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Leadership News & Opportunities

Leadership Opportunities, Scholarships, Volunteers Needed, Workshops, & More!

Camp Staff Needed

February 15 application deadline

Just a reminder that it is time to apply for a summer 4-H camp youth staff position. This year Brown County will be camping at Upham Woods, July 29-31. Youth staff applicants will be interviewed on February 28th, and must attend the April, May, and June training workshops and planning meetings. Applications have been emailed to 4-H Club Leaders and are available on the website and at the 4-H Office.

Camp chaperone applications are also due on February 15th.



4-H Scholarship

March 1 application deadline

Graduating 4-H members are eligible and encouraged to apply for the Brown County 4-H Scholarship. Applications must be received by the Extension Office by March 1. Late applications will not be accepted. Guidelines and the application form are available on the 4-H website.

Speak Out for Military Kids (SOMK)

March 30 registration deadline, April 13-15 event

This year SOMK will be held in Green Bay at the Tundra Lodge. This is an annual youth lead program designed to raise awareness of issues facing Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty military families. The free event is open to youth in grades 7-12 and provides youth with an opportunity to:



- Develop military peer friendships with Wisconsin teens
- Build leadership skills
- Explore media and technology
- Have fun at the waterpark
- Share your story
- Practice communication skills
- Add something unique to your college or job resume

Let's make sure that Brown County 4-H is represented at this event!

For more information or to register: www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/omk/purple.cfm

Announcements

Appreciation, Congratulations, Thank You & More!

Congratulations to Sydnie Van Zeeland on being selected as a Space Camp Counselor!

Our **deepest sympathy** to the family of Joseph Wesolowski, Suamico Beavertails 4-H Club member, who died on December 30th at the age of 13. We will miss Joe.

Thank you to Mary Van Dyck, Rockland 4-H Club volunteer and chair of the Brown County 4-H Fundraising Committee, for your leadership in planning and conducting the January 7th Mandatory Meeting for youth that have been selected to participate in a state or national educational trip in 2012. Also, thanks to all the other youth and adults that helped with the meeting!

Thank you to all of the adult and youth volunteers that helped with the *Science Expo* at Shopko Hall on Saturday, January 14th. Youth Volunteers included: Kaylee Coel, Jessie Doyen, Alex Guzman, Bryanna Guzman, Mark Guzman, Emily Kane, Evan Kane, Jess Pomplun, Sam Pomplun, Tyler Pomplun, Becca Rosek, and Jacob Tennie.

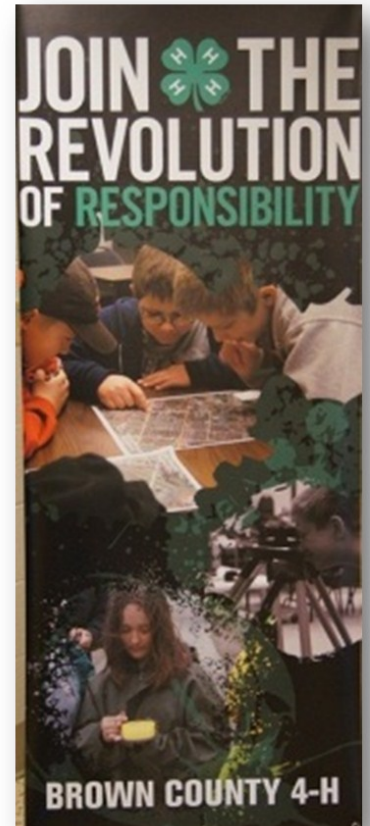


Adult Volunteers included: Mary Ann Beyl, Beth Coel, Lynda Guzman, and Shelley Pomplun. Over 1,000 youth participated in the 4-H Wired for Wind experiment where they learned about different types of wind turbines and compared how many volts were generated from 2 different wind turbines.

The Brown County UW-Extension Office Department Head, Judy Knudsen, has **requested approval** from Brown County to fill the 4-H secretary support staff position which has been vacant since July 1.

Please remember to **pre-register** for educational meetings, events, trainings, workshops, and other activities that request a pre-registration. Recently 60 people attended a 4-H event that only 30 people had registered for. While it's great that so many people participated in this educational opportunity, setting up additional chairs and tables and making additional copies resulted in the meeting starting late. I encourage you to discuss at a club meeting why deadlines and pre-registrations are important and help youth develop valuable life skills.

Thanks to the Brown County 4-H Leaders Association, we have a few new promotional items that can be used at 4-H events, the Brown County Fair, and other community outreach activities. The items include a very lightweight, vinyl, freestanding banner that includes the National 4-H theme "Join the Revolution of Responsibility." Another item is a white table runner with the 4-H Emblem and "Brown County 4-H" in green. This can be used with either the 8-foot or 6-foot black tablecloths purchased to coordinate with the banner. **Special thanks** to Peggy Coffeen who is the Marketing Consultant at Skyline Exhibit Resource and is involved with the Lost Dauphin 4-H Club for insuring the design was fantastic and the cost was within the budget. These items were used for the first time at the Science Expo and made our booth look very professional. If you want to use any of these items, please schedule them with the office at least one week before the event.



On Friday, January 13th, the IRS 990 ePostcards were filed for all Brown County 4-H Clubs and Groups except for:

- 1 club that just received their EIN in November
- 1 club that filed in April
- 1 group that needs to do the IRS 990 EZ and has received an extension from the IRS for filing



Animal Science

Beef, Cat, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Rabbit, Sheep, & Swine

Livestock and Dairy Auction Requirements

If you plan to exhibit dairy or livestock at the *Brown County Fair* AND want to participate in the *Livestock and Dairy Auction*, be sure to read the updated *Livestock and Dairy Auction Guidelines* available on the website at: http://www.co.brown.wi.us/i_brown/d/uw_extension/4-h_auction_guidelines_2012_draft_rev_2.pdf

These requirements provide information specific to each species as well as general requirements for all participants. If you have any questions about the requirements, please contact a Livestock and Dairy Auction Committee member.

