



September/October 2017

# 4-H Informant

## PIERCE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Dear 4-H Family and Friends,  
(A farewell note from our 4-H Summer Agent, Karisa Jensen):



Thank you for a great summer with Pierce County! I also want to thank you all for letting me come back a second year so I could enjoy the many events I have been to and all of the families that I have met. By attending Valley Fair, Stem Day Tours, Camp, and the County Fair I have had the opportunity to meet more and new youth that have showed me how they can get involved in Pierce County 4-H.

As I am ending my summer here in Pierce County, I am reflecting on how much I have learned this year. The many opportunities I had to get involved and work with multiple ages from the youth to the adults have made me grow as a person. Working with such a wide age group will help me in my future of Education. Also, this year the older group trips have made me confident in wanting to teach middle school youth and watch them grow into young adults.

This summer I was excited to see how enthused each 4-Her was. It was so cool to help a new generation of 4-Hers gain that enthusiasm at Cloverbud/Explorer day camp. To watch them get involved and learn new skills was great. It is so nice to see the growth of 4-H in the last three years since I graduated from the 4-H program.

Thanks again for a great summer filled with memories and new opportunities. Also thanks for expanding my knowledge in many different area projects! Have a great rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

*Karisa Jensen*

Karisa Jensen,  
4-H Summer Intern

*Frank Ginther*

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4-H Youth Development Agent

Elieen Van Dyk  
4-H Program Advisor

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## 4-H Family Calendar

### September

- 7 Horse Committee, 7 p.m., EOC Room  
11 **Outstanding Member, Leader, Friend of 4-H Award Nominations, Secretary Books, Club Scrapbooks, Special Holstein Award Nominations, End of Year Achievement Reports, Family Home and Health, Farm Bureau, Bank, Arts & Communication Award Nominations, DUE from leaders.**  
8-10 State 4-H Gymkhana, West Allis  
13 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee, 7 p.m., EOC Room  
15 4-H ONLINE Re-enrollments begin  
14-17 State 4-H Horse Expo, West Allis  
17 VIP Youth Protection training for new 4-H Volunteers, 5 p.m., St. Bridget's, River Falls  
17 Food Stand Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM  
21 NW Regional 4-H Agents/Educators Meeting  
27-28 Farm and Rural Safety Days, Fairgrounds  
28 Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council Applications due  
29 **Notify the UW-Extension Office of National 4-H Week Display locations by today!**

### October

- 1-7 National 4-H Week  
2 Registration due for e-Forum 4-H Leaders Training-October session  
4-15 Paper Clover fundraiser at Tractor Supply Stores  
5 Growing True Leaders-Youth & Adults 4-H e-Forum Leaders Training, 5:45 p.m., PCOB  
7-8 State 4-H Arts Camp, Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells  
14 Kids and Cows, Rice Lake  
16 **All 4-H Club and Group Charters Due (A 2<sup>nd</sup> copy of your Annual Financial Report is NOT required, thank you to**

***those who met the July deadline for the AFR!)***

- 30 Registration due for e-Forum 4-H Leaders Training-November session

### November

- 1 4-H Enrollments Due into 4-H ONLINE  
2 Growing True Leaders-STEM 4-H e-Forum Leaders Training, 5:45 p.m., PCOB  
3-5 Statewide Fall 4-H Leaders Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration, Green Lake, WI  
10-12 State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference, Oshkosh

## Tid-bits from the Fair Office

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#### To All Superintendents and Helpers at the Pierce County Fair:

A big thank-you to all of you that helped out on Entry Day, Judging Day, Check Out Day, or any other miscellaneous task that the Fair Office asked you to do. Without your help the fair would not have run as smoothly. Thanks a million for volunteering and we hope to see you at the Fair next year!

