



September 2009

4-H Informant

PIERCE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Dear 4-H families and Friends,

(A farewell note from our past 4-H Summer Agent, Chad Richardson):

Thank you to all of the 4-H Friends and Families I have had the pleasure to work with this summer.

I feel so honored to have had the opportunity to work with such a wide variety of people this summer. Through the Explorer Fun Days I was able to rejuvenate my own thirst for knowledge by seeing the fire of curiosity in the young people I worked with. I was able to gain perspective on my own life experiences by working with youth on the edge of adulthood. I was blown away by the community that formed on a patch of grass on Sunday nights for softball.

You as 4-H community members know me in many different ways. Some know me as the tall skinny kid carrying a cooler, some know me as a coffee fiend, a tall drink of water, and some may only know me as a passing face in the blur of time that is this summer. However our experience is defined, I hope I have served you well. I know that I have grown this summer with your help.

As for me, by the time this Informant reaches you I will be onto my next adventure. I will be serving in a service corps called City Year in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I am so grateful for the time I have spent here in Pierce County. If I can leave a phrase to be remembered by it would be "Where there's a will, there's a way." If you have dreams and aspirations, you can achieve them. It may take hard work and struggle--but, when determination is provided, the human potential is unlimited.

Thank you again for one of the quickest, productive, joyful, and memorable summers of my life.

Sincerely,

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4-H Family Calendar

September

- 4 Registrations due for 4-H OM Renaissance Fest trip
- 8 4-H Horse Committee, CANCELLED
- 9 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee, 7:30 p.m., Seyforth Building-Fairgrounds
- 12 The Wisconsin Make It Wool Contest
- 12 4-H Older Members Renaissance Fest trip
- 13 Farm Technology Days Leadership training and picnic, 4 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 17-20 State 4-H Horse Expo
- 18 **Outstanding Member Award Nominations and Record Books DUE**
- 25 Registration due for Foto Follies
- 27-30 National 4-H Dairy Conference
- 28 ME Workshop, 5:30 p.m., Seyforth Building, Fairgrounds
- 28 4-H Older Members Kickoff, 6 p.m., Seyforth Bldg.
- 30 Farm and Rural Safety Day I

October

- 1 Call in your 4-H Window Display locations by this date
- 1 Farm and Rural Safety Day II
- 1-4 The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Form (NCRVF) in Lincoln, NE
- 4-10 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
- 6 4-H Adult Advisors Council Reorganizational Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Seyforth Bldg.
- 7 4-H National Youth Science Day - "Biofuels Blast"
- 10-11 Foto Follies Statewide 4-H Photo Leader/Judge training, Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
- 13 Horse Committee meeting 7:00 p.m., Bendilly's, (Hwy. 63)
- 15 Dairy Banquet, Elmwood Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Registration due for Fall Youth Leadership Conference
- 23 ME forms due for 2010 4-H Awards Trips

November

- 1 4-H Re-enrollments due
- 3 4-H Awards Committee, 6:30 p.m., Seyforth Building
- 7 4-H Awards Day Celebration, 1 p.m., St. Francis Hall, Ellsworth
- 8 Western District 4-H Horse Gymkhana Committee meeting, 2 p.m., River Falls Family Restaurant
- 15 4-H Awards Committee, 3:30 p.m., PCOB, CWF trip interviews, 4:00 p.m., PCOB
- 21 Fall 4-H Youth Leadership Conference, Wisconsin Dells

4-H Club News

Merri-Heirs: Discussed record books due and Adopt-A-Highway is coming up in October 4th. Community garden harvest will be on Wednesdays. Club donating clothes, school supplies and cleaning supplies.

Olivet Otters: Discussed foodstand shift at the fair, barn set-up, discussed dairy judging and workshop attended. Reminders that record books are due and upcoming carcass contest.

Animal Science

Livestock Committee

The next 4-H/ FFA Livestock Committee Meeting is planned for Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Seyforth Building.

Congratulations to this year's Wisconsin State Fair Exhibitors at the Junior Dairy Show

It was a successful trip to the State Fair! Hayden Hauschildt received Grand Champion Brown Swiss and Reserve Supreme Champion. Willy Coyne was 3rd in 17 year old showmanship and had a 4th blue with his spring yearling. Jane Esch received a red with her fall yearling Holstein. Jens Lantz received a 1st blue with his Guernsey fall calf. Matt Linehan received a 1st

blue with his Jersey dry cow and a red with his Jersey fall calf. Congratulations!!!

Animal Scramble Winners

Congratulations to our 2009 Animals Scramble Showmanship contest winners! We had eleven showmen and women compete in areas that included dairy, beef, horse, swine, sheep, rabbit, cat, poultry, dog, goat, and llama. Judges included Jim Dressen (beef), John and Holly Bazille (sheep), Andrew Kiefer and Ray Timm (swine), Tom Knegendorf (dairy), Bailey Sherwin (llama), Anna Doornink (dog), Susan Geraets (poultry), Sarah Hoffman (cat), Andrea Nthole (rabbit), and Lisa Paquet (horse). The top showperson was Katie Mazac, Mann Valley, and reserve champion went to Jayne Esch from Martell Rushers.