Livestock and Dairy Auction Committee

Steve Leiterman President 920-362-8305	Tony Birling Vice-President 920-362-4884
Gary Vande Heiden Treasurer 920-740-1155	Amanda Steinfeldt Secretary 920-676-3634
Dave Kabat Data Entry 920-721-7824	Bryan Van Rossum Member 920-532-4831

Guidelines Meeting Requirement

All youth must attend one of the General Guidelines Meetings if they plan to participate in the Livestock and Dairy Auction at the Brown County Fair. This includes youth in beef, dairy, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine. The remaining General Guideline Meetings for 2012 will be held from 6:30 PM—6:45 PM on February 20th and March 5th.

ON-LINE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MAQA Requirement

Another requirement for youth with meat animals (not dairy) is that they attend an MAQA meeting each year. This year, Brown County is offering one MAQA meeting on March 5. If youth are not able to attend this date, they will need to attend an MAQA meeting in another county. Go to www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/maqameetings.cfm for dates of MAQA meetings in other counties.

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Educational Meeting Requirement

All youth planning to participate in the Livestock and Dairy Auction with a dairy or market animal must also participate in one educational meeting. The February educational meeting will be on sheep selection and will be presented by Dr. Gary Onan. This webinar will be held on Monday, February 20th, at the UW-Extension Office immediately following the Guidelines Meeting which begins promptly at 6:30 PM.

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Other educational meetings are currently being planned for poultry and rabbit and will be announced as soon as the dates and speakers have been confirmed.

Educational Meeting Partial Scholarship

The Livestock and Dairy Auction Committee is again offering the opportunity to receive a scholarship for attending a conference or extended educational program related to dairy or livestock production. To apply you must submit the registration information, fees, lodging expenses, and a statement of what you plan to gain from this educational presentation or workshop. All requests must be submitted to the 4-H Office 30 days prior to the event. The committee will consider partial scholarships for up to three applicants.

Brown County Livestock Weigh-In Dates

The market animal weigh-in dates have been scheduled for 2012 and will be held at the Jason Gilson farm, 6535 Deuster Road, Greenleaf. If you are bringing a market beef, lamb, or hog to the Brown County Fair, you must bring your animal to the weigh-in to determine the initial weight and to tag the animal for identification. Breeding animals do not need to be weighed-in.

For the safety of everyone, it is important that you begin working with your animal(s) prior to the date it(they) are weighed-in. Market beef should be halter broke before the weigh-in and preferably able to be led. Following are the weigh-in dates for 2012:

Beef	March 17	9 AM—11 AM
Sheep	May 5	9 AM—11:30 AM
Swine	May 5	9 AM—11:30 AM

NEW—Online Registration

Please register for all Brown County Livestock and Dairy Programs on the 4-H website at least one week prior to the event. Do not call or email the UW-Extension 4-H Office to register for these events. You can access the online registration form at: http://www.co.brown.wi.us/departments/form_cb4f44f90675/?department=68d3c3d55278&subdepartment=b37dac81c09a

Also, the online form for submitting contact information for potential buyers can be found at: http://www.co.brown.wi.us/departments/form_f3b219feb824/?department=68d3c3d55278&subdepartment=b37dac81c09a

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Horse Opportunities

A Youth Horse Judging Clinic for Youth or Advanced Youth Horse Judges is being offered by the University of WI-River Falls. Dates for Youth are Saturday 3, and Sunday, March 4. The date for Youth/Advanced is Sunday, March 4. For more information, contact Kris Hiney at 715-425-3704 or e-mail doreen.m.cegielski@uwrf.edu. The website is <http://www.uwrf.edu/ANFS/EquineEmphasis.cfm>

Cat Project

Greenleaf 4-H Cat Project leader, Debbie Olsen, has some great project meetings planned for this year including building a scratching post and a presentation by a veterinarian that specializes in cats. Debbie is opening up her project meetings to 4-H members from other clubs. So, if you want to have fun learning about cats, contact Debbie at 864-2925.



Calf Contest

February 6 entry deadline

One fortunate Wisconsin youth will be the recipient of a registered Guernsey calf during the Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders' Association (WGBA) annual convention on March 9-10th in Rothschild, Wisconsin. This calf will be awarded to the youth who writes the best essay on their choice of two topics: (1) "What a Guernsey calf would mean to me" or (2) "The Guernsey cow is important to me because..."



Essays are currently being accepted for this 14th annual contest. Entrants do not need to have a Guernsey background or be from a Guernsey farm. The essay winner will be announced during the youth luncheon at the WGBA state convention on March 10th.

Contest guidelines include:

- Essay should be a minimum of 250 words on the topic of "What a Guernsey calf would mean to me" or the topic "The Guernsey cow is important to me because..."
- Contest is open to Wisconsin youth ages 10-17
- Entrant should include plans for housing, responsibilities, or plans for caring for the calf and show opportunities in the essay
- Winner must agree to exhibit the calf at shows and give a report on the calf at the WGBA annual meeting after winning
- Winner must be willing to join the Wisconsin Junior Guernsey Breeders' Association for a one-time fee of \$15.00.

