry form. Champion will be awarded in each division.

2. Interpretive Reading

*Please Note*
All Registration Forms Are Due Back To The Pierce County Extension Office By:  
Tuesday, December 23, 2014
1. Selections may be prose or poetry, original or a selected reading. If not an original, the author should be credited. Reading should NOT be memorized.
2. Use full-size copies of selections - not note cards.
3. No podium will be provided.

The age divisions are:
- Cloverbud - grades K-2......................1-2 minutes
- Novice - grades 3 and 4...............1-2 minutes
- Junior - grades 5 and 6...............2-3 minutes
- Intermediate - grades 7 & 8........3-4 minutes
- Senior - grades 9 and above ..........4-8 minutes

Interpretive Reading is judged on: pronunciation, enunciation, voice, inflection, dramatization, body communication, eye contact, general delivery, 10 points each.

Interpretive Reading Awards - Two champions will be awarded in each division. Two alternates will be awarded. Ribbons will also be awarded. Be sure to include the title on your entry form.

3. **Dynamic Duos** - This category is open to a team of two energetic 4-H members of any combination of ages in grades 3 and up. Also the Interpretive Reading should consist of a dialogue for two.
   The age divisions are:
   - Cloverbud - Grades K - 2...........3-5 minutes
   - Novice - Grades 3 & 4..............up to 6 minutes
   - Junior - Grades 5 & 6..............up to 6 minutes
   - Intermediate - Grades 7 & 8.......up to 6 minutes
   - Senior - Grades 9 - 13..............up to 8 minutes
   1. Age is determined by the older member of the duo.
   2. Selections may be original or a selected reading, up to a maximum of 8 minutes per age category.
   3. Dynamic duos are performed by a team of two 4-H members of any combination of ages in grades 3 and up. This is an Interpretive Reading consisting of a dialogue for two. If not an original work, the author should be credited. Reading should NOT be memorized.
   4. All readers should use full size copies of their selections (no note cards).
   5. No podium will be provided.
   6. All readers will be critiqued with a written evaluation.

4. **Terrific Trios** - This category is open to a team of three enthusiastic 4-H members of any combination of ages in grades 3 and up. Also the Interpretive Reading should consist of a dialogue for three.
   The age divisions are:
   - Cloverbud - Grades K - 2...........3-5 minutes
   - Novice - Grades 3 & 4..............up to 6 minutes
   - Junior - Grades 5 & 6..............up to 6 minutes
   - Intermediate - Grades 7 & 8.......up to 6 minutes
   - Senior - Grades 9 - 13..............up to 8 minutes
   1. Age is determined by the older member of the trio.
   2. Selections may be original or a selected reading, up to a maximum of 8 minutes per age category.
   3. Terrific trios are performed by a team of three 4-H members of any combination of ages in grades 3 and up. This is an Interpretive Reading consisting of a dialogue for three. If not an original work, the author should be credited. Reading should NOT be memorized.
   4. All readers should use full size copies of their selections (no note cards).
   5. No podium will be provided.
6. All readers will be critiqued with a written evaluation.

5. **Demonstrations**—Open to all 4-H members. Perform a demonstration on various topics either as an individual or as a team. Teams shall consist of two members. To receive a fair premium, members should enter Department 31J - Demonstrations in the Pierce County Junior Fair. Cloverbuds are ineligible to enter.

The age divisions are:
- Junior - grades 3 to 5 ................. 4-7 minutes
- Intermediate - grades 6 to 8 .......... 5-8 minutes
- Senior - grades 9 and over ........... 8-10 minutes

Ribbons will be awarded at this contest. Top two demonstrators (Individual performances only) over 12 may win a trip to the WI State Fair. Maximum time length is 15 minutes of demonstration. **Be sure to include topic on your entry form.**

Demonstrations are judged on: Introduction, appearance, topic (5% each), subject matter, well organized, accurate, (10%), presentation and confidence, friendly, holds audience interest (20%), workmanship - work and speech coordinated (15%), materials and visuals (15%), conclusion (10%), answers to questions - knowledge of subject (15%).

6. **4-H Pledge**—Open to Cloverbuds (grades K, 1 and 2) and members in 3rd or 4th grade. Pledge must be memorized. Participants will be judged on: voice, stage presence, power of expression, general effect, and presentation correctness.