**The Fair Staff Ann, Matt, Kriste, Rose, and Matt's Crew**

#### **\*2017 PIERCE COUNTY FAIR premium check handout**

All 4-H/FFA Fair premium checks will be available for distributing and cashing at a location in October similar to last year. If you are unable to get your check on the day your location is assigned, it will be your responsibility to go to the Pierce County Treasurer's Office located at 414 W. Main St., Ellsworth to pick up your check between 8: am

and 4:30 pm starting October 19, 2017 through December 29, 2017. Schedule of distribution locations and times for fair checks are:

### **Monday, October 9**

Plum City High/Middle School	9:30 am
Plum City Elementary School	10:00 am
Ava Maria Academy	10:30 am
Elmwood School	11:15 am

### **Thursday, October 12**

Hillcrest Elementary	8:45 am
Ellsworth High School	10:40 am
Prairie View Elementary	12:00 pm
St. Francis School	12:30 pm
Ellsworth Middle School	2:25 pm

### **Tuesday, October 17**

Spring Valley Elementary School	1:30 pm
Spring Valley High/Middle School	2:35 pm

### **Wednesday, October 18**

Prescott Intermediate School	10:15 am
St. Joseph's School - Prescott	11:45 am
Prescott High School	12:15 pm
Prescott Middle School	12:45 pm
Westside Elem. School - River Falls	2:00 pm
River Falls Public Library-main level board room	3:00 pm - 7:45 pm

RF Library is for ALL Schools (public, private, parochial & home schools)

## **Plaques and Premium Sponsors**

There are many area businesses, 4-H Clubs and individuals who donate time, money, and plaques for the Fair. Please take time to send a thank you to them for their support if you were awarded a trophy or plaque. Their information is listed on the back of your plaque.

## **Recycled Ribbon Program**

Have you ever given a thought as to what to do with all your Pierce County Fair Ribbons? How about recycling them? If you happen to have any old ribbons, instead of throwing them away, we would love them back to reuse again. Of course, they need to be in good condition and not have any writing on the tag. Please drop them off at the Fair Office or give them to your club leader.



We will accept Jr. Fair and Open Class ribbons. If you aren't interested in keeping all your ribbons, please consider donating them back to the fair. As budgets continue to tighten, every little bit helps.



## **Future Fair Dates**

2018 - August 9-12

## **Fair Planters**

Thank you to all the individuals and clubs for beautifying the fair with planters during the Fair. We will have pots available again in the spring.

## **Club Signs**

We had 22 signs that were put up by 15 clubs advertising the Fair. Thank you to these clubs who helped promote the Pierce County Fair in their areas.

### **Busy Fingers**

Denim & Dust

Fancy Doers

Mann Valley

Merri-Heirs

River Ramblers

St. Croix Stars

Valley Eagles

### **Country Partners**

Falcon Falls

Helping Hands

Martell Rushers

Olivet Otters

Royal Rushers

Town & Country

Over the winter months is a great time to start working on your fair sign for next year.

## **2017-2018 Fairbook**

We will be using the same Fairbook for next year as this past year so please keep them handy. As you are signing up for project area in the fall, please make sure you check the Fairbook to make sure the project code matches an area you are interested in exhibiting in. Example: Houseplants is a different number than flowers, bantams is a different number than chickens.

## **Any Questions for Fair Office**

The fair office is on very limited hours now. So if you have questions, call Ann at 715-273-6874 or e-mail her at [awebb@co.pierce.wi.us](mailto:awebb@co.pierce.wi.us) and she will get back to you as soon as she is available.

## **Like the Pierce County Fair on Facebook**

[Pierce County Fair and Fairgrounds WI](#) on Facebook



## Leader's Corner

### 4-H Charters, Secretary's Books, and Club Financial Audit

Please remember to turn in your club's Secretary Books for evaluation by the Awards Committee. Secretary Awards are handed out at the Awards Program this fall. Secretary Books are due September 11<sup>th</sup>. **IMPORTANT: The Extension Office MUST have a copy of your Club Charter including your Club Financial Audit on an annual basis. Electronic, PDF fill-in versions of the Charter are available at:**

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/clubs-and-groups/charters/>

**IMPORTANT – PLEASE USE THE NEW “February 2017” 4-H CLUB CHARTER FORMS!\***

**\*\*\*All Club Charter paperwork and audits are due in Pierce County to the UW-Extension Office on or before October 16, 2017.\*\***

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### **4-H Financial Books Closed June 30, 2017**

The 4-H Adult Advisors and all Wisconsin 4-H groups and committees closed their accounting books for the 2016-2017 4-H year on June 30, 2017. Club and Committee Treasurers should have started the new 2017-18 fiscal year as of July 1, 2017. Thank you to those who met the July 15 deadline for Annual Financial Reports (AFR). Those still working on their AFR's please turn them in no later than October 16<sup>th</sup> with your Charters.