To enter the contest, interested Wisconsin youth should mail their essay to: Gina Grewe, Essay Committee Chairperson, 952 19th Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829. All entries must be postmarked by **February 6, 2012**. For additional information, applicants can call 608-484-0416 or e-mail wisgba@yahoo.com. The Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders' Association is the largest state Guernsey breed organization and has an 87-year history of activities that promote and improve the Guernsey breed.

Farm Technology Days

July 17-19

This year our neighbor, Outagamie County, is hosting Farm Technology Days on July 17-19 near New London. 4-H youth and adult volunteers are needed to conduct a variety of hands-on activities in the youth tent. If you are interested in volunteering for a 4 1/2-hour shift, 8:00 AM—12:30 PM or 12:30 PM—5:00 PM, please let me know or contact the Outagamie County UW-Extension Office for more information.



State 4-H Meats Judging Contest

February 10 registration, February 18 event

The state 4-H Meats Judging Contest is scheduled for February 18th at the University of Wisconsin—Madison Meat Laboratory. Registration is from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. with the contest starting at 1:00 p.m. The highest scoring senior team will participate in the National 4-H Meat Judging Contest in Manhattan, Kansas. The second place senior team may participate in the National Western 4-H/FFA Meat Judging contest in Fort Collins, Colorado.

All of the information pertaining to this contest is located on the Extension Youth Livestock Website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/>. The deadline for registration is Friday, February 10, 2012. The registration form is on the website.

If you have any questions please contact, Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu or 608-263-4304.

Wisconsin State Fair—Market Animal—NEW

New Market Animal Self Identification Procedures

Just a reminder that if you plan to exhibit a steer at the Wisconsin State Fair in 2012, DNA samples with identification documentation must be returned to Wisconsin State Fair no later than 4:30 pm on February 10th.

- January 1st – January 31st: DNA request forms available at www.wistatefair.com. Wisconsin State Fair will send identification supplies via mail.
- February 1st – February 10th: DNA request forms available on website but identification supplies will only be available by pick up at Wisconsin State Fair.
- February 10th at 4:30 pm: Last day DNA samples may be submitted. Must be postmarked or delivered to Wisconsin State Fair Park no later than 4:30 pm on February 10th.

Wisconsin Southdown Stars Sale & Starter Ewe Program

The WI Southdown Stars Sale and Symposium will be held April 21 at the UW Agriculture Research Center public Events building, Arlington. Details can be found at the Wisconsin Southdown Association's website at www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com



The 2012 Starter Ewe Lambs will be awarded to several Wisconsin youth at the event. Starter Ewe Lamb applications are due March 26th and can be found at the website listed above.

Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest

March 22 postmark

The office recently received the materials for the 82nd Annual Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest. If you would like the opportunity to win a cash prize of \$25 to \$100 for your club and have at least five members that would like to participate, be sure to stop by the office to pick up the classes and forms. All entries must be mailed to Hoard's Dairyman and must be postmarked by March 22nd.

Arts & Communications

Art, Crafts, Drama, Drawing, Music, Photography, & More!

4-H Basketball Tournament

April 21 event, Wrightstown High School

Divisions:

- Junior (Grades 3–5)
- Intermediate (Grades 6–8)
- Senior (Grade 9–Graduation)

Entry forms are due on **Tuesday, March 6**. If you do not have a full team, please send in your entry form with players' names and payment by the entry deadline. Teams will be combined by the basketball coordinators. The entry form and rules can be found on the website at: www.browncountyextension.org

In between dribbling and shooting:

- eat at the **FOODSTAND**
- snack at the **BAKE SALE** (donations appreciated)
- shop at the **SILENT AUCTION** (donations appreciated)

Silent Auction Notes:

Trip Delegates—Please contact Sheila Boden, Silent Auction chairperson, at 339-8782 or rboden@new.rr.com with your business donations as soon as possible to avoid duplications. Clubs—Please consider donating items or a basket to the Silent Auction. Contact family, friends, and businesses to see if they have items to donate. Donations should be delivered to Sheila Boden prior to the tournament.

If you or someone you know would like to help with scorekeeping and/or refereeing, please contact Chris Neumeyer at 920-532-0277 or neubunch@yahoo.com.

Funds raised at the tournament will support Brown County youth headed to U.S. Space Camp, Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference, American Spirit Tour, 4-H National Congress, and Citizenship Washington Focus.

Don't "pass" up the opportunity to join in the fun!

State 4-H Arts & Communication Programs

February 10	4-H ArtBeat! South application deadline
February 24-25	4-H ArtBeat! North, Eau Claire County
March 23-24	4-H ArtBeat! South, Camp Upham Woods
March 30-31	State 4-H Groups training

For more information and application forms, check out 4-H Arts in Wisconsin at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/4hartswisconsin/>

Speaking Fest & Music Fest

Speaking Fest—January 6 registration, January 28 event
Music Fest—February 6 registration, February 25 event

The deadline for Speaking Fest was January 6th. Speaking Fest will be held on January 28th at the Extension Office. Come and show your support!

Additionally the location of Music Fest has been changed to Denmark High School. It will remain on the same date—February 25; however there will be no practice available on the Thursday before. The Committee is working on having some practice time available before the judging begins if needed. The deadline for Music Fest Registration is February 6th. Feel free to contact Abbie Jo Soerens at ajsoerens@live.com with questions.

Family, Home, & Health

Clothing, Crochet, Foods, Health, Knitting, & More!

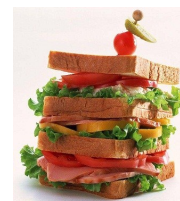
4-H Foods Revue

April 13 registration, May 5 event

The **4-H Foods Revue** will be Saturday, May 5th, at the UW-Extension Office. This event is open to all 4-H members interested in preparing delicious foods. Besides being judged face-to-face and getting involved in educational group activities, members can sample many tasty treats! More information and registration forms will be available online soon. Deadline to enter is Friday, April 13th.