2009 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, the presence of an attendant in charge of animals per club or chapter, storage of feed and equipment, neatness and originality of decorations, and type and quality of animals. Species judged in this year's competition included beef, swine, sheep, dairy, and goat. However, horse and rabbit species do their own herdsmanship competition as well.

Congrats to this year's Herdsmanship winners!

Dairy

Large Herds:

- 1st-Town and Country
- 2nd-Rock Elm Sky Rockets
- 3rd-Valley Eagles
- 4th-Green Clover
- 5th-Hill and Dale

Small Herds:

- 1st-Cloverleaf
- 2nd-Country Partners
- 3rd-River Falls FFA
- 4th-Ellsworth FFA
- 5th-Martell Rushers

Beef

Large Herds:

- 1st-Royal Rushers
- 2nd-Country Partners
- 3rd- Elmwood FFA

Small Herds:

- 1st- Martell Rushers
- 2nd-Falcon Falls
- 3rd-St. Croix Stars
- 4th- Olivet Otters
- 5th- Fancy Doers

Swine

Large Herds:

- 1st-Town and Country
- 2nd- Elmwood FFA
- 3rd- Green Clovers
- 4th-Valley Eagles

Small Herds:

- 1st-Martell Rushers
- 2nd-Fancy Doers
- 3rd- Helpful Workers
- 4th-Royal Rushers

Sheep

Large Flocks:



- 1st- Royal Rushers
- 2nd- Green Clovers
- 3rd- Martell Rushers
- 4th- Spring Valley FFA

Small Flocks:

- 1st- River Ramblers
- 2nd- Valley Eagles
- 3rd- Ellsworth FFA
- 4th- Cloverleaf

Goats

- 1st- River Ramblers
- 2nd- Martell Rushers
- 3rd- Maiden Rock Rockets
- 4th- St. Croix Stars

Rabbit

Large Herds:

- River Ramblers
- Rock Elm Skyrockets
- Town & Country
- Helping Hands

Small Herds:

- Country Partners
- Royal Rushers
- Fancy Doers
- Valley Eagles

Carcass Evaluation Results

Top honors in the 2009 Carcass Evaluation Contest at the Pierce County Fair:

Beef

- Champion-Abe Fick, Fancy Doers
- Reserve-Jordan Brown, Country Partners

Dairy Steers

- Champion-Corey Bates, Elmwood FFA
- Reserve-Ben Bechel, Elmwood FFA

Lamb

- Champion-Tana O'Keefe, Valley Eagles
- Reserve-Ally Klug, Spring Valley FFA

Swine

- Champion-Josh Hines, Green Clovers
- Reserve-Tyler O'Keefe, Valley Eagles

4-H Horse News

Horse Committee

The 4-H Horse Committee Meeting planned for Tuesday, September 8 **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

The next meeting will be **October 13th** at 7:00 p.m. at

Bendilly's located on Highway 63 between Red Wing and Ellsworth. At this meeting we will have elections and project planning for next year. Everyone is welcome to attend, and if you cannot make the meeting, but have ideas or suggestions please contact a current committee member.



Hope you can make it!

4-H Forms on the Web!

Important County 4-H Forms

Did you know that more 4-H forms, such as M.E. forms, Record Book Forms, Club Financial Records, etc., are all available right on your computer? Just follow the link:

<http://pierce.uwex.edu/4h/>
Select the category and print out what you need! These forms are still available from the Extension Office for your convenience.



Meeting Room Note:

Committee members you are responsible for booking your own meeting rooms. Room reservations for all meetings must be phoned in by the various committees to the Pierce

County Switchboard Operator, Cyndi Kern. She schedules all meeting rooms for all county activities. She may be reached at 715-273-3531. Additionally, when you reserve the Seyforth Bldng you must now get an access code from Wanda Kinneman who may be reached at the same phone number. No meeting rooms are available in the PCOB in the evenings (after 4 p.m.) from July 13-November 15 due to heating and air conditioning work. Thank you.

Ambassadors

2009 Parade Schedule:

Prescott September 13th

Spring Valley September 20th

Older Members

Fair Fundraiser - Silent Auction we raised over \$1300!!!!

The Pierce County 4-H Older Members Organization would like to thank the following people for kindly donating items to their Silent Auction:

Alex Pabst

Amy Rinke

Allison Seibel

The Minnesota Twins

The Milwaukee Bucks

The Minnesota Vikings

The Minnesota Wild

The Merri-Heirs 4-H Club

The Helpful Workers 4-H Club

Rock Elm Skyrockets 4-H Club

Country Partners 4-H Club

Rybicki Cheese

Spring Valley Golf Course

Overdale Kennel

Molly's On Main

Flat Pennies Ice Cream
 Pizza Hut
 Bo's and Mine
 Smiling Pelican Bakeshop
 Team Oil Travel Center
 Maple Leaf Orchard
 B & B Supply
 Pizza Man
 Westconsin Credit Union
 Sailer's Meats
 Red Sky
 Plum City Hardware
 Sally's Gas Station
 Beth Ingli
 Tiffani Calmes
 Gordon Halvorson
 Margaret Raleigh
 Fay Westberg
 Frank Ginther
 The Farm Technology Days Committee