### **H.G. Seyforth Outstanding Leader and the Friend of 4-H Award**

Your club Organizational Leader has received a copy of the form to use for nominating outstanding leaders and friends of 4-H for this past year. Outstanding leaders are 4-H leaders who have given of his/her time and efforts to the 4-H program. The "Friend of 4-H Award" is given to a person or business that has donated much to the program. They are due September 11.

## Fall Forum

### **Adult and Youth Leaders - Mark Your Calendars for Fall Forum**

Don't miss out on a great statewide workshop for youth and adult leaders!!!

What: Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

When: November 3-5, 2017

Where: Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI

Who: Youth in 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> grade and adult leaders

The program kicks off Friday evening with over 15 interactive sessions. Saturday offers more than 25 workshops to choose from. Top off the night with a special celebration where 12 people will be inducted in to the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. An evening of circle dancing and table games will follow the celebration. Sunday morning brings a high energy program that you can use at the club or community level.

All youth participants need to have a chaperon who has completed Youth Protection identified when they register.

Cost is: \$85 registration fee per person. Lodging is an additional \$25/night (youth, 3 - 6 youth per room), \$45/night (adults, 2 per room). Individual adult room lodging is available for \$75 per person (limited availability). For more information, see <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/fall-forum/>

### **The top 10 reasons why youth and adult leaders will want to attend!**

1. 15+ interactive sessions Friday night... food & plant science, Cloverbuds, games, yoga.....
2. 20+ sessions Saturday from science and service to leadership and team building .....
3. Hear how 4-H is making a difference!
4. Meet youth and adults from around the state!
5. See youth adult partnerships in action!
6. Network and share ideas!
7. Be part of Wisconsin's largest university youth outreach program!!
8. Get ideas and projects to take home to use in clubs, schools and community settings!
9. Have fun!
10. Celebrate Wisconsin 4-H and learn more about Growing 4-H in Wisconsin!

***Ask your county Extension Staff about registering today. Register online through 4-HOnline***



## **National 4-H Volunteer e-Forum**

An e-Forum is a method used to provide professional development to volunteers and has a virtual and face to face component. 2017 will be the first time that an e-Forum will be held at a national level. This been developed in concept to make aware of the strengths, resources, and experiences from different 4-H programs across the nation. The target of the e-Forum is volunteers who are in the roles of club organizational leaders, project/subject leaders, committee members, and advisory boards. Youth volunteers can also attend the programs.

There are three sessions: October 5, November 2, and December 7. The sessions will begin at 5:45pm and will end by 7:30pm.

On October 5 the content will be about Cultivating an Environment for Growing True Leaders. This will focus on strategies for more effective club interactions. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> the content will be "Stem"ming into Animal Science, Growing True Leaders. This will help volunteers gain ideas for educational youth sessions that involve Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) for their project areas. On December 7<sup>th</sup> the content will be Helping 4-Her's Grow in Life and Work. This will let volunteers share ideas, receive resources, and see a variety of successful programs that help youth focus on lifelong learning, workforce readiness, and career exploration.

Please register the Monday prior to each e-Forum by contacting the UW-Extension Office at: 715-273-6781 or email [francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu).

October 5<sup>th</sup>-Register by October 2<sup>nd</sup>

November 2<sup>nd</sup>-Register October 30<sup>th</sup>

December 7<sup>th</sup>- Register by December 4<sup>th</sup>

## **Fall 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification**

The fall certification workshop for adult volunteers is scheduled for September 15/16, 2017 for Wood County, Marshfield, WI. Volunteers wishing to become a shooting sport leader or who want to add a certification may attend this certification workshop. Interested volunteers will need to contact their local UW-Extension 4-H office for details on becoming a shooting sports adult leader. Registration information is located at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/events/multi-county-statewide-certification-workshop/>.

The next certification workshops will be scheduled soon for the spring of 2018 for Eau Claire and for Green Bay. The dates are not available yet.

## **Naturalists at Upham Woods Camp**

Upham Woods is currently seeking applicants for the school year teaching naturalist position. We are seeking qualified candidates who are available for the Fall 2017/Spring 2018 seasons and have a passion for teaching youth in the outdoors. School Year Naturalists are the primary programmatic personnel for Upham Woods. In that regard this position is responsible for teaching the classes, leading the programmatic activities, interacting with center clientele, corresponding with schools before and after a group visit, assisting with program development, and care for programmatic equipment which includes the science center animals.

Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Max Myers, Program Director, [max.myers@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:max.myers@ces.uwex.edu)

## **The Wider Impact of Outdoor Learning**

Hands-on learning outdoors not only engages children's interests, it engages a wider spectrum of intelligences as well. This means that more children will find themselves interested in the outdoor learning experience. This interest makes the content more relevant, which results in increased school performance. Outdoor learning helps children develop a "sense of place," through which children can make connections to the natural and human communities in which they reside. Teachers can appreciate the increased student engagement that an outdoor classroom provides; nothing is more satisfying than seeing students actively interested in what is being taught! There is an energy for learning outdoors that we just do not see in the regular classroom. Students may not be able to adequately identify the exact source of their increased engagement at the time, but will carry many happy memories with them, which is probably the most important aspect of outdoor learning. It can develop positive memories of both school and the outdoors. Those affirmative experiences can color our views of both for many years to come.

## **New Online Tool for Kids to Gain Life Skills**

A new online tool has been developed by the University of British Columbia's School of Population and Public Health together with its Department of Pediatrics to encourage parents to engage their kids in outdoor play. Please share with other youth development professionals and families! For more information:

[https://www.childinthecity.org/2017/04/25/online-tool-supports-risky-play/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter%20week%202017-19](https://www.childinthecity.org/2017/04/25/online-tool-supports-risky-play/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter%20week%202017-19)

## **Wisconsin 4-H20**

Two years ago, youth in a service learning session at 4-H and Youth Conference created a campaign to raise money for Charity: Water. They also spread the word in their counties and clubs, who donated as well. A well has been drilled in Malawi and you can find more here about the impact of this in the community! [https://my.charitywater.org/p/myprojectsview?campaign\\_id=71004&project\\_id=MW.WFP.2H.15.204.062](https://my.charitywater.org/p/myprojectsview?campaign_id=71004&project_id=MW.WFP.2H.15.204.062).

## **Why 4-H?**

4-H is a community of seven million young people around the world learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Research has shown that 4-H'ers excel beyond their peers. Some of the statistics founded are outstanding. Two examples are: 4-H'ers are nearly 4 times more likely to make contributions to their communities (Grades 7-12) and 4-H'ers are nearly 2 times more likely to make healthier choices (Grade 7). Youth should join 4-H to help make their futures stronger and achieve success in multiple areas of life. Encourage a friend to join with you today!!!

## **Raise Your Hand Campaign for 4-H Alumni**

Once a 4-H'er, always a 4-H'er. Now, with just a few clicks, you can help empower the next generation of 4-H leaders. Show your 4-H pride by filling out the form at <http://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/>. By doing this, you "raise your hand" as someone who's experienced the benefits of 4-H. The more hands raised, the better the chance Wisconsin 4-H has to win up to \$20,000 for its programs statewide. Pay it forward by sharing your #4HGrown experience and support on social media. Then, tag fellow alums and ask them to raise their hands for our state.

Wisconsin 4-H'ers of today and tomorrow thank you for your help!

There are many benefits to being a 4-H alumni. They include: quarterly alumni newsletter to keep you in the know, local program updates from your current and club states, special alumni and parent content, ways to get involved, networking opportunities, 4-H alumni gear, and national 4-H Conference Center discounts.

### **Resources for College-Bound Students and their Families**

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) released a new video series aimed at helping college-bound students and their families talk about mental health. The videos discuss the ups and downs of starting college, how to take care of mental health, when to seek help, whom to talk to, privacy laws, and how students can keep their families informed. You can find the videos, infographics and a college guide at: <https://www.nami.org/collegeguide>.

### **Consider Applying for the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council**

Are you interested in building leadership in others? Do you enjoy planning and organizing? Do you get excited about working with a team of youth and adults to make a difference?

Have you served on or chaired county committees, been a county Ambassador, youth leader, adult mentor, taught countywide workshops, served as a camp counselor, been on Teen Court, worked with afterschool programs, worked on a team of youth and adults to plan workshops????

If you said YES, then you may want to consider applying to be on the Wisconsin 4-H

Leadership Council. This may be an experience you would enjoy and you could contribute on a statewide level.

The Council is a team of youth and adult leaders focused on:

Advocating for Wisconsin 4-H, Providing input into enhancing the Wisconsin 4-H Program, Modeling youth and adult partnerships, Taking a lead to provide education and leadership opportunities for others.