Contact the Foods Revue Committee if you have questions:

Sue Clark denis.clark@sbcglobal.net
Carrie Ostroski
Paula Tauscheck
Diane Timble
Kim VandeHey
Joann VandenAvond
Ray Clark (youth)
Jackie & Kristine VandeHey (youth)



Clothing Project

June 25 event

Face-to-face judging for clothing projects will be held Monday, June 25th, from 3-6 PM at the Extension Office. Judging for the Style Revue will be held at the same time. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! (Cloverbuds, Exploring, and Home Environment members who have sewing projects will have them judged at the Brown County Fair in August.) Members will be able to take their projects home with them after judging but must return their projects on Tuesday of the Fair to receive their ribbons and premiums. If you have questions, call Sue Vanevenhoven (920-532-5550), Sharon Faulds (920-864-7764), or Connie Lenz (920-338-0097).

Natural Resources

Bicycling, Camping, Canoeing, Fishing Shooting Sports, & More!

2012 4-H Shooting Sports

The 2012 shooting season has begun! All shooting sports members please mark the following dates on your calendar.

Saturday February 11: All members – archery

Saturday February 18: All members – air rifle

More practices will be announced later. Practices will be held on these dates at the DePere Sportsmen's Club. For returning members, you should have received an e-mail about the upcoming year. For new members, please send your name and



e-mail address to chettmann@centurytel.net so you can be added to the e-mail list. All communications are done thru e-mail. If you have any questions, please call Christy at 920-864-2915 or Sheila Boden at 920-339-8782.

STEM

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, & More!

Robotics Rally

February 3rd registration, March 3rd event

Do you knit or teach knitting? Would you like to promote science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and career development through knitting? If so, Lori Bakken, UW-Madison Extension Specialist, is interested in forming a "developers and early adopters" group to develop/modify, pilot and evaluate a knitting curriculum to enhance and promote education and career development in STEM. If interested, please contact Lori Bakken, Extension Evaluation Specialist, at lbakken@wisc.edu or Joanna Skluzacek at joanna.skluzacek@ces.uwex.edu for more information.

4-H Club News

Club Announcements, Minutes, & Reports

Suamico Beavertails 4-H Club News

Happy New year everyone! Suamico Beavertails wish you, your clubs, and families a happy and healthy new year. Now down to business, the 4-H basketball tournament will be held on April 21st at Wrightstown High School. Hope to see you all there. This will be my first year doing the tournament but I'm really excited for it. Now I'm a reporter and it's my job to report on the big events that happen in the club, both the good and the bad. I'm sad to say that one of our long-time club members died on the 30th of December, 2011. Joe Wesolowski was a 13 year old eighth grader who will be missed very much. I can't even think of a word big enough to describe the sadness of it all. Joe was a great guy who was a great big brother and loved the outdoors. He was a funny pain in the neck at times, but a truly amazing guy. You never truly know how important someone is to you until they're gone. I guess what I'm trying to say is that you cherish every moment you have with your family and friends, because you never know when something unexpected may happen. We, the Suamico Beavertails, will be planting a tree in memory of Joe because he loved the outdoors so much.

Brown County Fair

Activities, Exhibits, Information & More!

Fairest of the Fair Search

The Brown County Fair is excited to announce the return of a historical tradition: the Fairest of the Fair. The Fairest of the Fair represents the Brown County Fair as media spokesperson and official host of the 2012 Brown County Fair. The Fairest will promote a wide variety of educational, social, and economic opportunities available at the Fair and will work hand-in-hand with the Brown County Fair Board to increase participation and attendance at the 2012 Brown County Fair. The Fairest will serve a one year term and will also compete in the State Fairest of the Fairs competition in January 2013. To apply for the role of Fairest of the Fair, all entrants (male or female) must be at least 18 years old as of January 1, 2012 and must have resided in Brown County for a minimum of three years. Entry deadline is Thursday, March 15, 2012. The Fairest of the Fair competition and gala will take place on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at the Tundra Lodge and Conference Center in Green Bay. The competition will include interviews and the writing of 30 second radio commercials. Entrants will be judged on stage presence, personality, poise, community involvement, knowledge of the Fair, and public speaking. Applications are available at: www.BrownCountyFair.com/fairest.php