2010 4-H Award Trips

Are you interested in going on any of the trips that the Pierce County 4-H program has to offer? This is your chance! ME (Member Evaluation) completers have a chance at trips listed below. 4-H Adult Advisors pay 50% of the cost for trip winners. The ME form will help you to organize your 4-H story and accomplishments and help you learn more about yourself. Get involved in the 4-H Award Trips program! Forms are due October 23rd. ME forms can be picked up at the Extension Office and are also available at our web-site <http://pierce.uwex.edu/4h>. The following trips are available:

Citizenship Washington Focus

Participate in seminars on citizenship, leadership, government, and civic responsibility. Tour historic sites and meet with Senators and Congressmen.

Where: Washington, D.C.

When: June / July

Eligibility: 16 years old as of Jan. 1, 2009 priority given to 4-Hers in the

11th grade. Member must have completed at least four years of 4-H and must currently be enrolled in 4-H.

Quota: Six youth

Delegate

cost: Approximately \$500 for registration and transportation.

State 4-H Conference

4-H members from around the state learn about the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus and take part in seminars to learn more about themselves, future careers, and government.

Where: UW-Madison

When: June

Eligibility: Ages 14-17 as of Jan. 1, 2009

Quota: 14 youth (2 adult chaperons required)

Your cost: About \$100 for registration and transportation

Key Award

This is the highest award for leadership given in 4-H. It is special recognition awarded to 4-Hers who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H program, developed leadership ability and been helpful to members in their club and community.

Eligibility: For 4-H members who have passed their 14th birthday on January 1, 2009 and completed 3 years of 4-H and at least one year of youth leadership.

Quota: Determined by enrollment of 4-Hers who are 14 and older.

Sponsor: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation

4-H Service Learning Trip

This trip will be an experience, with 4-Hers traveling to another state or province and learning about a new culture through travel and service. Members must have completed three years of club work and be at least 14 years of age as of January 1, 2009.

In-State Trip

Planned each year by the trip winners themselves. Past destinations have included the Apostle Islands, Door County, Devils Lake, Wisconsin Dells, Milwaukee and Porcupine Mountains.

Short ME Forms for 7th and 8th grade Award Trips

The short ME is for 7th and 8th grade 4-H members seeking a first time Award Trip experience. The trip will be a 3-4 day WI or regional adventure taken in the summer of 2010 with financial support from the Adult Advisors Council. Get started early on the 4-H Award Trip process and don't miss out on this great 4-H benefit for 7th and 8th graders! Short ME's are due on October 23, 2009. The Awards Committee will announce decisions by December.

5th Annual State-Wide Fall 4-H Youth Leadership Conference

This year's annual conference will be held November 21st, 2009 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Cost is only \$45.00 for a day of great leadership experiences, a t-shirt, fun at the water park, and meals! It's open statewide to 4-Hers in 7th grade and higher! See flyer and registration form at our website <http://pierce.uwex.edu/4h> for more information. Get signed up by October 21st!

2009-2010 ME Workshop

An ME Workshops is planned for this fall to help Older Members, usually 8th grade or above, to qualify for 4-H awards trips and the county Key Award. ME completers have a chance at trips to Madison for State 4-H Conference, the 4-H Exchange Trip, trips to Washington DC to learn about Citizenship, National trips, and regional 4-H outings as well. The Adult Advisors pays 50% of the cost for trip winners. The ME form will help you to organize your 4-H story and

accomplishments and help you learn more about yourself. Get involved in the 4-H Award Trips program and learn to complete an ME on Monday, September 28th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Seyforth Building, right ahead of the Older Members Kickoff.

Older Members (OM) Kickoff Event

The 4-H Older Members Organization is holding it's 2009-2010 4-H Year Kickoff Event at the Seyforth Building, beginning at 6 p.m. Pizza and beverages will be provided by OM. This is a great chance to meet new 4-H friends grade 7th and up and get some leadership experience while having fun! We will be choosing leaders for the group as well as hear about fantastic travel options for the upcoming 4-H year. See you at the Fairgrounds for this free and fun 4-H event.

Clothing

Make It With Wool Contest

The Wisconsin Make It With Wool Contest will be held on Saturday, September 12 as part of the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The contest is open to youth and adults who enjoy sewing, knitting or crocheting, felting or quilting with wool fabric, yarn or fibers. To get the information on the Make It With Wool Contest, visit www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com and click on **Competitions** for all the details. You can also contact MIWW State Director Carol Battenberg for Make It With Wool brochures and entry forms at batten2@tds.net or 920-699-2233.

Wisconsin 4-Hers have been very successful in the Make It With Wool Contests on the state and national levels. Make your plans now to join the fun in September!

Leadership

Adult Advisor's Meeting

The next 4-H Adult Advisors Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Seyforth Building. Replacement members are needed for each of our 5 districts! Please consider serving.