Together, youth and adults take a lead in Youth Conference, plan and teach at Fall Forum, promote 4-H at the Governor's Blue Ribbon Meat Products Auction, get involved in promoting 4-H at State Fair and more!

Demonstrated Skills and Expectations: Leadership in local and county 4-H programs, Teamwork and cooperation, Verbal and written communication skills, Public relations skills, Positive role model, Positive attitude

Who can apply:

9th- 11th grade youth members in good standing, 4-H enrolled and certified adult volunteers, and See application for details. There are specific requirements for youth and adults on page 2.

Time Commitment:

Council members are expected to attend and participate in the following: Fall Forum (Friday evening - Sunday noon); Winter Retreat (Friday evening - Sunday afternoon); Spring Planning Meeting (Friday evening - Saturday evening); Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference (Saturday - Thursday) not all adults need to participate in Youth Conference; statewide Wislines (4 per year).

Other statewide events that some Council members participate in include: the Governor's Meat Products Auction at the Wisconsin State Fair; promotion activity center at the Youth Building at the Wisconsin State Fair; Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting; Wisconsin 4-H Foundation fundraisers

Cost:

- The majority of the Leadership Council expenses are covered by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development.
- Council members are responsible for registration fees and lodging at Fall Forum; meals at training events as well as other supplies such as t-shirts; transportation to workshops and trainings; and additional t-shirt or apparel costs.
- Support for costs may be available from your county leaders' association or other sources. Cost should not be a barrier for application.

**\*\*\*Turn in Applications no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **Adult Advisors Council**

Adult Advisors Council is looking for adult council members for the following districts:

Bay City      Ellsworth      Elmwood  
Prescott      Spring Valley      River Falls  
If you are interested in serving on the AAC, please call a council member or the UW-Extension Office.

In addition AAC is seeking youth representatives for the coming year.

## **4-H Awards Program**

The 4-H Awards Program has been set for Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Seyforth Building at the Fairgrounds. The following Clubs will be hosting the event: Helpful Workers, Denim and Dust, Fancy Doers and Country Partners.

## **Older Youth**

### **4-H Award Trip Opportunities Await You!**

Now that you have recently completed a 4-H club year, I hope that you are planning to return for an exciting new 4-H year filled with many opportunities, especially for our older 4-H youth!

Each year, the Pierce County 4-H Adult Advisors Council sponsors a variety of award trips available only to our 7<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> graders. These trips are funded 40% by the 4-H Leaders' Council from 4-H Foodstand and Platbook sales revenue. To be considered for any one of the trip and award possibilities, you complete the trip preference form, cover letter, and recommendation form from the Pierce County 4-H Award Trip packet. Packets are available on the website or from your Organizational Leader and are used for those interested in applying for the FIVE, State 4-H & Youth Conference, American Spirit, Western Spirit, Citizenship Washington Focus, National Congress, and nominations for any other national trips. A completed 4-H record book is also required and can be brought along to your trip interview. Applications are accepted at the UW-Extension Office **until November 13**. Interviews for the trip and award selection will be held **November 21<sup>st</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>**. Check with your 4-H Club leader or contact the UW-Extension Office for your very own Award Trip Packet.



## Pierce Co. Older Members

We are in the process of planning a few fun older member events for this fall. Please watch your email for more information! In the past we have done Canoe trips, Screamtown or Valley Scare, trips to MOA...

PLEASE let us know if you have an idea of a fun Older Member outing!

## Display Contest for National 4-H Week

### 2017 4-H Display Contest

National 4-H Week is October 1-7!

We would like to encourage Pierce County 4-H Clubs to put up a window or yard sign display promoting the 4-H spirit during National 4-H Week, October 1st - 7th! The theme will be "4-H Butter than any Udder" OR "4-H Grows Here", so please promote 4-H in whatever display format works best!

Prizes will be 1st - \$50; 2nd - \$45; 3rd - \$40; 4th - \$35; and 5th - \$30. Please notify the office the location of your club's display by September 29 to be judged. All displays must be up by October 2<sup>nd</sup> and must remain up until October 7<sup>th</sup> for judging. If your business allows, keep it up all year.