2012 Brown County 4-H Calendar



Club, County, State, & National 4-H Events

February			
3	Friday	DEADLINE: 4-H Robotics Rally registration due today!	State
6	Monday	DEADLINE: Brown County 4-H Music Fest registration due today!	County
6	Monday	DEADLINE: Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders' Association essay due today!	State
7	Tuesday	Brown County 4-H History Club	County
7	Tuesday	Brown County 4-H Leaders Executive Board & Leaders Association Meetings	County
10	Friday	DEADLINE: ArtBeat South application due today!	State
10	Friday	DEADLINE: 4-H State Meats Judging Cotnest	State
10	Friday	DEADLINE: Wisconsin State Fair—DNA samples due	State
11	Saturday	Brown County 4-H Shooting Sports—Archery	County
13	Monday	DEADLINE: Brown County Sheep Selection webinar registration due today!	County
15	Wednesday	DEADLINE: Brown County 4-H Camp Youth & Adult Staff applications due today!	County
18	Saturday	Brown County 4-H Shooting Sports—Air Rifle	County
18	Saturday	State 4-H Meats Judging Contest, Madison	State
20	Monday	Brown County Sheep Selection Webinar	County
24-25	Friday-Saturday	4-H ArtBeat North, Eau Claire	State
25	Saturday	Brown County 4-H Music Fest	County
27	Monday	DEADLINE: MAQA registration due today!	County
28	Tuesday	DEADLINE: 4-H Enrollment	County
March			
1	Thursday	DEADLINE: Brown County 4-H Scholarship applications due today!	County
3	Saturday	State Robotics Rally, Green Bay	State
3	Saturday	State Livestock Quiz Bowl	State
3	Saturday	State Quiz and Skillathon Contest	State
5	Monday	Brown County MAQA	County
6	Tuesday	Brown County 4-H History Club	County
6	Tuesday	Brown County 4-H Leaders Executive Board & Leaders Association Meetings	County
10	Saturday	Arlington Sheep Day	State
15	County	DEADLINE: Brown County Fair—Fairest of the Fair applications due today!	County
17	Saturday	Brown County Beef Weigh-In	County
23-24	Friday-Saturday	4-H ArtBeat South, Upham Woods	State
30	Friday	DEADLINE: Speak Out for Military Kids registrations due today!	State
30-31	Friday-Saturday	4-H State Groups Training	State
April			
1		DEADLINE: Brown County Livestock and Dairy Auction potential buyer form due!	County
13	Friday	DEADLINE: Brown County 4-H Foods Revue registrations due today!	County
13-15	Friday-Sunday	Speak Out for Military Kids, Green Bay	State





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Area Ag Events

Call 920-391-4653 for more information on these programs, or visit www.BrownCountyExtension.org and click on the "Agriculture" link.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training
Tuesday, February 7
 Ag & Extension Service Center
 1150 Bellevue St., Green Bay

Northeast Grain Crops Production Clinic
Friday, February 17
 Rock Garden
 1951 Bond St., Green Bay

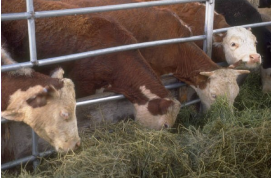
2012 Cattle Feeder Clinic
Wednesday, February 15
 The Meadows
 850 Kepler Dr., Green Bay

Raising Quality Dairy Heifers
Tuesday, February 28
 Liberty Hall
 800 Eisenhower Dr., Kimberly

Midwest Dairy & Beef Husbandry Conf.
Thursday, March 1
 Alliant Energy Center
 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison

2012 Cattle Feeder Clinic
Wednesday, February 15
The Meadows, 850 Kepler Dr., Green Bay
Registration & Meal: 5:30 pm
6:30—9:00 pm

Topics at this year's clinic will address information for finishing both beef and dairy cattle. The speakers include Amy Radunz, UWEX Beef Specialist; Francis Fluharty, The Ohio State University; and Aeric Bjurstrom, Kewaunee County UWEX Agriculture Educator.



- A seminar series for:
- Beef cattle feeders
 - Dairy steer feeders
 - Ag professionals
 - Educators

Registration fee is \$20 per person and includes materials, meal, and speaker fees. Registration deadline is February 10.

For questions, contact Kewaunee County UW-Extension at 920-388-7141. To register, make your check payable to UW-Extension and send to:

Attn: Jan
 Kewaunee County UW-Extension
 810 Lincoln St.
 Kewaunee, WI 54216

Midwest Dairy & Beef Husbandry Conf.
Thursday, March 1
Alliant Energy Center, Madison
8:30 am—3:30 pm

The care and well being of cattle in the state of Wisconsin is important to consumers and farmers alike. This conference will help producers improve the care of their cattle and gain a better understanding on the consumers' perception.



The conference speakers include Dr. Nigel Cook, University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine; Dr. Hans Coetzee, Iowa State University; Ben Bartlett, cattle producer with over 50 years of experience; Maria Bendixen, UW-Extension; Sandy Stuttgen, UW-Extension; Dr. Edie Brandt, de Pere Vet Service; Amy Radunz, UW-Extension Beef Specialist; and Dave Rhoda, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association.

Six veterinary CEU credits will be available for a registration fee of \$75. Cost for the workshop is \$50 per person (\$55 per person after February 20) payable to UW-Extension. Register online at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/animalhusbandryconference/> or mail to:

Outagamie County UW-Extension
 3365 W. Brewster St.
 Appleton, WI 54914

Understanding the Changes in Bulk Tank Somatic Cell Count Monitoring

Pamela Ruegg, DVM, MPVM, UW-Madison

US Milk Quality Regulations

Around the world, somatic cell count (SCC) and standard plate count (SPC) are the two primary indicators that are used to regulate bulk tank milk quality. Standard plate count measures bacterial quality and is influenced by hygiene and milk cooling. Bacterial quality of most US milk is very high. United States regulations for SPC (<100,000 cfu/ml for Grade A dairy farms and <300,000 cfu/ml for Grade B farms) are consistent or exceed standards of comparable countries. Almost all dairy farms easily achieve the US limit for bacterial count. However the US SCC limit is not consistent with other dairy producing countries. For example, the European Union, New Zealand, and Canada all enforce SCC thresholds of <400,000 cells/ml. In contrast, the official US limit for SCC is 750,00 cells/ml.



The US Pasteurized Milk Ordinance mandates that milk samples from all farms are officially tested at least 4 times in each 6-month period. Under the current system, if 2 of 4 monthly tests exceed the 750,000 cells/ml, the producer is notified by the state regulators, and if 3 of 5 tests exceed the limit, then milk permit is revoked. While there have been several initiatives to lower the US SCC limit, it is unlikely that the regulatory threshold will be changed in the next few years. Thus, the official regulatory limit that is enforced by the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection is not changing. However, many processors will begin enforcing a much stricter SCC limit in order to comply with newly-enforced requirements for export of dairy products to the European Union.

