

Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes

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Budget Committee Members Needed, April 17th

Are you an accountant or youth interested in pursuing a financial career? We are looking for interested adults and youth to be on the 4-H Budget Committee. This group will meet once to decide how the money raised at the 4-H fair food stand will be used next year. Contact Arvilla at 920-834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.

Male Chaperone for 4-H & Youth Conference, June 26-29th

We have several 4-H members excited about going to the 4-H and Youth Conference so we are looking for an adult male, 21 or over, to act as chaperone. Conference fees, lodging and meals are covered. Contact Arvilla at 920-834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.



*Fills up Quickly! Many spots
are already taken!*

Summer Camp at Camp Bird, June 10-13

Mark your calendars for this year's summer camp at Camp Bird in Crivitz. Camp is open to 4-H & non-4-H members grades 3-6. Each camper is allowed to request a cabin mate so invite your friends. The cost is \$150 per camper which includes bus transportation. The Leader's Association has agreed to pay \$75 towards all Oconto County 4-H members. We have limited room and spots will be reserved on a first come first served basis. Register online at: [Summer Camp Registration](#). Summer Camp Brochure is located on pages 11 & 12.



4-H & Youth Conference, June 26-29

The Leader's Association has agreed to partially fund up to 10 participants so get your name in early! To sign up contact Arvilla at 920-834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us. For more information visit: [4-H & Youth Conference](#)

You will not want to miss the opportunity to attend this conference.

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.



Lena Rocketeer Named Junior Fairest of the Fair Submitted by Dane Comins, Lena Rocketeers Reporter

In an interview with Grace Seefeldt, Dane Comins asks the following questions of the recent Junior Fairest of the Fair winner:

1) What did you have to do to become junior fairest of the Fair?

I had to submit an application with 4 pictures of myself. Then, I spent a day with 3 judges, and after that, I had to go in front of an audience where I introduced myself, presented a radio spot I wrote, and did an impromptu fair activity announcement.

2) What do you have to do?

Prior to the fair, I will do various parades and activities to promote the fair & agriculture. I will be doing Breakfast on the Farm which will be fun! Lots of parades! At the fair I have to hand out ribbons and announce different fair activities.

3) What are you most excited for?

I am most excited for my first parade – I really like to wear my crown. 😊



Oconto County Events



***Oconto County Fairest of the Fair
Victoria Hull
Northern Riders***

4-H Members Crowned 2017 Fairest & Junior Fairest

On April 2nd the Oconto County Fairest of the Fair committee selected two Oconto County 4-H members as Fairest and Junior Fairest of the Fair. Last year's Fairest Mikaela Reed of Northern Riders will hand over her reign to Victoria Hull also of Northern Riders. 2016 Junior Fairest Kate Pytleski of Willing Workers will be transfer her crown to Grace Seefeldt of Lena Rocketeers. Congratulations ladies!



***Oconto County Junior Fairest of the Fair
Grace Seefeldt
Lena Rocketeers***

Oconto County Events Continued



Beef Weigh-In Survey

The Oconto County Youth Fair is seeking your feedback if you participated in the 2017 Beef Weigh-In on March 16. The information you provide through the completed online survey will help fair leadership schedule future beef weigh-in dates and times. The online survey can be completed by following this link: <https://goo.gl/Kl9hsl>.

Leaders Association Meeting, April 20th

The next Leaders Association meeting will be held on Thursday, **April 20th**, 6:30-8:30pm at the Gillett Community Center (next to the library). We are excited to announce we will be holding a "Real Colors" training by certified Real Colors facilitator, Paula Huff, for all Club Advisors, adult volunteers and youth members (15 & older). Club Advisors, if you won't be attending please send an adult or older youth in your place. We would like to see representation from all 15 of our clubs. Real Colors is an awesome program that teaches participants to see themselves and others around them in terms of personality colors. You will not want to miss this opportunity. We will also discuss food stand shifts and duties. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Please register by April 14th at: **April 20th Real Colors Training** or contact Arvilla at 920-834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.



Real Colors®

Annual Horse Project Meeting - April 23rd

Plan to attend the upcoming Horse Project meeting, 6:00pm at the Oconto Falls Library. We will be handing out the 2017 Horse Project Handbook and all necessary paperwork. Mandatory paperwork must be completed and postmarked by May 1, 2017 (no exceptions). Come to the meeting and get it all taken care of, ask questions, and catch up with old friends.

We will also be awarding prizes for last year's completed credit books. Attend to claim your prize.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Kalies (920) 590-0174 or Danna Magnin (920) 373-7058

Oconto County Fair Animal Weigh-Ins

Sheep/Swine: Saturday, **April 22**, 9:00-10:00am

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

All events will be held at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett.

MAQA Sessions

April 20, Pound Town Hall, Coleman, 7:00-8:30pm

May 6, Gillett Community Center, 200 E. Main St., Gillett, 1:00-2:30pm

Registration is required. See page 8 for more info.