## Enrollment for 2017-18

### TIME TO RE-ENROLL FOR THE NEW YEAR!

#### RE-ENROLLMENT with "4-H ONLINE"

As you know, the State of WI moved to an on-line enrollment system known as 4-H ON-LINE a few years back. So once again 4-H ONLINE will allow individuals to re-enroll at home using a computer and they can enroll and monitor their own enrollment records beginning on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Lost or forgotten your username or password? Call the UW-Extension Office and we can look up your username (your username is the email you

used to sign up for the account). For forgotten passwords click the - *I forgot my password* link (you will need to have your email in there) and a password will be sent to your email. You will need your username/email you originally used when you first signed up to re-enroll. 4-H Online has a number of helpful features, check them out at this link: <http://4h.uwex.edu/4honline-for-families/>

Questions on enrolling call the UWEX Office 715-273-6781

### Deadline for 4-H Enrollment

The deadline to be enrolled in 4-H for the 2017-18 4-H year is no later than - November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 2017 Herdsmanship Results

All 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters are automatically entered into herdsmanship. Based on the number of animals they sign up in their fair entry forms, clubs and chapters are split into either large or small herds. It is a premium award for the club or chapter to maintain a clean, safe, and creative display of their animals to the public fairgoers. The exhibit is planned and constructed mainly by exhibitors, and it is judged on a variety of topics. Topics include: cleanliness, neatness, and general appearance of exhibits, conduct and appearance of exhibitors present, storage of feed and equipment, originality of decorations, and quality of animals. Species judged in this year's competition included beef, swine, sheep, dairy, rabbit, poultry, goat, and horses. Judges this year were pleased with the creativity of the exhibits!

### Club/Score

#### Rabbit Large Herd

1. River Ramblers 573
2. Big River Defenders 569
3. Martell Rushers 561
4. Town and Country 538

#### Rabbit Small

1. Busy Fingers 556
2. St. Croix Stars 527
3. The Soaring Eagles 509
4. Maiden Rock Rockets 509

#### Sheep Large

1. Country Partners 586
2. Merri-Heirs 582
3. Royal Rushers 543
4. Helpful Workers 539

**Sheep Small**

1. Rock Elm Skyrockets 565
2. Town and Country 539
3. River Ramblers 522
4. Martell Rushers 513

**Dairy Large**

1. Country Partners 578
2. Merri-Heirs 564
3. Helpful Workers 555
4. Town and Country 549
5. Valley Eagles 544

**Dairy Small**

1. Olivet Otters 542
2. Maiden Rock Rockets 535
3. St. Croix Stars 526
4. Busy Fingers 525
5. Spring Valley FFA 511

**Swine Large**

1. Town and Country 581
2. Ellsworth FFA 564
3. Helpful Workers 561
4. Valley Eagles 543

**Swine Small**

1. Elmwood FFA 571
2. Martell Rushers 564
3. Olivet Otters 545
4. River Falls FFA 543

**Beef Large**

1. Elm Valley Patriots 575
2. St. Croix Stars 554
3. Heartland Hustlers 553
4. Town and Country 551
5. Valley Eagles 542

**Beef Small**

1. Spring Valley FFA 569
2. Olivet Otters 557
3. Martell Rushers 545
4. River Ramblers 519
5. Ellsworth FFA 513

**Goats**

1. Martell Rushers 553
2. Country Partners 548
3. Helping Hands 541
4. St. Croix Stars 534

**Poultry Large**

1. Town and Country 553
2. Martell Rushers 552
3. Heartland Hustlers 543
4. Country Partners 540

**Poultry Small**

1. Falcon Falls 553
2. The Soaring Eagles 533
3. St. Croix Stars 521
4. Helping Hands 519

**Animal Scramble 2017**

Animal Scramble is where champion showmen from 11 different species come and compete with the other showmen. There is 11 different stations each one dealing with a different species of animals. Each one is worth 20 points. The concept is to see who has the most well rounded knowledge about different species and how to show them. This year Izzy Hudson from Goats took first place with a 165/220 and Sydney Boyer from dog took second place with a 145/220.

**Food Stand Committee**

The Food Stand Committee will meet Sunday, September 17 at 6:30 PM in the Pierce County Office Building Lower Level. This will be the wrap-up meeting for the year. We will be summarizing this year's fair, and discussing new ideas, also revamping the food stand rental agreement. Please come prepared with your ideas and constructive criticism.