Export Requirements for Milk Products

The value of exported dairy products has risen from \$1 billion in 2002 to \$3.4 in 2010. While only about 4% of cheese is exported, more than half of all skim milk powder, dry whey, and lactose are typically sold on export markets. The ability to maintain these important markets is based on complying with important regulations, and harmonization of quality standards has been a contentious issue. After about 2 years of discussion and negotiation, the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service has finalized requirements for processors who export milk to EU countries. The program is called the “European Health Certification Program” and the transition to complying with the program requirements began on January 1, 2012. After March 31, 2012, all shipments of dairy products to the EU must comply with the new rules. Because the export market is

so large, it is likely that most processors will need to comply. So, farmers that supply milk to processors who plan to export to the EU may be affected by these changes.

Rules for Maintaining Compliance with the Export Certification Program

1. The European Union SCC and SPC requirement will apply to each farm that supplies milk that may reach the export market. The milk supplier and dairy processors will be responsible for maintaining records that demonstrate that all exported milk products were produced on farms that meet the EU standards for SCC and SPC.
2. Testing of bulk tank milk will be necessary to document compliance. The milk suppliers are responsible for providing the compliance certificates to processors. To be compliant, the minimum testing for SCC is once per month and minimum testing for SPC is twice monthly.
3. Violation of the 400,000 cell/ml SCC limit is based on calculation of a rolling 3 month average value. If a farm’s rolling 3 month SCC value exceeds the limit, then the AMS dairy program must be notified and measures taken to bring the farm into compliance. However, the farm can continue to ship milk during this period.
4. When a farm’s 3 month rolling SCC exceeds the EU requirement for 3 consecutive months, then the milk supplier has 4 options in dealing with that farm:
 - a. Stop picking milk up from that farm.
 - b. Segregate the products from that farm so that they are not included in any product lots that will be exported to the EU.
 - c. Stop exporting milk to the EU.
 - d. Ask for a deviation under special circumstances. In this instant, the milk supplier will pay a fee to AMS and institute corrective actions on the farm.
5. At the request of a farm, milk suppliers can ask for a “seasonal derogation” (deviation). The rules state that seasonal derogations will be granted to farms that can demonstrate that they are in compliance with the EU requirements for SCC for at least 9 months of the year and SCC violations occur only based on seasonal factors.

For more information about these changes:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRD3636640>

For information about solving milk quality problems:

<http://milkquality.wisc.edu> or www.nmconline.org

To view a webinar on maintaining low bulk tank SCC:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzEIY0r_Zo8



Home & Community Education

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President's Letter

Louise Dahlke

I hope everyone had a great January 2012. Members we have to take a serious look at **GOING GREEN**. Our printing and postage for the beginning of this year is **EXTREMELY HIGH** and we are very close to being over our budget for printing and postage already. I have been asked to have our **members with e-mail addresses to please give that information to Joan** at 391-4610. This will save our BCHCE dollars because we would not have to pay for printing or mailing. For members who do not have e-mail, your Club President will receive the hard copy of your Newsletter and will get the copy to you. Please save our organization some dollars by **GOING GREEN!** If you need copies made for any reason, please consider getting the copies made yourself—this will also save BCHCE the cost of printing. Every time one of our members asks Joan or an Extension Office person to make a copy for BCHCE, we are charged for that copy and paper. With everyone's help, our BCHCE will save on expenses and be able to offer more educational programs without having to consider any possible dues increase. I don't want another increase; however, if these costs keep increasing, we as a group will have to consider how we are going to continue to offer the programs.

There are some great programs planned for 2012. A session was recently scheduled for **February 8th on Ways to Tie Scarves**. This session will be held at Galleria Home Décor at 2200 Dickinson Rd., De Pere, at **1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** If you have your own scarves, please bring them or scarves will be provided. Please contact Joan at the Extension Office 391-4610 to sign up in advance. On February 28th is a Leader Training: Can You Identify That Food, at 1:30 and 7:00, registration for this session is **required before noon on February 27th**. Remember to call Poppy at UWGB 465-2400 for the Italian International Luncheon on February 17th please let her know you are a member of BCHCE and we will be seated in the same area. On March 17th is a P.O.O.L. Session and on **March 27th** is our Spring Association Meeting **with a potluck at 11:30** and meeting at **12:30** the Constitution and Bylaws have been updated and will be voted on at the March Association meeting. April 10th is our Salad Supper; please contact Mary Anne Gussert if you can help with setup or cleanup. Our Spring Banquet will be in May as well as another education program, Estate Planning and Taxes, offered only one time on May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Our Make A Difference month donations for February will go to Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center they are in need of dish soap, sanitary wipes, Zip Lock bags of all sizes, stickers, and glitter glue—please drop off your donations at the Extension Office. If you would like to save Joan some time, count your items first and include a sticky note with the amounts of each item! Remember to fill out the scholarship forms and the BCHCE Member of the Year form and get them to the office by April 1st.

Thank you and have a great February!

Louise

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2012

Su	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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April 2012

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February 8

Special Interest: Wearing Scarves

@ Galleria Home Décor
(location details in newsletter article)
1:30 pm and 6:00 pm

February 14 **Valentine's Day**

February 17

International Luncheon –French

@ UWGB Union-Phoenix Room; 12:00 pm
To order tickets call 465-2400

February 20 **President's Day**

February 28

Leader Training: Can You Identify That Food?

@ BC UW-Extension; 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm
Presented by Judy Knudsen. You must sign-up by noon Feb. 27th; please call Joan at 920-391-4610.