7. **Pledge of Allegiance**—Open to Cloverbuds (grades K, 1 and 2) and members in 3rd or 4th grade. Pledge must be memorized. Participants will be judged on: voice, stage presence, power of expression, general effect, and presentation correctness.

8. **Poetry**—Open to all 4-H’ers. Write a poem about your favorite 4-H project, 4-H activity, or any other subject that is in some way related to your 4-H experience.

They will be judged on creativity - 35 points, clarity of ideas - 20 points, presentation - 15 points, neatness - 10 points, grammar / spelling - 10 points, overall - 10 points. Each age group will be required to turn in a different number of poems.

The age divisions are:
- Cloverbud - 1 poem ..................... grades K, 1 and 2
- Novice - up to 2 poems .............. grades 3 and 4
- Junior - up to 3 poems ............... grades 5 and 6
- Intermediate - up to 4 poems ...... grades 7 and 8
- Senior - up to 5 poems ............. grades 9 and above

9. **Poster Contest**—Poster submissions can fall into one of three themes: Healthy Living, Science or Citizenship. The themes are based upon the nationwide 4-H mission mandate established through the leadership of 4-H National Headquarters, USDA and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Examples on how to apply one of the themes to a poster include: health management practices, animal training, animal breeds, solutions for speech anxiety, consumer internet safety, geographical tools, people speaking about 4-H at a county meeting, 4-H’ers working with the rocketry curriculum, anti-smoking themes, youth in a leadership role and exploring beekeeping as a hobby or career. These are only suggested topics and should not limit you in your individual ideas. Poster size is 14" x 22". Name, grade and club name should be on back. (Photographs permitted on posters).

The age divisions are:
- Cloverbud .......................... grades K, 1 and 2
Novice...........................grades 3 and 4
Junior............................grades 5 and 6
Intermediate....................grades 7 and 8
Senior............................grades 9 and above

Posters are judged on: construction - 50 points (well planned, easily read, neat, organized, art work), message - 30 points (easily understood, follows theme, accurate information), originality - 10 points, general appearance - 10 points.

10. **Story Writing** - Open to all 4-H’ers. Write a creative story about any experience you’ve had. Stories must be one to two pages.
   The age divisions are:
   - Cloverbud.............................. grades K, 1 and 2
   - Novice ................................ grades 3 and 4
   - Junior ................................. grades 5 and 6
   - Intermediate ....................... grades 7 and 8
   - Senior................................. grades 9 and above

   Stories will be judged on: development of ideas - 35 points, clarity of ideas - 35 points, neatness - 10 points, grammar- spelling - 10 points, overall story - 10 points.

11. **Storytelling** - Storytellers must sit in a chair; costumes and props are not permitted. Participants select a topic area and deliver a story from that area. The storyteller may use vocal variation and physical movement to suggest different characters and character relationships in order to make the story clearer and more interesting. The storyteller is expected to "demonstrate a sense of audience", that is, tell the chosen story in such a manner that it would be suitable for the intended audience, be it young children, teenagers, or adults. An introduction identifying author, title, audience and any other orientating material is necessary. Story must be memorized. Original stories, fables or folk tales are acceptable, but must fit into a topic area. Maximum time limit is 8 minutes.
   **Topics:**
   1. Stories of Inanimate Objects That Come to Life
   2. Stories That Are Titled With First Names (male or female), (i.e., Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel, Kenny and His Kite)
   3. Good Deed Stories
   4. Stories About Magic Or Magicians
   5. 4-H Experience (written by member).
   6. Any Other

12. **Photo Story** - Photo stories are meant to convey or interpret a story or message to the reader through visual and written media. Entries should be newsworthy or convey human interest, just as a newspaper or magazine article would be. Captions should be brief and catchy. Captions and articles should enhance photograph, answer questions the picture(s) poses, or provide necessary information to interpret the subject that the picture(s) does not. Photos, written captions and articles must be the original work of the 4-Her.

   Entry requirements for each age division are:
   **Novice (grades 3 and 4):**
   2-4 photos - color or black and white. Dimensions of photos are 3" x 5" or 4" x 6" with an accompanying caption. Mount all on 14" x 22" tag board (sheet).
   **Junior (grades 5 and 6):**
Same photos, dimensions, and captions as above PLUS an approximately 30 word article. Mount all on 14" x 22" tag board (sheet).

