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No Friday Notes next Week, June 30th

I will be attending the 4-H & Youth Conference in Madison next week so there will be no Friday Notes for June 30th.

Thank You for Another Successful Summer Camp!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Summer "Storm" Camp '17 at Camp Bird this past week. While Mother Nature may have "redecorated" while we were there, everyone kept their spirits high and we finished off great! We had 63 campers total.

I would like to send a shout out to the following individuals that made this year's camp especially great:

Paula Huff, UW-Extension Camp Specialist, for all her guidance and advice, before and during camp. (*Thank you for NOT doing nothing.*)

Brandon Dehne, Kristin Lepinski & Laura Huff, Camp Liaisons, for their great job training our Camp Counselors, their talents in creating this year's camp program, their steadfastness in the face of adversity and their absolute dedication to our campers and our program.

Tracie Hischke, Camp Health Director for her warmth, caring and nurturing nature no matter what time of day or night.

Tim Magnin, Oconto County Emergency Management Director, for providing us the most up-to-date storm coverage information day and night.

Kevin Palmer, UW-Extension Manitowoc County Dept. Head, for acting as our archery specialist, (along with Jo Hipke).

Kathy Schenk & Ann Biernasz, Camp Cooks, for all the delicious meals, you prepared with limited electricity.

Alycia Schenk, Danielle Marcusen & Wylie Howie, Camp Lifeguards for keeping waterfront safe and fun.

Cheryl Bougie, Gary Meyer, Jo Hipke, Joan Koehne and Rebecca Kobus, Camp Volunteers, for being everywhere, all the time.

Aaron Shallow, Alex Kamke, Autumn Falk, Caitlyn Krejcarek, Chloe Mongin, Jayden Arndt, Jenna Steeno, Jesse Meyer, Kolin Farrar, Lincoln Kaszynski, Michael Retza, Sierra Seizyk, Ted Augustine, Willow Pecha, Camp Counselors, for their complete dedication to their campers.

Check out Joan Koehn's, Camp Volunteer and "Writer to the Rescue" Superhero, posting about camp: <http://writertotherescue.com/general/4-h-camp/>. Thanks Joan!

And Especially

All the campers!! You guys were awesome!

See you next year

Arvilla Rusnak, Oconto County Program Assistant

Club Articles

Club articles must be submitted by Thursday noon in order to appear in that week's Friday Notes. All articles should be edited for proper grammar and spelling, cover the who, what, where, when, how and why of the event, include the reporter's name and the club involved. If a headshot of the reporter is submitted, that will be placed alongside the article but is not a requirement.

Morgan Badger Members Attend Camp ***Submitted by Amber Seitz, Reporter***



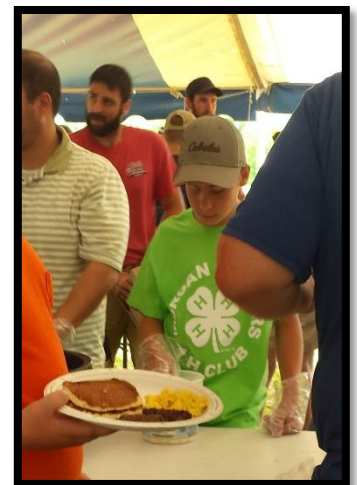
On June 10 -13th, 8 Morgan Badger 4-H members went to Camp Bird. Members camped for 3 nights and 4 days. Camp Bird is located in Crivitz. Members did crafts, nature, swimming, recreation, sang songs, and even had some cabin time. In nature, members made animal tracks out of plaster and learned about different types of frogs. In crafts members made string and puzzle art. In recreation members played games.



Morgan Badger volunteer for Breakfast on the Farm ***Submitted by Amber Seitz, Reporter***

On June 11, Oconto County held there Breakfast on the Farm at Rockledge Farm in Lena. Some of Morgan Badgers 4-H members volunteered their time to help serve food and clean up tables.

It was a beautiful day to spend on the farm.



Morgan Badgers Picnic in the Park ***Submitted by Amber Seitz, Reporter***

On June 4th, Morgan Badgers 4-H Club got together for a picnic and surprise party for one of Morgan Badgers Club members that will be having an upcoming surgery. The picnic was held at Town of Krakow/Angelica Community Park located in Krakow. Members made her a fleece blanket and a rabbit at Build-A-Bear. She was very surprised. Families brought a dish to pass and brats and burgers were grilled. Afterwards members played games like volleyball, kickball and tennis. We wish her a speedy recovery.



Oconto County Events

Food Stand Committee Meeting, June 25th

If you are interested in serving on the Food Stand Committee for this year's fair, a meeting will be held on June 25th, 1:00pm at the Gillett Fairgrounds. Being on this committee counts as your club's extra duty.

Fair Billboard Contest, June 30th

This year's Fair Billboard contest theme is "Fun at the Fair". Application forms must be submitted by June 30th. Contact Nikki Olson: 920-373-3809.

