



Barron County 4-H News & Events August 2015

Congratulations Graduates and Volunteers!

Many 4-H families came together the evening of August 3 to celebrate graduating youth and volunteers who have put in 1, 5, 10, 15, etc. years of service to 4-H. Here are photos of graduates and volunteers in attendance! Thank you to all!



This year's Barron County 4-H graduates attending the picnic. Back Row (l to r): Benjamin Linton, Prairie Hustlers; Jessica Stowe, Peppernettes & Beavers; Hannah Hanson, Country Siders; MaKayla Bartle, Country Siders; Grandon Scheil, Country Siders; David Pintens, Country Siders; Arik Nichols, Sioux Creek Go Getters. Front Row: Mikayla Falstad, Northern Lights; Madeline Kilmer, Friendly Farmers; Rachel Bartsch, Prairie Hustlers.

Standing (l to r): Emily Drafall, Vermillion Cruisers 4-H Club; Melissa Briel, Country Siders; Tammy Kilmer, Friendly Farmers; Tyler Holten, Country Siders; Molly Schaffer, Marquette Pacemakers; Tony Pintens, Country Siders; Kayla Kringle, Marquette Pacemakers; Tom Hellendrung, Prairie Farm Pals; Melanie Donath, Key Club; Gerald Donath, Key Club; Tom Schäffer, Marquette Pacemakers; Isaac Solum, Marquette Pacemakers; Gary Odden, Key Club. Seated: Loretta Chappell-Odden, Key Club; Jacque Schaffer, Marquette Pacemakers; Candy Bandli, Rock Creek; and Janice Solum, Marquette Pacemakers.



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4-H Calendar

August

3	4-H Graduation & Volunteer Recognition Picnic	7 pm	Anderson Park, Barron
6-16	Wisconsin State Fair		West Allis, WI
18	Junior Leaders Meeting	6:30 pm	Govt Center Room 110
18	4-H Council Hears Funding Requests	7 pm	Govt Center East Conference Rm
18	4-H Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Govt Center East Conference Rm
22	Spooner Sheep Day	8:30 am	Spooner Ag Research Station

September

1	4-H Arts Camp Registration Due		
11-13	4-H Foto Follies Workshop		Treehaven, Tomahawk
15	4-H Council Meeting	TBA	Govt Center East Conference Rm
15	Junior Leaders Meeting	6:30 pm	Govt Center Room 111
15	4-H Association Fall Annual Meeting	7:30 pm	Govt Center Room 110
19	Junior Leaders Lock-In		Barron Area Community Center

October

3-4	4-H Arts Camp		Upham Woods, WI Dells
4-10	National 4-H Week (window displays)		
15	4-H Charter Renewals due to UWEX office		
17	4-H Awards Program	12:30 pm	Barron HS Commons
20	Junior Leaders Meeting	6:30 pm	Govt Center Room 110
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Many thanks go out to Tom Schäffer, who recently completed his fourth year of being the 4-H Summer Program Assistant. The UW-Extension staff wishes you the best of luck in your new adventures! We will miss you!!

**THANK YOU,
TOM!!**



Newsletter Items?

If you have anything you want in the newsletter, please send it to lori.baltrusis@ces.uwex.edu.

4-H Member Expense Reimbursement

All 4-H members are eligible to apply for Event Funding reimbursement from the 4-H Association, up to \$200 total for the 4-H year. The reimbursement is to encourage members to take advantage of leadership and project activities and events outside of the county. These eligible events include summer camp, showing at state fair, 4-H conferences or trips, Area Animal Science Days, arts camp, etc. County fair expenses, project expenses and costs to transport your animals to events in the county are examples of events that would NOT be eligible. If you have a question whether something would be eligible for the Event Funding reimbursement, contact your 4-H Council representative.

Receipts are necessary for reimbursement. Acceptable expenses include registration or entry fees, gas cost and hotel if overnight. Food, souvenirs, clothing, etc. are not reimbursable.

In order to request reimbursement, 4-H members must appear at a 4-H Council meeting with the Event Funding Request form and receipts. (4-H members who are away at college may send their request in writing.) All event funding for the 4-H year must be requested at or before the October 4-H Council meeting. See the newsletter calendar for 4-H Council meeting dates.

Adult volunteers who chaperone youth to events are also eligible to request reimbursement up to \$200. Adult requests have a different form than youth requests.

The Event Funding Request forms (youth and adult) can be found at: <http://barron.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/>.