**Intermediate (grades 7 and 8):**
One, single 5" x 7" (or larger) color or black and white photo or series of up to five (3" x 5" or 4" x 6") color or black and white photos mounted on one 14" x 22" tag board (sheet). Appropriately caption each photo. An approximately 100-word article, neatly written or typed should be attached to the tag board (stapled, taped or glued securely).

**Senior (grades 9 and above):**
One, single 8"x 10" color or black and white photograph or series of up to five color or black and white photos (3" x 5" or 4" x 6") mounted on one 14" x 22" tag board (sheet). Appropriately caption each photograph. An approximately 200-word article, neatly written or typed should be attached to the tag board (stapled, taped or glued securely).

All levels are judged on contents (40 points), article/captions (30 points), technical photography skills (30 points).

13. **Multi-panel or Single-panel Comic** - Comic should be a multi-panel comic or a single-panel comic. Theme is, "All in 4-H Fun" and comic should reflect a humorous experience at a club, county or state 4-H activity. A multi-panel comic is a sequence of drawings arranged in interrelated panels with extended dialogue that tells a story in speech balloons. A single-panel comic is not broken up and lacks continuity. It has only one spoken line, printed in a caption beneath the panel itself. A Facebook Bitstrip where you place your avatar into a comic scene with text below will be accepted as a single-panel comic.

Comics will be judged primarily on the message and wording of the text and its ability to convey humor through the telling of a story to the reader. Expressions and action should be represented or implied with lines and shapes. Artwork and writing can be black and white or in color. Artwork and writing can be computer generated, hand-drawn or a combination of both. 4-H appropriate language, humor and drawings should be used.

Comics will be judged on clarity of ideas, grammar/spelling – 45 points, creativity/humor – 20 points, presentation/artwork – 15 points, neatness – 10 points, overall – 10 points.

14. **Any Other Communications Exhibit** - Any other non-performance communications exhibit not previously listed.
Communications Section - Registration Form
Creative Arts Festival – Saturday, January 17, 2015
One entry form per person; all exhibitors must fill out entry form

Name _____________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
Club ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

Grade Level (check one)
oCLOVERBUD – grades K, 1, 2  oNOVICE – grades 3, 4  oJUNIOR –grades 5, 6
oINTERMEDIATE – grades 7, 8  oSENIOR – grades 9 and above

**Enter as many categories as you would like, open to all 4-H members**

Please check those you are entering:
1.  o SPEAKING (original work)
   Title __________________________________________________________________________

2.  o INTERPRETIVE READING
   Title(s) ___________________________ Author (if not original) __________________________
   __________________________________________  Author (if not original) __________________________

3.  o DYNAMIC DUOS
   Name of Partner _______________________ Grade of Partner __________
   Club of Partner ______________________________
   Title __________________________________________________________________________
*Groups can be members from more than one club.

4.  o TERRIFIC TRIOS
   Name of Partner 1 ___________________________ Grade of Partner 1 __________
   Club of Partner 1 ______________________________
   Name of Partner 2 ___________________________ Grade of Partner 2 __________
   Club of Partner 2 ______________________________
   Title __________________________________________________________________________
* Groups can be members from more than one club.

5.  __DEMONSTRATIONS (not open to K, 1 or 2 graders)
   ___ Individual   ___ Team - Partner Name____________________________
   Topic __________________________________________________________________________

6.  __4-H PLEDGE open to CLOVERBUD (K, 1, 2) AND NOVICE (3, 4) ONLY
7.  __PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (AMERICAN FLAG) open to CLOVERBUD (K, 1, 2) AND NOVICE (3, 4) ONLY
8.  __POETRY
9.  __POSTER
10. __STORY WRITING
   Title __________________________________________________________________________

11. __STORYTELLING
   Title __________________________________________________________________________

12. __PHOTO STORY (not open to K, 1 or 2 graders)
13. __ COMIC PANEL
14. __ ANY OTHER NON-PERFORMANCE COMMUNICATIONS EXHIBIT

Return registration to:
UW-Extension Office
412 W. Kinne Street, Box 69
Ellsworth, WI 54011
By Tuesday, December 23, 2014
1) The non-performance music and dance portion of the Creative Arts Festival is an opportunity for all 4-H members and Cloverbuds to display their creative musical and dance talents. **4-H members do not need to be entered in these project areas to enter this event.** However, the Creative Arts Festival Committee encourages you to bring your non-performance music and dance entries to the 2015 Pierce County Fair and enter them in Department 18J, Cultural Arts Junior Fair. In order to enter at the fair, a member must be enrolled in the Music Project (30761) or the Dance Project (30771).