**Fall Cloverbud/Explorer Day Camp**

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND HOW TO SIGN UP FOR UPCOMING  
CLOVERBUD/EXPLORER FUN DAYS!**



## Horse Project

### 4-H Horse Leader Conference Information

4-H Horse project leaders and youth leaders (7<sup>th</sup> grade and up) are invited to attend the annual State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference, November 10-12, 2017. This year it is at UW Oshkosh. Many interesting topics will again be offered. Information, including the registration form will be available at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-leaders-conference/>. This conference alternates between River Falls and Oshkosh every other year. Go to the website to find out more information.

## Discovery Day

### Save the Date - Saturday Oct. 21st

Join us for a day of fun and hands-on project learning. Open to all youth grades K-13. 4-H Members are encouraged to bring a friend to experience what they can do in 4-H. All projects will be taken home. Participants will rotate to different subject/project area stations giving them a chance to explore and learn new projects. We are in the initial steps of planning Discovery Day for this fall so watch for a registration form and more info to be emailed in the coming weeks.

## Livestock

### Kids & Cows Family Day

Kids & Cows Family Day event will be held Saturday, October 14, 2017 at the Barron County Fairgrounds in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Events Schedule:

Registration:	8:00-9:00
Educational Workshops & Speaker	9:15- 12:30
Food Stand & Ag Olympics	12:30-1:30
Showmanship Competition	1:30-3:30
Breed Show & Supreme Champion	3:30

\*Kids are encouraged to bring their own cattle- Kids & adults without will have one provided.  
Sponsored by Wisconsin Beef Producers

([www.wisconsinbeefproducers.com](http://www.wisconsinbeefproducers.com)) or contact Lori Lyons 715-210-0049

### Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Pierce County 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. in the EOC Room of the Courthouse Annex. County Fair review is on the agenda

## Robotics

### FALL 2017 ROBOTIC CLASSES

#### NXT's 101 Introduction to Lego Robotics (Grades 4-12)

LEGO MINDSTORMS NXT is the second generation of robotics products from the LEGO group. These robots will introduce entry-level robotics with state-of-the-art hardware and easy-to-use programming software. This robotics workshop series youth will spend two nights building and programming the LEGO MINDSTORMS Robots. From using light sensors, touch sensors, (new color sensors) ultrasonic sensors to using sound sensors that making robots speak, youth grades 4th through grades 12 will use their critical thinking skills. Two sessions will be offered and youth are welcome to participate in one or both of these nights.

**MUST REGISTER! CLASSES WILL FILL UP!**

Date: Oct. 5th & 12<sup>th</sup> - Time- 6:00-8:00

Cost: Free but MUST register by calling 715-273-6781. Location: Seyforth Building, Fairgrounds.

#### Advanced Robotic Class

The Pierce County 4-H volunteers will be offering a new three class robotics series for youth who have attended one or more robotics workshop series. Youth will have the opportunity to enhance their skill sets in the areas of robot construction, computer programming and evaluation. Using the LEGO MINDSTORMS NXT 2.0 education kits as well as the NXT LEGO expansion kits youth will have the chance to use more functioning parts to enhance functionality of designs and will explore a different side of computer programming. The expansion kits have an additional 900 LEGO parts!!

This is a 3 class series building a dragster bot and racing it, First class we'll experiment with gear trains

and then build our bot. Second class, we will finish building our bot and learn how to use our sensor and data blocks to record light and time readings and reuse them in the program and display our results. Third class each team will modify their bots design to make the fastest running bot. a fourth class is available in case we need an extra day to achieve our goals, it will be determined during the third class if we need it.

#### **MUST REGISTER FOR ROBOTIC CLASSES**

Date: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9th and 28th

Cost: Free but **MUST** register by calling 715-273-6781

Location: Seyforth Building, Fairgrounds

Time: 6:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

These Lego Robotics Programs are available through Pierce County 4-H. These classes above are open to anyone. Join in on the fun!!

Pierce County 4-H offers other Robotic, lego and other stem opportunities.

### **Plat Books**

The 4-H Leaders Council has made an immediate change to the price of the plat book. The Pierce County Plat Book will now be sold for \$35 (was \$30). Any books sales starting Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 will now be \$35. Clubs will continue to receive \$3 for each one sold.