New Representatives Needed

The rotation for 2009-2010 Adult Advisors has the following district reps. completing terms:

Ellsworth - Gale Gaard 273-5311 (Past Pres.)
Gilman- Virginia Geraets 639-5250
River Falls - Tammy Andrlle-Pitzen 425-1748
Maiden Rock - Mary Maier-Abel 647-3119
Prescott -Gail Stewart 262-0115

Replacements for Adult Advisors (two year terms) are needed by September 18th. Please contact the Extension Office or the above Council members if you are willing to serve! WE NEED YOU!!!! The next meeting is Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Seyforth Building.

Science, Engineering and Technology

National Science Experiment 2009

On October 7, 2009, 4-H National Youth Science Day will give young people nationwide the opportunity to join leading scientists in experimenting with biofuels to discover which ones will lead us to a sustainable future. Be part of this opportunity to explore, learn - and have a blast - with the *Biofuel Blast* National Science Experiment. This year's experiment was developed by UW-Madison and UW-Extension! Each experiment kit is \$20 and provides enough material for 5 youth to work independently or for up to 15 youth working in small groups. Order kits at: <https://www.4-h.org/NYSD/>

End of Year Information

County Awards Process "Nomination"

System for County 4-H Awards

4-H club groups will check the books locally for completeness and send in nomination forms for outstanding members in a variety of categories. All nominees will receive county recognition at 4-H Awards Day. (This does not eliminate the Summary Sheets and project pins that have been used in the past. One General Leader per club received a packet with this information in September.)

Step by step for the Nomination County 4-H Awards System

- Establish a local club record book deadline and assemble a local group of parents and volunteers to check member books.
- Use the 4-H Record Book Checking sheet to evaluate each book. You may give them a blue, red, or white sticker based on your local committee's decision.
- Only BLUE books can be considered for nomination. Determine which members are nominees and complete the forms for each.

Categories for nominations are:

Community Service - outstanding club or county level work in this area.

Project Achievement - outstanding 4-H member in overall project work.

Leadership/Officer - great club/county leader or officer (i.e. committees, Ambassador, junior project leader, etc.)

Outstanding Member - outstanding overall 4-H club member.

Members may not be nominated in more than two total categories. Nominations can be made by members, leaders, or parents. All nomination forms must be into the Extension Office by Friday, September 18, 2009.

- Return the checked Record Books to the members at your convenience. However, quotations, or pictures, other materials from nominee's books should be submitted to the Extension Office for use at Award's Day.
- Shortly after the nomination deadline the Extension Office will notify nominees of selection by sending out Awards Day letters.
- Nominees will be recognized with pins at County 4-H Awards Day.

4-H Clubs...A Simple Review

As members review their 4-H year, 4-H clubs are also encouraged to look back and review their 4-H year. Here are some points that clubs can focus on:

1. How many project leaders helped out club members achieve project goals? How many youth leaders did we have? How active were they?
2. How many members took part in recreation at each meeting? Did members have fun at meetings?
3. Which county activities did our club families enjoy?
4. What community service, conservation, health or safety activities helped our community?
5. How well did our club follow its planned program and adapt it throughout the year?
6. What goals are we setting for the next 4-H year?

Written Articles & Pictures

NEEDED FOR 2009 4-H PROJECTOR



Articles and pictures are needed again for our annual Pierce County 4-H Supplement that goes out during National 4-H Week. Please help out if possible by encouraging members or leaders to write about some of their 2008-2009 4-H happenings. This is a fantastic way to get the word out about 4-H to the public.

Let's face it, we have a lot to be proud of in Pierce County 4-H.

Submit articles to the Extension Office by Sept. 18. Tell us and show us your 2008-2009 stories!

Photography

Outstanding Photographers Honored

Congratulations to winners Emily Gregg, Cloverleaf; Kaija Warner, Falcon Falls; and Naddy Boettcher, Country Partners for having their photos selected for the State 4-H Photography Display! Their work will become a permanent part of the educational package used across Wisconsin.

4-H Photo Leader,

Judges Training Scheduled

Pierce County 4-H photography volunteers, as well as aspiring Wisconsin county fair photography judges, are encouraged to sign up for "Foto Follies 2009," statewide training workshop scheduled Oct. 10-11 at Upham Woods Environmental Education Center, Wisconsin Dells.

The conference begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and ends at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$40 per person, which includes four workshop sessions; evening photo activities on Saturday; dorm lodging on Saturday night; lunch and dinner on Saturday; breakfast on Sunday; and all program materials.

For adult and youth 4-H photo volunteers, the conference features ideas and information on how to be an effective leader, including tips, resources and activities to teach photography to young

people. Participants will also be able to practice and improve their own photo-taking skills. All youth leaders must be in high school and accompanied by an adult to attend Foto Follies 2009.

For new and aspiring judges, the conference will cover all the basics of Danish, conference and face-to-face judging of photo exhibitors at Wisconsin county fairs. Participants will be able to practice and polish their judging skills and become registered as Dept. 20 county fair judges.