School Promotion

Would you like to help promote 4-H in your school? The UW-Extension office will supply brochures, table displays and other information to help you promote 4-H during school open houses or classroom during the first weeks of school.

Get together with others from your club/area to cover a school and let students know what a great learning experience 4-H can be! Call the UW-Extension office at 537-6250 to arrange for supplies.

UW-Extension Staff Change

Dear 4-H Youth, Volunteers & Families:

As of August 31, I will no longer be a part of Barron County UW-Extension. I will be moving to the Polk County UW-Extension office, where I will be the Community Resource Development Educator. I have enjoyed my time in Barron County 4-H! You have a great program with a lot of opportunities for youth provided by many wonderful, dedicated volunteers.

On a statewide level, UW-Extension is going through some changes. Therefore, it is difficult to know right now how soon a new 4-H Youth Development Educator will be hired for Barron County. In the meantime, Lori Baltrusis will continue to work one to two days per week specifically on 4-H. She will mainly focus on getting 4-H information to families and working with club leaders to ensure they have what they need. You can help the UW-Extension office through this transition by sticking to requested deadlines, asking your club leader or 4-H Council Representative for help when needed, checking the newsletter and website for information, and joining committees or volunteering to help where needed!

Thank you again, Barron County 4-H youth, volunteers, and families, for your enthusiasm and dedication to 4-H!

Sincerely,
Mary Pardee

4-H Arts Camp

The statewide 4-H Arts Camp for youth in grades 6-8 is scheduled for October 3-4, 2015 at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. Youth will get together to explore and participate in the exciting world of the arts: theatre and drama, photography, communication, music, visual art and more!

Camp is \$75.00 for campers (\$55.00 for adult chaperones). The Camper/Adult Chaperone application is now available on the State 4-H website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/arts-camp/>. Please note you must submit the other required forms along with your application. Send Camper/Adult Chaperone applications and the other required forms with payment to Lynn Pfeiffer at the State 4-H office by September 1.

For more information contact Christina Rencontre, 4-H Youth Development Communication Arts Specialist, (608) 262-1536, christina.rencontre@ces.uwex.edu

4-H Year Coming to a Close!

The 2014-2015 4-H Year ends on September 30 and we start all over again on October 1! What all happens this time of year?

RECORD BOOKS

It's time to complete your 4-H Record Book! Record Books are a way to document what you did in 4-H over the year. Your 4-H accomplishments are all in one place when you complete applications for jobs, scholarships, college and other important experiences during your life. All members of the Barron County 4-H program (except Cloverbuds) are required to complete a Record Book to achieve in the current 4-H year (see box for information on 4-H Achievement). In addition, you qualify for several end-of-year awards by completing a Record Book!

With the permission of your general club leader, you may submit your record book forms and support materials in an electronic format. Using the regular Record Book Forms, you could create a method to display your record book in a digital format. You might use .pdf files, PowerPoint, or another creative method. Just be sure that it is a format that others will be able to open easily.

If you took multiple 4-H projects in the year, you may choose to pick your top four projects to highlight in your record book, and still qualify for awards.

Check with your club general leader to find out the due date to turn in your Record Book. Then be on time, as your club leader has to turn in results to the UW-Extension office. All forms, along with a Guide to help you create your book, can be found at <http://barron.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/record-books/>.

Special Project Awards

Special Project Awards are available in the following areas:

- Home Economics (Child Development, Clothing, Quilting, Crocheting, Cake Decorating, Foods & Nutrition, Foods Preservation, Home Environment, or Knitting) – provided by Home & Community Education (HCE) members
- Cat – provided by Jean Blaser
- Foods – Janet Demers Foods Award provided by Julie Nelson
- Livestock (Beef, Sheep or Swine) – provided by the Jr. Livestock Committee

These awards are given based on the record book entries for that project area. If you want your club leader to nominate your record in any of these areas for the award, let the leader know and pay particular attention to doing a great job on that portion of your record book!

CLOVERBUD ACTIVITY BOOK

For all Cloverbuds (4-H members in grades K-2 in the 2014-2015 school year), Cloverbud Activity Books are available through your 4-H club leader, at the UW-Extension Office, or online at <http://barron.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/record-books/>. The Activity Book is a fun way for Cloverbuds to reflect on their experiences this past year in 4-H. Cloverbuds are encouraged to complete a book to earn a 4-H ribbon. Check with your club leader to obtain a book and to find out the due date.

AWARDS PROGRAM

The 4-H Awards Program is scheduled for Saturday, October 17 at the Barron High School. Youth receiving county-level record book and other awards will be recognized. Save the date and watch for more information!