2) The non-performance music and dance registration form is available at the back of this newsletter. Forms are due at the Pierce County Extension Office Tuesday, December 23, 2014 no later than 4:30 p.m.

3) **Judging begins at 9 a.m. and all non-performance exhibits should be brought on display by 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the Elmwood Auditorium in Elmwood.**

4) Please attach a label to each exhibit. Include: first and last name of participant, grade of participant, name of 4-H club and name of category.

5) Members may enter in more than one category; there is no maximum on non-performance music and dance entries.

6) White, red, blue and champion ribbons are awarded to each exhibit. Entries are not judged on the Danish Judging System and do not receive fair premiums.

7) Exhibits will be judged face to face. Members do not need to be present when their project is being judged. If you will be absent the day of judging, you must fill out the excused absence form. If an exhibit is brought the day of the festival without the proper paperwork being completed in advance by the December 23, 2014 deadline, the exhibit will not be judged, but disqualified. An excused absence form can be found in this newsletter.

**Categories**

1. **Musical instrument made by the member** - Open to all 4-H members. Create a homemade musical instrument. This will be judged on usability, originality, blending of materials and creativity.

   The age divisions are:
   - Cloverbud .......................... grades K, 1 and 2
   - Junior ..................................... grades 3-5
   - Intermediate .......................... grades 6-8
   - Senior ..................................... grade 9 and over

2. **Original composition not performed** - Open to all 4-H’ers. Write an original music composition. Members may submit a tape along with the score. This will be judged on musicality, use of notation and symbols, neatness and readability, and overall musical interpretation.

   The age divisions are:
   - Junior ..................................... grades 3-5
   - Intermediate .......................... grades 6-8
   - Senior ..................................... grade 9 and over

3. **Informational Music Poster** - Create a poster about music, musical instruments, famous composers, or musical styles. Poster size is 14” x 22”. Name, grade and club name should be on the back.

   The age divisions are:
   - Cloverbud .......................... grades K, 1 and 2
   - Junior ..................................... grades 3-5
   - Intermediate .......................... grades 6-8
   - Senior ..................................... grade 9 and over
4. **Music Promotional Flyer** - Design an original advertising flyer for a major music concert, such as state fair grandstand performer or a flyer for musical event, such as Creative Communications Festival or school concert. Should be original work of the exhibitor. Flyer size is 8 ½ x 11” (letter) or 8 ½ x 14” (legal size) paper. Can be mounted on additional material up to 14” x 22” if it is part of the design. Any type of media can be used: crayons, markers, ink, or paint. Can be hand drawn or designed on computer. Name, grade and club name should be on the back.

5. **CD Cover** - Design and create an original CD cover for your favorite music group or artist. Should be original work of the exhibitor. Size should be traditional CD cover size and should include front, back and spine. Any type of media can be used: crayons, markers, ink, or paint. Can be hand drawn or designed on computer. Name, grade, date and club name should be on the back.

6. **Top 10** – Create a display of your top ten downloaded songs and why you chose these songs. Can be hand written or typed. Include additional illustrations or support material to tie the display together.

7. **Music Story** – Write about a type of music or musician that has influenced you or a particular type of music that interests you. (Minimum 1 page (8 ½ x 11), maximum 2 pages (8 ½ x 11, double-spaced).

8. **Any Other Music or Dance-related Exhibit** – any other non-performance music or dance-related exhibit not previously listed.

9. **Performance Costume/Outfit Design** – Display for a dance performance costume/outfit. Exhibit can include clippings, photos and fabric samples. Exhibit should include: who the costume is for (adult or child, female or male and age), what type of production the costume would be worn for (on-stage musical, dance troupe, spirit squad, etc.), what type of dance would be performed in the costume (ballet, tap & jazz, hip-hop, lyrical, worship, gymnastics, dance team), what type of accessories would be used (hair extensions, headbands, clips, suspenders, collars, hats, belts, shoes, etc.).

10. **Choreographed Dance Routine** – Poster, notebook or other display item or a choreographed dance routine. Include dance steps, music and staging directions.

11. **Stage Craft** – Diorama of a stage production. Can be music, drama, television, movie or dance. Should include the set, props, camera angles, lighting techniques, etc. Should include scene or act and name of production.