Additional workshop choices include making images with impact; still life photography; animal and people photography; digital photography; nature, landscape and plant photography; and building and structure photography. There will also be a Q & A discussion addressing county fair photography classes and issues.

Evening photo activities and opportunities include astrophotography, night photography, and personal photo portfolio critiques. There will also be roundtable discussions on a variety of topics, from computer photo editing programs to photo panoramas.

An optional "Pre-Conference" program is available Friday night, Oct. 9, for those who want to travel early and lodge at the camp. This pre-conference begins with registration at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. It costs an additional \$25, which features dorm lodging Friday night, breakfast Saturday morning, and night photography opportunities on Friday.

Conference registration deadline is September 25, 2009. For more information and registration materials, visit Foto Follies

2009 at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/FotoFollies2009.cfm. If you have questions, contact Tom Carpenter at 608-262-1223 or tom.carpenter@ces.uwex.edu.

Window Display Contest for National 4-H Week

2009 4-H Window Display Contest

We would like to encourage Pierce County 4-H Clubs to put up a window display promoting the 4-H spirit during National 4-H Week, October 4th -10th! The theme will be:

*"Pierce County Takes Center Stage, 2009
Pierce County Fair and 2010 Farm Technology
Days - A Powerful Partnership"*

Prizes will be 1st - \$30; 2nd - \$25; 3rd - \$20; 4th - \$15; and 5th - \$10. Please call or e-mail in your club's display location by October 1st if you want it judged. All displays must be up by October 4th and must remain up until October 10th. Get involved in promoting 4-H in your community!



2009 North Central Region Volunteer Forum Update

The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for Oct 1-4, 2009. The forum will be at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Lincoln, NE. The steering committee is hard at work. Details are falling into place and will be shared soon. As you answer questions and promote this to volunteers, I have included some points that might be helpful:

- Theme is "Giving Them Our Best"

- Schedule - Optional tours on Oct 1, Oct 2 workshops, speakers, and evening event, Oct 3 workshops, speakers, banquet, and evening learning activities, Oct 4 grab and go breakfast and on your way home.
- Registration Fee will be \$200 for full forum or \$110 per day
- Late registration will be open until Sept 15 with an additional \$50 fee.
- The workshop schedule is currently available at <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm>
- The overall draft schedule should be available on the website.
- Registration information will be at the same website. Registrations will be submitted online, with checks to be mailed in.
- The Downtown Holiday Inn in Lincoln, NE is the site of the forum. Room prices are \$92 per night for 1-4 people. The hotel registration code will be included in the registration information. The room block will be held until Sept 1.
- The hotel is located in the Historic Haymarket District. There are many restaurants, shops, and galleries to explore, especially Thurs afternoon and evening. The hotel is also located 3 blocks from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln campus.
- Parking for the conference is available in the attached indoor garage. No additional parking fee will be charged.

There will be scholarships available for Wisconsin Delegates.



Softball Scores

Congratulations to the Softball Champions:

Junior Division:

Helpful Workers/Falcon Falls/Valley Eagles

Senior Division: Town and Country

Junior Division Standings: Wins

Country Partners/Martell Rushers/ Olivet Otters	3
Town and Country	1
Royal Rushers	2
Helpful Workers/Falcon Falls/ Valley Eagles	3
Isabelle Creek/Optimistiks	2
All Star Game Red Team	1
All Star Game Black Team	0

Junior Champions:

Helpful Workers/Falcon Falls/Valley Eagles

Senior Division Standings: Wins

Town and Country/River Ramblers	5
Royal Rushers/Country Partners	3
Isabelle Creek/Optimistiks	1
Olivet Otters/Martell Rushers/ Rock Elm Skyrockets	0
Helpful Workers/Falcon Falls/ Valley Eagles	2
All Star Game	Rained - Out

Senior Champions: Town and Country



Fair News

Tid-Bits From the Fair Office



Thank you to
everyone who adopted
a Fair Planter!!

The Fair office owes a huge Thank You to everyone who made the "Adopt A Fair Planter" a success!

To All Superintendents and Helpers at the Pierce County Fair:

A great 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. Thanks for a job well done, 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, Kenny, Ginny, Myanna, and Kenny's Crew

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.

Fair Premium Checks

Fair premium checks will be arriving in October. You will get them from your club leader at your 4-H club meeting. It is very important that you cash your check as soon as possible. State Aid for our fair is lost on all uncashed checks.

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 (even some of them) 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

2010, August 12-15

Club Signs

We had a good number of signs that were put up by clubs advertising the Fair. Thank you to the 12 clubs who helped promote the Pierce County Fair in their areas. Some clubs even did two signs or double sided signs. We hope to increase the number of clubs participating for next year's fair. Over the winter months is a great time to start working on your fair sign for next year.