**PLEASE let the businesses that you are selling these books at know that they should raise the price starting TODAY to \$35.00.** If your club purchased them at the lower price previously you will make a few more dollars on these few you have out there for sale. Once you get new books from the Extension Office you will be charged the new price of \$35 (less \$3 so \$32) for the books. Don't delay in letting your businesses know this new price so you don't lose on the books!

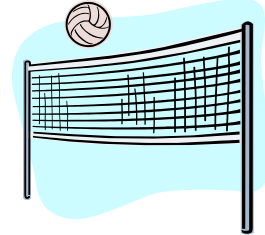
**↑ IMPORTANT CHANGE IN PLAT BOOK PRICE. PLEASE READ!**

### **Volleyball Tournament**

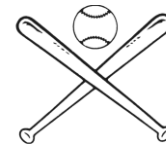
#### **4-H Volleyball Tournament**

Dates to be announced soon!

Watch for information and team registration form to be mailed to leaders.  
Dates could be different this year so watch for info to come out to leaders soon.



**WANTED:** Adult Leader(s) interested in softball that would be willing to volunteer time to help set up a one day fall 4-H Softball Tournament. Call the UWEX Office if interested in helping - 715-273-6781 - Work with our fall 4-H Intern on getting it going.



### **Rabbit/Cavy/Small Animal/Poultry**

**To ALL Rabbit/Cavy/Small Animal/ Poultry members,**

On September 27 we are holding an organizational meeting for the 2017/2018 4-H year at 7:00 pm in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Pierce County Office Building. Any parent or youth that is interested in contributing to these project areas are highly encouraged to attend. The way we make these projects better is from suggestions that the project members and families make. We only meet about 2-3 times a year so you are not committing to many meetings. We are always looking for people to help out in any way possible and new ideas. See you there on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>!



## Leadership Day

**Save the date for Leadership Day, Saturday, December 2, 2017.** This will feature 4-H club officer training, the annual 4-H leader training session, and many other great leadership activities. Plan for a fun morning into early afternoon.

Watch for more detailed information and how to sign up to come out in the coming weeks via email! Plan to send your youth and adult leaders!!



### 2017 Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor Contest

**Here is a fun activity for your September 4-H Club Meeting!** It's not too late! Spend a few minutes at your first meeting of the year to create an entry in the Cedar Crest Ice Cream flavor contest. The entry deadline is October 1. Visit the Cedar Crest website for more information:  
[www.cedarcresticecream.com](http://www.cedarcresticecream.com)

## 4-H Trip Speakers

Great learning activity -

**TALK WITH A 4-H AWARD TRIP**

**WINNER!** We've had numerous excited 4-H travelers representing Pierce County.

"Ask" - Benjamin Anderson, Aaron Daniels, Zach Hines, Grace Larson, Kiley Smith, and Catherine Stewart about Service Learning in Alaska; Lydia Cole, Elijah Klecker, Eryka Knutson, Hope Turvaville, Joseph and Raye Schmalstig and Charlotte Wiltermuth about State 4-H Youth Conference; Tianna Cebulla about CWF; Lauren Brand, Hannah Brubaker, Tyler Hines, and Jed Larson about American Spirit; Claire Anderson, Meggan Daniels, Natalie Mark, Elizabeth Shafer, and Claire Stewart about FIVE; and Alexander Eich, Afton Gale, Noah Hines, Jacob Sammon, Madeleine Tibayan, Owen Wiltermuth about Space Camp!

**Ask one or more of them to come to your club meeting to talk with your group!**







# 4-H GIVES

Relief Support for 4-H Programs  
affected by Hurricane Harvey

#4HSupportsTexas

The gulf coast region of Texas has experienced massive damage and destruction from Hurricane Harvey. In times like these we see the good in countless individuals who wish to lend a hand and help comfort those in need.

In response to the disaster on the coast many local 4-H clubs are hosting supply drives where items can be delivered quickly and efficiently to the storm zone. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation are facilitating a monetary campaign to directly support 4-H club and county programs in the hurricane zone.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

### Give On-Line

1

Go to the Texas 4-H Foundation website at:  
**texas4hfoundation.org**

2

Click on link at the top right:  
**GIVE NOW**

### By US Mail

You can also send a check or money order to:  
**Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation**  
**Attn: 4HSupportsTexas Fund**  
**PO Box 11020**  
**College Station, TX 77842**

Please make checks to "Texas 4-H Foundation" and  
write "4HSupportsTexas" in the memo section of your