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**HELPERS WANTED**

The Creative Arts Festival is a big undertaking. We will need the full cooperation of all clubs to make it a success. If you are interested in helping please fill out this form and return to: UW-Extension Office, PO Box 69, Ellsworth, WI  54011-0069 no later than Tuesday, December 23, 2014.

Name________________________________________________________________________________________
Address______________________________________________________________________________________
E-mail________________________________________________________________________________________
Phone________________________________________________________________________________________

Area you would like to help in (please check all that apply)

____ Set Up  ______ Table Patrol  ______ Clean Up
____ Door Monitor ______ Judging/Results Helper ______ Greeter/Welcome Table

Time(s) you are available to help (please check all that apply)

1st Choice

____ 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
____ 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
____ 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
____ 11:30 a.m. to end of event

2nd Choice

____ 8:00am to 9:30am
____ 9:30am to 10:30am
____ 10:30am to 11:30am
____ 11:30am to end of event
Registration Form
Non-performance Music and Dance Section
Creative Arts Festival 2015
Saturday, January 17, 2015
Elmwood Auditorium, 323 West Winter Avenue, Elmwood

Name________________________________________
Address________________________________________City________State____Zip____
Club________________________________________
Phone_____________________________Email_____________________________________

Grade Level (check one)
__ CLOVERBUD - grades K, 1, 2     __ NOVICE - grades 3, 4      __ JUNIOR -grades 5, 6
__ INTERMEDIATE - grades 7, 8     __ SENIOR - grades 9 and above

1. __ MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
2. __ ORGINAL COMPOSITION
3. __ INFORMATIONAL MUSICAL POSTER
4. __ MUSIC PROMOTIONAL FLYER
5. __ CD COVER
6. __ TOP 10
7. __ MUSIC STORY
8. __ ANY OTHER NON-PERFORMANCE MUSIC OR DANCE RELATED EXHIBIT
9. __ PERFORMANCE COSTUME/OUTFIT DESIGN
10. __ CHOREOGRAPHED DANCE ROUTINE
11. __ STAGE CRAFT

Return registration to: UW-Extension Office, 412 W. Kinne Street, Box 69, Ellsworth, WI 54011 by Tuesday, December 23, 2014.
**Pierce County 4-H Creative Arts Festival**

**Face to Face Judging Excused Absence Form**

**Registration forms for your exhibits must be included with this excused absence form.**

Date________________________

I, ___________________________________, will be unable to attend the Creative Arts Festival on Saturday, January 17, 2015, but would still like to have my exhibits judged.

Documentation written by the exhibitor must accompany the item(s) being exhibited. Suggestion of what content the documentation should contain include: a description of your item, how you made the item, length of time to complete the item, why you created the item, how your learned the craft (writing, drawing, dancing, knitting etc.), what you like about the item, what you could improve on, why you chose the subject matter and anything else you think the judge might like to know.

**Area of Exhibit**

☐ Non-performance communications (check all that apply)
  ☐ Poetry  ☐ Story Writing  ☐ Comic Panel
  ☐ Poster  ☐ Photo Story  ☐ Any Other

☐ Non-performance music and dance (check all that apply)
  ☐ Musical Instrument  ☐ Music Story  ☐ Any Other
  ☐ Original Composition  ☐ Performance Costume/Outfit Design
  ☐ Informational Music Poster  ☐ Choreographed Dance Routine
  ☐ Music Promotional Flyer  ☐ Stage Craft
  ☐ CD Cover
  ☐ Top 10

☐ Arts and Crafts

4-H Member’s Signature: __________________________ Date: ________________

Parent’s Signature: __________________________ Date: ________________

Who will be showing for you: __________________________

**Form must be turned into the Pierce County Extension Office no later than December 23, 2014.**
Harlan Seyforth Recognized in Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Hall of Fame

The University of Wisconsin-Extension 4-H Youth Development Program inducted 100 laureates into the brand-new Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Saturday, November 15. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony was the last statewide event celebrating 100 years of 4-H in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame was established to recognize 4-H volunteers, financial supporters, staff and pioneers who made major contributions to 4-H at the local, state and national levels. The honorees represent 4-H in the broadest sense, according to Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development State Program Director Dale Leidheiser. "We are inducting volunteers, supporters and UW-Extension employees who had an impact on the lives of children, their community or state through significant contributions of time, energy, or financial resource to 4-H and its members," Leidheiser says. Pierce County 4-H is proud to be represented by Harlan Seyforth in the 4-H Hall of Fame.