Busy Fingers	Mann Valley
Cloverleaf	River Ramblers
Country Partners	Rock Elm Skyrockets
Falcon Falls	St. Croix Stars
Helping Hands	Valley Eagles
Maiden Rock Rockets	Veritas Seekers

Rocket Launch Champions

Congratulations to the 2009 Pierce County Fair Rocket Launch Champions:

- Accuracy Launch - Kyle Yeazole, Town & Country
- Parachute Duration Launch - Toby Lillie, Helping Hands



Fair Target Shooting Contests

Congratulations to Allison Seibel, Royal Rushers, Champion air Rifle Target; Peter Curtis, Isabelle Creek, Champion Bare Bow Archery Target; Chris Akey, Town & Country and Alex Gerdes, Isabelle Creek, Muzzleloading Rifle Target; Allison Seibel, Royal Rushers, Champion, .22 Rifle Target; Joshua Lorentz, Veritas Seekers, Champion Freestyle Archery Target Unlimited; and Matt Fesenmaier, Valley Eagles, Champion Freestyle Archery Target Shooting. Overall Archery Champion was Matt Fesenmaier, Valley Eagles. Thanks to our 4-H Shooting Sports Committee members for organizing these great Fair events.

Pierce County Fair

Livestock Auction Results

The average price per pound for beef animals is the only statistic that showed up better than last year as the 2009 Pierce County Fair Meat Animal Auction was held last Friday night at the Arena Barn.

Beef brought \$1.47 a pound in relation to \$1.40 last year and was the second best average in the history of the auction. However, there were four fewer beef sold and the total sale amount was \$50,782.65, down around \$15,000 from last year and \$2,000 below the average for the all auctions.

Fifty-six pigs sold for \$1.53 a pound in relation to 61 pigs last year for \$1.88 a pound. Seven lambs went for \$2.09 a pound in relation to five lambs at \$2.47 last year.

Western Wisconsin Nutrition, Consolidated Energy Coop, and B&B Supply bought the grand champion animals while the reserve grand champions were bought by Sailer's Meat Plant, Countryside Coop, and Repro Quest.

Champions in

Tractor Driving Contest

Congratulations to Bryce Sherwin, Royal Rushers and Max Geraets, Rock Elm Skyrockets, for their excellent finishes in the Tractor Operation Contest.

The following is due October 23, 2009 to be considered for the following trips and/or awards:

1. Completed ME (Member Evaluation form) or Short ME where appropriate (see below)
2. Two letters of recommendation from either your club leader or project leader (**not** a parent or guardian). Short ME submissions require one letter of recommendation.
3. Trip Preference Form

You must turn in ALL of the above to be considered for the following trips/awards this coming year:

Space Camp
7th and 8th grade Adventure Trip
Wisconsin Youth Conference
Out-of-State Exchange Trip
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
In-State Trip
Key Award
National 4-H Congress
National 4-H Conference

A workshop is planned on Monday, September 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the Seyforth Building to help give you some great tips on completing your 2009-2010 Member Evaluation Form.

TRIP PREFERENCE FORM FOR M.E.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

4-H Club _____ Grade _____

Please *rank your preference* for a trip by marking 1 through 5 (1 being your first choice keeping in mind the qualification guidelines.) This is the order of the trips:

_____ **Space Camp** – Must be in 6th through 8th Grade, enrolled in 4-H, have completed at least one year of club work and have submitted an ME form. (6th and 7th graders use a Short ME)

_____ **7th and 8th Grade Adventure Trip** – Use the Short ME form from the web page:
<http://pierce.uwex.edu/4h>

_____ **WI Youth Conference** - Must be currently in eighth grade or above, enrolled in 4-H, have completed at least two years of club work, and submitted an M.E. form.

_____ **Service Learning Trip** – An out of state experience for youth to travel, engage in new cultures and perform community service. Must be currently in ninth grade or above, enrolled in 4-H, have completed at least three years of club work and submitted an M.E. form.

_____ **Citizenship Washington Focus** - Must be currently in tenth grade or above, enrolled in 4-H, have completed at least four years of club work, and submitted an M. E. form.

_____ **In-State Trip** - Must be currently in tenth grade or above, enrolled in 4-H, have completed at least four years of club work, and submitted an M.E. form.

Please *check below* if you want to be considered for the **National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference trip or a Key Award.**

_____ **National 4-H Conference** – Final selection made by State 4-H Office.

_____ **National 4-H Congress** - Must be currently in eleventh grade or above, enrolled in 4-H, have completed at least four years of club work, and submitted an M.E. form.

_____ **Key Award** - Must be currently in ninth grade or above, enrolled in 4-H, have completed at least three years of club work, one year of leadership and submitted an M.E. form. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply. This award is based upon your entire 4-H career.

Return completed form to: UW-Extension Office, P.O. Box 69, Ellsworth, WI 54011-0069

2009-2010 4-H COMMITTEES NEED YOU!

Do you have a concern about how things have been going, do you have a skill or willingness to help - then you're perfect for a committee. With over 875 members to serve - We need volunteers - PARENTS AND YOUTH - we need you to step forward, lend your ideas & help out on a Pierce County 4-H committee.

Committee membership is open to adult and youth volunteers. Committee sign-up should take place on your 2010 4-H enrollment form FOR ADULTS & YOUTH. Please sign-up using an enrollment form for ALL committees you desire to serve on in 2010. Listed below are the committees and their description.