See pages 5-6 for more information and application.

Fair Entry Forms Deadline, June 26th



Fair entry forms have been sent to your club advisors so you will be receiving them soon. Entry forms are required by the Oconto County Fair Board to be completed by any 4-H member interested in exhibiting a project in the fair. Please complete and return them following the instructions provided by June 26th. If you have questions about how to fill out your form, contact Stacie Pienta.

Oconto County Fair Premium Lists are the same as last year. You may find them online at www.ocontocountyfair.org. If you have questions on the entry forms regarding specific projects, contact Ken Harter at 920-846-2046.

Horse Project Important Dates

All events will be held at the Oconto County Fairgrounds
Showmanship and Show Prep Clinics

July 9th clinic with Dawn Brandow (details coming soon)

Practices

June 28th, 6pm - Western focus. We will JUST ride Western at this event. Be saddled up with Western tack and ready to go with your horse at 6pm.

July 17th, 6pm - English focus.

July 24th, 6pm - Western focus.

Again - for ALL events, please RSVP to Danna by the day prior. Bring your original coggins and a copy to leave at every event. Helmets are required while mounted along with appropriate long pants and boots/footwear.
<http://oconto.uwex.edu/files/2017/04/HANDBOOK-2017.pdf>

Youth Needed for Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is in need of one more older youth to serve as a Director. The Board meets eight times a year and is in charge of making decisions that impact the whole Oconto County 4-H program. If you are interested in leadership or governance, this is the place to be. Not to mention, it looks great on college applications. Contact Kim Kamke at kim@frgf.com if you are interested.

Beef Educational Clinic, July 8th

Saturday, **July 8** at 10:00AM

Oconto County Fairgrounds—Gillett
For more information, call Julie Yonker
(920) 373-5668



Swine Showmanship, July 11th

Tuesday, **July 11th**, 7:30pm

Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett

Rabbit Educational Clinic, July 15th

Saturday, July 15th at 4:00pm

Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett
For more information, contact Stacie Pienta,
stacie.pienta@gmail.com.



Poultry Educational Clinic, July 15th

Saturday, July 15th at 5:00pm

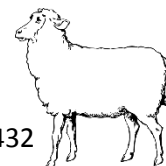
Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett
For more information, contact Keith Schardt,
(920) 590-0397 or keith.schardt@gmail.com.

Sheep Educational Clinic, July 22

Saturday, **July 22nd** at 11:00am

Sweet Grass Farm, 8742 Red Bank Rd
Suring, WI 54174

For more information call (920) 590-0432



State-Wide Events

2017 Youth Tractor and Machinery Safety Training, July 17-26th

Pound Town Hall – Coleman, WI

Mondays & Wednesdays, July 17, 19, 24, and 26, 9:00a.m. to 3:15p.m. each day

Makeup days will be scheduled if needed.

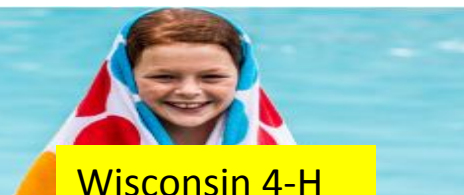
Cost: \$35/person

Who Needs To Attend the Training? Any 12 to 15-year old who may need to drive any type of farm machinery on a public road in Wisconsin. Others are welcome to attend the course, but only those older than 12 will receive certification. Those 16 years old and older without a valid driver's license can also utilize this training to be legal to drive farm machinery on public roads.

See page 7 for more information and registration details.



RAISE YOUR HAND
& PAY IT FORWARD



**Wisconsin 4-H
is in 10th Place!**

Oconto County 4-H Alumni

Raise Your Hand through June 30

Joining is the effort easy:

1. Got to <https://4-h.org/raiseyourhand/> to show your pride as a 4-H alum.
2. Compete for your state – Raising your hand is a vote towards a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.
3. Pay it Forward – Tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experience or support and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state at 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand.

2017 4-H Dairy Promotion Program

Presented by the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board

Each 4-H club in Wisconsin is invited and encouraged to participate in the 2017 Dairy Promotion Program, presented by the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board (WMMB).

Please read the information below very carefully to ensure that you don't miss out on the opportunity to earn free dairy promotion merchandise!



- The 4-H Dairy Promotion Program is open to all Wisconsin 4-H clubs in good standing.
- Any 4-H Club who conducts a local dairy promotion activity or event during June Dairy Month and submits a dairy promotion report to the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board will receive \$50 toward merchandise from the Wisconsin Cheese and Dairy Gear online store: www.CheeseAndDairyGear.com. Gift certificates will be issued beginning July 1, 2017 and will expire June 30, 2018.
- All 4-H clubs will submit their own dairy promotion report form directly to WMMB online.
- See page 8 for more details.