March 13

P.O.O.L. Leader Training: Dealing with Food & Nutrition Myths and Misinformation

@ BC UW-Extension; 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Presented by: Carol Hutjens, Pat Ross, and Judy Knudsen. Sign-up by calling Joan at 920-391-4610

March 27

Spring Association Meeting

@ BC UW-Extension; Potluck at 11:30 am, Meeting to follow. Please bring a dish to pass if attending the potluck.



April 10 **Salad Supper**

@ BC UW-Extension; Supper begins at 5:00 pm ; Member to bring salad serving 10-12 people

April 18

East District HCE Conference—Hosted by Winnebago HCE

@ Winnebago Co UW-Extension
Time TBA

April 26

Special Interest—Cultural Arts: Paper Folding/True Story About Mother Goose @ BC UW-Extension; 2:00 pm

April 26

International Luncheon—Spanish

@ UWGB Union-Phoenix Room; 12 noon
To order tickets call 465-2400

April 27

Cultural Arts Judging

@ BC UW-Extension; 11:00
Please have forms filled out and pieces labeled prior to judging.



Ways to Tie Scarves - Special Interest Tina Fisette

Christie Kaderabek from the Galleria will demonstrate how to twist and tie fashionable scarves on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. There will be two sessions held at the Galleria 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm. The Galleria is located at 2200 Dickinson Rd., De Pere in Olde School Square. Please bring a scarf to the session to practice the tying techniques. There is limited seating, so if you plan to attend, call Joan at 920-391-4610.

Make-A-Difference Month - February Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center

- ◆ Dish soap
- ◆ Sanitizer wipes
- ◆ Zip-Lock bags (all sizes)
- ◆ Stickers
- ◆ Glitter glue



Can You Identify That Food? Leader Training Session

The leader training session, "Can You Identify That Food?" will be offered on Tuesday, February 28th. Due to advances in availability, transportation and processing along with an increasing interest in trying unique foods, a wider array of foods are available to consumers. Learn about some unique foods and enjoy tasting them. Since food needs to be purchased, *members who plan to attend must call Joan at the Brown County UW-Extension (920-391-4610) no later than noon on February 27th. No registrations will be taken after this time and date. There are two sessions 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm.*

East River HCE Club News Marilyn Ourada



At our club meetings four times a year, money is collected for Golden House and a check sent after these meetings.

Dorothy Ulmen made six afghans of various colors and donated them to St. John's Homeless Shelter. Pennies for friendship are collected at each monthly meeting.

International Luncheon Shirley Nooyen



Enjoy a authentic French meal and learn about French culture and Heritage with a special power point presentation by French Professor E. Nicole Meyer. The lunch meal includes the following: soupe a loignon (French onion soup), cog au vin (baked haddock with béarnaise sauce), haricot verts (green beans), petit pain (dinner rolls/butter), mousse au chocolate (dessert), coffee and ice water. Tickets go on sale January 24, 2012 through February 14, 2012 at UWGB. Please call 465-2400 for ordering your ticket or information on the International luncheon. Next cultural cuisine will be in April. Luncheons are held at UWGB Union - Phoenix room.



Thank you Phyllis Heimerl for such a super job you have done as BCHCE International Luncheon Coordinator.

Calling Worldly Travelers U.S. /Foreign Shirley Nooyen



Do you have an interesting travel story you'd like to share with HCE members? How about a site seeing excursion? Historic place? Exotic foods? Please contact Shirley Nooyen at 920-866-2266 with your adventurous tale.

Children's Book Collection Shirley Nooyen



We will be collecting books for children up to age fourteen (14). The books will be delivered to a non-profit organization some time in May, after the Spring Banquet. You may drop off books at the Brown County UW-Extension office or you may bring the books to the Spring Banquet in May.



ASPIRO 2012 Cookies



February - Homesteaders

Please note that this list is also located on page 10 in your 2012 Program Book.

Dealing With Food and Nutrition Myths and Misinformation

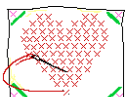
Leader Training Session

There will be a 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm session given at the Brown County UW-Extension office on Tuesday, March 13th. The training will be presented by Carol Hutjens, Pat Ross and Judy Knudsen. Learn how to become better consumers of food and nutrition information and products which abound in the market place.



Spring Association Meeting

The Spring Association Meeting will be held on March 27th at the Brown County UW-Extension Office. The potluck begins at 11:30 am and the meeting will follow. Members attending the potluck are asked to bring a dish to pass. Beverages, plates and utensils will be provided.



Cultural Arts

Ruth Ann Vannieuwenhoven

The cold winter nights are upon us. What is more soothing and calming, but a nice hot cup of cocoa to get your creative, artistic, ideas flowing. Keep your fingers busy and warm with needles, yarn, pencils, paper and paints. The BCHCE Cultural Arts judging will be held on April 27, 2012.

You may go to the WAHCE web site for the guidelines and forms: <http://www.wahceinc.org/forms.html>

The State Convention will be held in Middleton, WI, September 17 - 19. A block of rooms are available. Please contact Ruth Ann.



Salad Supper

Salad Supper will be here before you know it on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. Supper will begin at 5:00 pm. Each member is expected to bring a salad that serves 10-12 people. Please label your bowl, cover, and serving utensil. *Help* is always greatly appreciated in setting-up, help during the event, and clean-up.

East District HCE Conference - Hosted by Winnebago County - UW Extension

Upon calling Winnebago County on the East District HCE Conference, the Winnebago HCE ladies are in the stages of meeting and preparing at this time. The date is set for April 18, 2012, but a time is yet to be determined. The East District HCE Conference will be held at the Winnebago County UW-Extension located on 625 E. County Road Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI. More information will follow as received.