4-H Council	Horse Committee
Ambassador Committee	Livestock Committee
Awards Committee	Llama Committee
Cat Committee	Mechanical Science
Clothing & Clothing Revue Committee	Music Committee
Communication Arts Committee	Photography Committee
Cultural Arts Committee	Plant Science
Dairy Committee	Policy Committee
Dog Committee	Poultry & Small Animal Committee
Expansion and Review Committee	Recreation Committee
Food Stand Committee	Shooting Sports
Foods Committee	Softball Committee
Goat Committee	Younger Member Committee

4-H Council governs the 4-H Adult Advisors, Inc. Makes final decisions on finances and programs. Sets meetings, participates in District Councils.

Ambassador meets 5-6 times a year. Supervise Ambassador activities. Set Ambassador interviews, coordinate parade rides.

Awards meets 3-4 times a year. Discusses awards program. Selects county youth awards, club awards, scholarships and trip winners.

Cat meets 3-4 times per year. Discusses learning events and workshops. Arranges 4-H Cat Show. Discusses Fair classes in appropriate areas.

Clothing meets 2-3 times a year. Discusses learning events. Arranges Clothing Revue. Discusses Fair classes in appropriate area.

Communication Arts meets 2-3 times a year. Discusses communication learning experiences. Plan and organizes Communications and Demonstration portions of Creative Communications Fest.

Cultural Arts meets 3-4 times a year. Discusses learning events. Arranges arts and Drama portions of the Cultural Arts Extravaganza. Reviews appropriate Fair classes.

Dairy meets 3-4 times a year. Discusses project training, Dairy Bowl and dairy judging programs. Reviews rules and classes for Fair in dairy.

Dog meets 3-4 times a year. Oversees the main components of the program - such as leader dog, obedience, and canine management.

Expansion and Review focus's on promotional activities and serves as an advisory group on recruitment and diversity.

Foods Project Committee meets 2-3 times a year. Discusses learning events in foods and nutrition area. Set Foods Revue. Discusses appropriate Fair classes.

Food Stand meets prior to the Fair to discuss running of the Food Stand at the Fair. Supervise the Food Stand during the Fair.

Goat meets 4-5 times a year. Oversees the total goat and caprine projects.

Horse meets 6-8 times a year. Discusses project training. Arranges for activities of horse judging and Horse Bowl, Hippology, Summer Riding Program, and Horse Companionship. Reviews rules and classes for the Fair. Aids at shows during the Fair.

Livestock meets 6-8 times a year. Discusses project training in areas of beef, sheep and swine. Coordinates Meat Animal project which includes Fair Auction and Buyer's Barbecue. Reviews rules and classes in appropriate classes for the Fair.

Llama meets 3-5 times per year. Coordinates all aspects of the Llama project including fiber workshops, showmanship, public relations and halter training.

Mechanical Science meets 2-3 times a year. Discusses learning experiences for all projects in this area, such as Computers, Electricity, Model Rockets, and Robotics. Reviews appropriate Fair classes.

Music meets 3-4 times a year. Discusses learning events. Arranges Music portion of the Creative Communications Fest. Reviews appropriate Fair classes.

Photography meet 2-4 times a year. Reviews rules and classes for Fair and arranges learning experiences for members and leaders.

Plant Science meets 2-3 times a year. Plans project workshops for Flowers, Houseplants, Vegetables, Plant Crafts, Trees, and other plant related areas.

Policy meets as needed. Discusses policies of county organization. Responsible for Handbook.

Poultry and Small Animals meets 3-5 times a year. Discusses and arranges learning events in areas of poultry, rabbits and small animals. Set Fair classes and rules in appropriate areas. Works with exhibits at Fair time.

Recreation meets 2-3 times a year. Discusses and plans the annual Volleyball tournament.

Shooting Sports meets 3-5 times a year. Oversees shooting sports activities which teach youth about safe firearms handling, shooting skills, marksmanship, wildlife and hunting ethics.

Softball meets 2-3 times a year. Discuss softball program. Sets rules, conducts a meeting for coaches. Works with All-Star game.

Younger Member meets 2-3 times a year. Oversees Super Saturday and Cloverbud and Explorer Fun Days.

**Special Holstein Award
Due September 18**

Name of Exhibitor _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Club _____ Name of project animal _____

Birthdate _____ Reg. # _____

Sire _____ Reg. # _____

Dam _____ Reg. # _____

Year Shown _____ Class: _____ Placing: _____

**Due September 18
Mail to: Tony Shafer, W2614 Cty G, Elmwood, WI 54740**



GREAT golf course
plus GREAT people
plus GREAT cause
equals FUN time!