Here is the Hall of Fame nomination narrative:

At the end of World War I, the Pierce County Board appropriated money for an Extension Agent through the cooperation of the College of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. On August 1, 1920, H.G. Seyforth was appointed to fill this position and held it for 37 years until October 1, 1957. In the Spring of 1921 the first 4-H club members were signed up and by July 1 there were 82 4-H members. These members were organized into project clubs with the most popular being Corn, Potato, Calf, Poultry, and Sewing.

The County Extension program was under the supervision of the Pierce County Agricultural Committee as they had charge of the selection of the work which the County Agent carried on in Pierce County. They encouraged the 4-H program as one of the top projects for the County Extension Agent to carry on. Mr. Seyforth spent about a third of his time on this project. In September 1921 the first 4-H projects were presented at the Pierce County Fair. There were no buildings for these exhibits so Seyforth arranged for a tent. The exhibits helped to interest others in 4-H work. Seyforth also arranged the first 4-H picnic in 1921 at Goose Lake on the Mississippi River between Bay City and Hager City. He invited the newly appointed State Club Leader, Wakleen McNeel who attended the outing. This was the first time 4-H Club members had assembled together for a social activity. By 1923 there were over 100 club members and Seyforth organized the first achievement program.

For the first five years of his work in Pierce County, H.G. Seyforth was "the leader". He spent time organizing and working almost entirely alone on all phases of 4-H. Mr. Seyforth visited many of the rural schools which were in existence at the time to explain and encourage enrollment. There were 100 rural schools at the time and most had to be visited in the Spring months as the roads were not kept open for winter driving.

By 1925 there were twelve 4-H clubs, the first year Pierce County local clubs were organized. Nine of these clubs had leaders, 2 parents, 2 cow testers, 2 teachers, and 3 older 4-H members. The following year the Pierce County 4-H Leader’s Federation was formed. By 1927, Pierce County 4-H had a membership of over 500 and all of the now 24 clubs had leaders. The County Board appropriated $200 to pay leaders mileage to attend monthly training meetings. Seyforth led these all day trainings on the 2nd Saturday of the month and covered topics such as: child training information, question and answer periods, committee work, setting up uniform procedures for the county, and revising the premium list for the Pierce County Fair. One leader was appointed by Seyforth to have charge of physical exercises for these leader training meetings. By the late 20’s Seyforth needed help with the 4-H program and in 1929 hired the first Summer 4-H Agent for three months to help continue and expand 4-H. County financial problems during the depression years of the 30’s brought on discussion by the County Board of discontinuing the County Agents Office. A Vote Seyforth rally was held at the Ellsworth Opera House during 4-H Achievement Day. Through the urging of 4-Hers, leaders, and others that the County Agent was doing much to help improve life on the farms, Mr. Seyforth was voted to stay.

Affectionately known as “Sey”, Harlan G. Seyforth was clearly the pioneer for 4-H in Pierce County. When asked to comment on 4-H at his retirement, Seyforth said this, “I have found the 4-H program to be one of the most satisfying and enjoyable programs I ever worked on. I worked with people such as boys and girls, parents, leaders and teachers. It was a cooperative effort and it worked out well. It taught many young folks responsibility in caring for livestock, raising different crops or making many articles or taking part in an activity. 4-H helped to develop their minds and broaden their point of view on life and they were better able to meet the competition in the world”. In 1954 the H.G. Seyforth Outstanding Leader Award was created and given out at the annual 4-H Awards Banquet to honor the most encouraging volunteer 4-H leaders in Pierce County. The award is still given in Sey’s honor to this day.
Tractor Central is funding fifty four (54), $250 Grants, 1 to a 4-H member and 1 to a FFA member, for each of these counties:

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| Barron, WI  | Jackson, WI   | St Croix, WI |
| Bayfield, WI | La Crosse, WI | Taylor, WI |
| Buffalo, WI | Monroe, WI    | Trempealeau, WI |
| Chippewa, WI | Pierce, WI    | Vernon, WI |
| Clark, WI   | Pepin, WI     | Washburn, WI |
| Crawford, WI | Price, WI    | Wood, WI |
| Douglas, WI | Richland, WI  | Houston, MN |
| Dunn, WI    | Rusk, WI      | Winona, MN |

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