Paper Folding and The Truth About Mother Goose

Ruth Ann Vannieuwenhoven - Cultural Arts



A special interest program is set for Thursday, April 26, beginning at 2:00 pm. Learn different variations of folds using paper to create paper art. And if you'd like to know about Mother Goose, this is something you don't want to miss. Please call Joan at the UW-Extension, 920-391-4610, if you plan to attend.

Check Out Our Blog!

<http://bcuwexhealthyliving.blogspot.com/>

Judy Knudsen, Brown County UW-Extension Family Living Educator, will be regularly updating this online blog featuring recipes, tips, and advice on healthy eating and food safety. Come interact with us... We want to hear your comments and feedback!

2012 Food Preservation Classes/Schedule

June 19 Jams and Jellies-The Basics

June 20 Jams and Jellies-Advance

Right click on link—click open hyperlink)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/16Pd7EUwVJFemY_Cjv04LTmm0Xuwf4wBD7K_Mzvt9vcTg/edit?pli=1#

To register for classes, please contact the UW-Extension Office at 920-391-4610.



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Scholarships

It's that time to start applying for scholarships.

They are:

- ◆ **Jones-Lee Scholarship**
- ◆ **Ardith McDowell International Scholarship**
- ◆ **Memorial Leadership Scholarship**
- ◆ **Ruth Buxton Sayre Scholarship**
- ◆ Schoonover Scholarship
- ◆ BCHCE 4-H International Scholarship
- ◆ BCHCE Scholarship for Continuing Education
- ◆ BCHCE College Days or WAHCE State Convention Scholarship

*For additional information on the above **bolded** scholarships (State HCE Level Scholarships), please contact your club president. Individual members may contact Joan at the Brown County UW-Extension office 920-391-4610.*

BCHCE Continuing Education Scholarship

A scholarship for up to \$300.00 is offered to a Brown County HCE member wishing to continue her education at a college or technical school. Money must be used within the next school year.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone Number _____

List contributions to your HCE club and/or county organization:

List offices you have held including year(s):

Education Plans: What are your continuing education plans? Please attach a separate sheet and limit your response to 100 words or less.

Mail this completed form to:

Brown County UW-Extension
 Attn: Joan Laehn
 1150 Bellevue St.
 Green Bay, WI 54302-2259

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st or must be postmarked by April 1st

Schoonover Scholarship

The Brown County Association for Family and Community Education will award a \$300.00 scholarship to an individual living in Brown County who is majoring in one of the following areas:

- Hotel, Restaurant/Institutional Management (Hospitality)
- Diabetics
- Child Development
- Interior Design
- Fashion Merchandising
- Food Science
- Human Development
- Teaching of Family and Consumer Science
- Family Resource Management

Applicants must be completing their junior year and will be entering their senior year at an accredited Wisconsin University. The student must carry a "B" average in overall course work. Each applicant must submit by April 1 the following items:

- Completed application form.
- Transcript of college grades.
- One letter of recommendation (do not use a relative).
- Any academic awards received.

Completed applications must be sent to:

Brown County UW-Extension
 Attn: Joan Laehn
 1150 Bellevue St.
 Green Bay, WI 54302-2259

The scholarship will be sent to the Registrar of the recipient's school. If the recipient does not enroll in his/her senior year, the money will not be rewarded. Notification of the award will be made in May.

BCHCE 4-H International Scholarship



The Brown County Association for Family and Community Education (BCHCE) will award a \$100.00 Scholarship to a Brown County 4-H member planning to participate in international travel, i.e. IFYE, LABO, People to People Exchange.

Recipients of the scholarship will be asked to give a face-to-face presentation to BCHCE members.

Applications will be accepted through the year with awards made following review of the completed application.

**BROWN COUNTY HOME & COMMUNITY
EDUCATION OUTSTANDING MEMBER
NOMINATION**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Name, address and phone number of person submitting the candidate's name:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Family, Clubs, and Organizations

Number and describe detailed involvement on a separate sheet.

Club _____ Years in Club _____

Offices held:

Involvement in club activities such as special interest program participation and presentation to club, leadership training, program leadership, etc.

County _____ Years in county _____

Offices held:

Participation in county projects such as leadership training or special interest presenter or attendee, Salad Supper volunteer, donator and/or attendee, Bookworms, banquets, etc.

Involvement at District or State level:

List memberships in civic, social and religious organizations. Include offices held and special projects and how candidate offered leadership and volunteer efforts.

Prepare a short statement about candidate and her family. State in 100 words or less why your club considers the candidate a worthy nominee for the Outstanding BCHCE Member Award. (Include data not listed above that supports nomination.)

Please submit a picture of the candidate.

Forms are due by 4:30 pm April 1 or postmarked by April 1 to:

Brown County UW-Extension
Attn: Joan Laehn
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Green Bay, WI 54302-2259

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**BROWN COUNTY HOME & COMMUNITY EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIPS**

State Convention OR College Days
(Circle one) (Need separate form for each)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Club _____

Number of Years in HCE _____

Club President _____

Telephone _____

List offices and program chairmanships held and years held (Use separate sheet if necessary.)

Club _____

Brown County _____

District or State _____

What contributions have you made to your local club? Be specific (Use separate sheet)

What contributions have you made to the BCHCE on a county level? Applicants contribute to the BCHCE with time or talent. (Use separate sheet)

Club _____
County _____
District/State _____

Why do you want to attend this event?

Have you ever received a scholarship for State Convention?
Yes ___ No ___
If yes, when? _____

Have you ever received a scholarship for College Week?
Yes ___ No ___
If yes, when? _____

Applications are due by 4:30 pm April 1 or postmarked by April 1 to:

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