- What:** Pierce County Farm Technology Days Golf Tournament
Where: Clifton Highlands Golf Course, N6890 1230th St, Prescott, Wisconsin
When: Friday, September 18, 2009
11 am lunch and silent auction begins
12:30 pm shotgun start - 4 person scramble format
5 pm hor'dourves and cash bar; silent auction closes; awards presentations
How much: \$70 per person (includes golf, cart, lunch, hor'dourves)
Why: All proceeds will support Pierce County Farm Technology Days

Dear Fellow Community Supporter:

YOU CAN HELP MAKE HISTORY! Farm Technology Days has been held each year in a different county around Wisconsin since 1954. Next year (2010) it will be hosted by Pierce County. Farm Technology Days is a non-profit, educational event that traditionally brings 80,000+ people together in one location over three days. Held at the Roger and Beverly Peterson Farm south of River Falls, nearly 1,500 community volunteers will be working to produce this event.

Farm Technology Days is an outstanding opportunity for the surrounding community to come together and learn not only about agriculture but also horticulture, conservation, energy, environmental issues, youth programs, and many other areas of interest. Farm Technology Days is for everyone!

The golf tournament will be held in Pierce County at the beautiful Clifton Highlands Golf Course. Rated 4.5 stars by *Golf Digest*, it is "one of Wisconsin's best".

Support Levels

\$280 - Team of 4 golfers

\$70 - Individual golfer

\$150 - Hole sponsor

\$50 - Silent auction/prize item sponsor

Sign up now! See other side of this page.



Yes! I want to support our community!



Keep the top half of this document as a reminder of the date and time (listed on other side). Cut along the dotted line below and along with your check, return to:

Dale Gallenberg, CAFES
210 Agriculture Science Hall
University of Wisconsin - River Falls
River Falls, Wisconsin 54022

Contact Dale if you have any questions or need additional forms. Phone: (715) 425-3841 or E-mail: dale.gallenberg@uwrp.edu

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 4, 2009.

Cut along dotted line and send the following portion along with your check to above address. If you have fewer than 4 golfers we will fill out a team for you. If you have more than 4 golfers feel free to sign up them all!

I would like to golf:

Golfer # 1: _____ \$70
Golfer # 2: _____ \$70
Golfer # 3: _____ \$70
Golfer #4: _____ \$70

I would like to sponsor a hole..... \$150

I would like to help sponsor the silent auction or golf prizes..... \$50

I wish to donate a silent auction item: _____

TOTAL

ENCLOSED

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Pierce County Farm Technology Days

Your Contact Information:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone number or e-mail _____





Take the Plunge, Get Hooked on 4-H!

It's only \$45

5th Annual State-Wide Fall 4-H Youth Leadership Conference

This fantastic event is for 4-H Youth in 7th grade and older!

**November 21 2009
Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells**

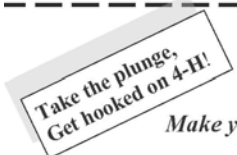
Brought to you by... 4-H Southern District Leadership Team (SDLT)

Join the Fun...Choose From the Many Exciting Breakout Sessions & Enjoy the Water Park After the Conference

Complete session descriptions and conference schedule are listed on the back of the flyer. Select a 1st and 2nd choice class from each of the three Breakout Sessions and list them on the registration form below. Note that some sessions are longer than others and you must attend the entire session.

Breakout Session # 1 Breakout Session # 2 Breakout Session # 3

- Get Hooked on Games for Learning & Fun - Theatre Games - Theatre Games
- Blast Off With 4-H SET - Puzzle A Palooza - Puzzle A Palooza
- Get On Your Feet (Session 1 & 2) - Get on Your Feet (Session 1 & 2) - Juggling 101
- Make a Difference with Operation Military - Make a Difference with Operation Military - Nylon Hose Fun Kids (Sessions 1 & 2)
- Kids (Session 1 & 2) - Get Hooked on Games for Learning & Fun
- Putting Your Best Foot Forward - Putting Your Best Foot Forward - Camp Counselor 101 -Go Global with 4-H - Juggling 101 - Can You Hear Me Now?
- iMove - Can You Hear Me Now? - 4-H Meetings Fun & Productive
- 4-H Meeting Fun & Productive - Blast Off With 4-H SET



5th Annual State-Wide Fall 4-H Youth Leadership Conference

Registration Deadline: October 21

Conference Fee - \$45 *(Fee includes conference participation, lunch, t-shirt and one ticket to the indoor water park)*

Make your check payable to Rock County 4-H and mail it to Columbia County UWEX, 4-H Fall Youth Leadership Conference, 120 W. Conant Street, Box 567, Portage, WI 53901

Name _____ County _____ Phone () _____

Complete Address _____

T-Shirt Size (adult sizes) _____ Email address _____

Breakout Session # 1 - 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Breakout Session # 2 - 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Breakout Session # 3 - 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

***I understand that the youth leadership conference ends at 2:45 p.m. and it is my responsibility to arrange for supervision of my child while he/she is in the water park. Parent/Guardian signature _____**

***If you are an adult and would like to attend the conference, please include a check for \$15 to cover lunch, no water park pass is included.**

_____ **Check this if you are an adult planning to attend.**

***Your whole family can enjoy an overnight experience at Chula Vista: A block of rooms, listed under "Southern District 4-H Program" are available at \$129 (6 people) per night for November 20 or 21. Rooms can be reserved until October 20. Contact Chula Vista for additional information and reservations at 1-800-388-4782.**

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