The completed dairy promotion report form must be well-organized with a complete event description. All submissions must include a photograph of your activity or event as back-up for your report. The report form and photo(s) can be entered below **no later than December 1, 2017.**

OCONTO COUNTY YOUTH FAIR - BILLBOARD CONTEST

Purpose: To give youth organizations a chance to advertise for the Oconto County Youth Fair.

Eligible: Any 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or other youth organizations that exhibit at the fair.

Theme: This year the billboard theme is "Fun at the Fair". Get creative and incorporate the theme into your billboard!

Requirements:

- Billboards must be made on a 4'x 8' sheet of plywood. ****The sheet can be cut and reshaped but can NOT exceed the 4'x8' dimensions.****
- Boards must be fastened to steel stakes
- Must be an "all weather" sign
- Billboards must be displayed in a high-traffic area; such as a major highway in the club or organization's "home area"
- **Billboards MUST be put up by July 1st in order to qualify for prize \$.**
- **DO NOT BRING YOUR BILLBOARD TO THE FAIR, instead please submit an 8x10 photo of your billboard to the Fair Office by Thursday August 17th, 2017 at 8:00pm.**
- It is the clubs responsibility to take down the billboard in a timely manner AFTER the fair is over.

Billboards MUST include the following information:

- Oconto County Youth Fair – August 17-20– Gillett, WI
- Horse Show - Aug 12; Dog, Cat and Small Pets Show - Aug 13
- Theme: "Fun at the Fair"
- FREE ADMISSION
- The fair's website: www.ocontocountyfair.org
- ****Your club name MUST be on the billboard (or we don't know who you are!!)****

Judging:*Clubs may enter more than one sign, but only ONE prize will be awarded per club.

- Title & Lettering
 - Must be legible and able to read from a distance
- Message Conveyed
 - All dates and criteria are met; and must be clear and understandable
- Purpose
 - Encourage people to attend the fair
- Creativity
 - Color, design and layout

Prizes: All entries that meet the requirements will receive \$25.00

1st Place-\$300 2nd Place-\$200 3rd Place-\$100 Fairgoer's Favorite-\$100

**The winners will be announced during the Fair.

**Prizes will be awarded after the Fair.

OCONTO COUNTY YOUTH FAIR - BILLBOARD CONTEST

Application Form

This form MUST be turned in by June 30th, 2017 in order to participate

Please mail to: Nikki Olson – 2649 Fisher Lane– Oconto, WI 54153

Or email information to: nichole.olson84@yahoo.com

Feel free to call or email with questions: (920)-373-3809

Club or Organization's Name:

Billboard "Slogan":

Location of Billboard: (please be specific)

Leader/Teacher's contact information:

Name & position:

Phone Number:

Email:

Address:

2017 Youth Tractor and Machinery Safety Training

Pound Town Hall – Coleman, WI

Mondays & Wednesdays, July 17, 19, 24, and 26

Makeup days will be scheduled if needed.

Cost: \$35/person

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*Your county
extension office*

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Legal Review: In Wisconsin, 14 and 15 year-olds who have successfully passed the Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Farm Machinery Course can legally drive farm machinery on public roads for their parents or grandparents' farms AND can work for other farms and do the same. 12 and 13-year olds who have completed the course can legally drive farm machinery on public roads only when working for their parents or grandparents' farms. If you employ persons under 15 years or who do not have a driver's license, it is highly recommended that you have them attend the training, whether they drive on public roads or not, as this is a good all-around safety training (and you should be collecting a copy of their federal permit from them). You may want to talk to your insurance agent to double-check about requirements based on your insurance policy.

Some Logistics:

- State law mandates 24 hours of training for this program. If participants are not going to be able to attend one of the scheduled days, we will figure out an acceptable make-up day that matches our schedule to allow them to complete the course. **Wednesday, July 26 is testing day and all participants MUST be in attendance.**
- Participants need to bring their own lunches, a refrigerator will be available for storage. Families are welcome to provide snacks, Scott will have water and/or lemonade and/or milk available.
- The course will emphasize hands-on and skill-building exercises, including first aid and fire safety from local emergency response personnel. We will be analyzing machinery for safety aspects, conducting on-farm safety assessments, and dozens of other activities, along with videos and course material review.

Call Scott or Gina at the Marinette County UWEX office, at either 715-732-7510 or toll-free 1-877-884-4408 if you have any questions, or you can e-mail to scott.reuss@ces.uwex.edu

Registration Form - Tractor & Machinery Safety Training- please print

Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ Zipcode: _____

Emergency Contact Telephone Number: _____

Please complete this form and mail to the following address by July 13, with a check for \$35 per participant and made payable to UW-Extension. OR contact Scott with the above information by then!

Marinette County UW-Extension
1926 Hall Avenue
Marinette, WI 54143



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- 4.) The dairy promotion report form can be found online at www.wmmb.com/4H. All submissions must include a photograph of your activity or event as back-up for your report. Enter your activity or event no later than December 1, 2017

If you have any questions about the 2017 4-H Dairy Promotion Program, please contact:

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