ENROLLMENT

All 4-H youth and adult volunteers must re-enroll in 4-H at the beginning of each 4-H year. Enrollment for the 2015-2016 4-H Year will begin in early to mid-September. Instructions on how to re-enroll in 4HOnline as well as the date that people can start to re-enroll will be in the September newsletter and emailed to all families.

What is 4-H Achievement?

Each 4-H member gains different skills and knowledge from their personal 4-H experiences, and achieve their goals in different ways. The county achievement policy helps youth attain their 4-H goals while setting a minimum standard for active 4-H participation.

In order to achieve in any Barron County 4-H Year, youth members must:

- Do a demonstration speech.
- Exhibit a project item at the county fair or other community event pre-approved by the club leader.
- Submit a Member Yearly Plan and Record (ex. record book or electronic MPE forms).

If a 4-H Member does not achieve, he or she will forfeit the following privileges in the following 4-H year:

- Event funding through the Leaders Association
- Participation in the Livestock Sale
- Eligibility to advance to district, state, or national level project competitions

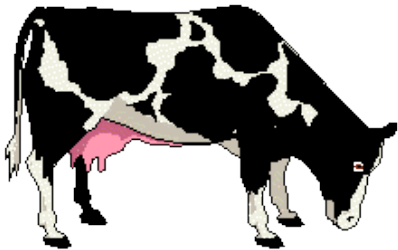
Animal Sciences

Dairy Judging Team moves on to Nationals!

Many 4-H Dairy project members competed in Dairy Judging Teams this summer. Members of the Junior Dairy Judging Teams that competed at the regional level were Henry Huth, Prairie Hustlers 4-H Club; Justyne Frisle, Regina Frisle Zachary Moret, Jasper Amans and Riley Amans, Peppy Pals; Alleah Anderson, Section Ten, Brooke Hammann and Summer Hammann, Poskin Jets; and Isabel Massie, Country Siders.

Members of the Senior Teams that competed at the regional level were Collin Wille, Columbia Livewires; David Pintens, Country Siders; Bryan Knoop, Allissa Frisle and Tyler Crosby, Peppy Pals; Kelli Marschall, Pepperettes & Beavers; McKinley Verhulst, Noah Massie and Tristin Massie, Country Siders.

From individual scores, a Senior Team was formed and moved to state competition. Congratulations to the Barron County 4-H Senior Dairy Judging Team which finished second at state-level competition and will now represent Wisconsin at the All-American Dairy Judging Contest in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on September 14. Team members are: Tyler Crosby, Bryan Knoop, David Pintens, and Collin Wille..



Kids & Cows Family Day

Wisconsin Beef Producers will hold the 10th Annual Kids & Cows Family Day on October 10 at the Barron County Fairgrounds. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The day includes educational workshops, Ag Olympics, a showmanship competition and a breed show. Kids are encouraged to bring their own cattle, but those without will have one provided. For more information, see www.wisconsinbeefproducers.com or contact Lori Lyons at 715-210-0049.

Spooner Sheep Day

The 63rd Annual Spooner Sheep Day will be held at the Spooner Agricultural Research Station on Saturday, August 22, 2015. Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. at the Station Headquarters (W6646 Hwy 70, Spooner, WI 54801). The program will start at 9:15 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. A lamb lunch will be served at noon at a cost of \$8.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children ages 5 to 11, and free for children under 5. Advanced reservations are not required.

Spooner Sheep Day is the longest-running agricultural field day of the many held each year by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. For more information, contact Lorraine Toman at the Spooner Agricultural Research Station (715-635-3735, ltoman@wisc.edu) or Dave Thomas (dlthomas@wisc.edu, 608-263-4306). The complete schedule can be seen at the UW-Madison Sheep and Goat Extension Web Site: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wisheepandgoat/>.

Junior Leaders Happenings

Thank you to all the Junior Leaders who worked in the Junior Leaders Food Stand at the fair! The food stand managers (Dustin Whitcome, Kendall Verhulst, Nicole Stehley, and Melissa Odenbreit as manager-in-training), as well as Melissa Briel, adult advisor, appreciated your hard work. As you learned, the Junior Leaders will be raising funds for a new food stand next year! Please attend Junior Leaders meetings to discuss how the money can be raised.

Junior Leaders are planning a lock-in event for September 19 to kick off the new 4-H year. Save the date and watch for registration information to come in the next newsletter and your family email address.

Next Meeting – All 4-H members in grades 8 and up are invited to the next meeting, August 18, 6:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Government Center.



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