Dairy Showing & Fitting Clinic, June 22

A dairy showing and fitting clinic will be held on Thursday, **June 22** at 5:30pm at the Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett. Contact Erin Buhrandt for more information at ehbuhrandt711@hotmail.com

Spring Fling, May 6th

Spring Fling will be held at Washington Middle School on Saturday, May 6th.

Watch Friday Notes for more information.

Community/School Garden, Oconto Elementary School

The Community/School Garden is looking for individuals or 4-H club(s) that would be interested in participating in the garden at the Elementary School in Oconto. For more information contact John Pinkart at (920) 834-6898 or john.pinkart@co.oconto.wi.us



State Events

Pullorum Testing Certification Seminars

Individuals are allowed to do their own Pullorum testing, but they must be certified as trained testers by DATCP.

There will be only two opportunities for certification this year. See page 7 for more information.

April 26, 6-8pm

Best Western Plover Hotel & Conference Center

5253 Harding Ave., Plover, WI 54467

May 3, 6-8pm



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.



Oconto County 4-H-Join the True Leaders in Service Movement, April 1-29th

Every day 4-H'ers across the nation pledge their hands to larger service. This April, 4-H is launching the True Leaders in Service initiative in honor of National Volunteer Appreciation month. Thousands of 4-H'ers across the nation will venture out into their communities to do what 4-H'ers do best; they will lead in service to others.

To join the event, your club should come up with a community service project, register the event and put your club and Oconto County on the True Leaders virtual map. For more information go to: <http://4-h.org/get-involved/grow-true-leaders/>. LET'S PUT OCONTO COUNTY 4-H ON THE MAP!



I Want To Know! STEM Camp, May 5-6th

Would you like to engage in cool, hands-on scientific experiments? If so, then the IW2K! STEM Camp is for you! The Wisconsin 4-H STEM I Want to Know! Camp will be held this year at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. This overnight camp, open to 6-8th grade 4-H members and non-4-H'ers, will take place on May 5-6. Youth will get the opportunity to learn about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) during hands on sessions.

On Friday campers will participate in teambuilding group activities and a large group session. On Saturday, campers will participate in sessions that include hands on STEM activities taught by UW faculty and volunteers. Previous year sessions included topics such as food science, DNA, electricity, herpetology and robotics! Camp ends at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Registration for this camp is limited and fills up fast, so make sure to register as soon as possible! The **Registration deadline is April 14, 2017**. The cost for the IW2K! Stem Camp is \$70, which includes meals, lodging and a t-shirt. Transportation to and from camp are to be arranged by the youth's family. For more information contact Arvilla at arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us or 920-834-6846. See flyer on page7.

Financial assistance may be available for a limited number of 4-H members through the Oconto County Leaders Association.

State Events

2017 Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarships, April 15

The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation announces that it is awarding \$30,000 in Scholarship Awards. Twenty-six awards will be offered in the form of five \$2000 scholarships, six \$1500 scholarships, seven \$1000 scholarships and eight \$500 scholarships.

The Foundation has awarded the scholarships on an annual basis recognizing the achievements of Wisconsin State Fair Junior Livestock exhibitors and assisting them with their educational expenses. Individuals must be between the ages of 17-19 as of January 1st of the current year in order to be eligible to apply. They must also be a current or past junior livestock exhibitor who has exhibited beef, sheep, and/or swine at the Wisconsin State Fair. Applicants must pursue a post high school education, and be enrolled or planning to enroll in a University, Vocational/Technical School or University short course. Only one scholarship will be awarded per individual and previous winners may not apply. **See the flyer on page 10 for more information.**

Scholarship Applications will be accepted beginning on March 1, 2017 through midnight on April 15, 2017.

State Fair House of Moo offers \$300

We would love to invite your group to join us in volunteering to work in the House of Moo. We are seeking motivated and enthusiastic 4-H Clubs to volunteer a day in the House of Moo at the State Fair. The House of Moo is a hands-on education center located in the dairy barn. It features several interactive stations, requiring volunteers who can answer questions and operate activities.

The House of Moo will be open daily, **August 3 – 13**, from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Not only will this be an exciting educational opportunity for your club, but we have an incentive package to offer which includes:

- ☑ **\$300 stipend, payable to your group**
- ☑ **Wisconsin State Fair admission tickets**
- ☑ **House of Moo t-shirts**
- ☑ **Free Sandwich Coupons for the Real Wisconsin Cheese Grill**
- ☑ **Complimentary water**
- ☑ **Group recognition in the display**

Dates fill on a first come, first serve basis, so don't delay! **See flyer on page 6 for more information.**



2017 State Fair Youth Expo

The Youth Expo programs showcase Wisconsin 4-H and provide valuable learning experiences for youth participants. Youth Expo participants receive statewide recognition of talent while being presented with opportunities to further develop their leadership and communication skills, network with new people, build self-confidence, develop new friendships, and have fun at Wisconsin State Fair.

Click on the link below to find information and registration materials for all of the Youth Expo programs at Wisconsin State Fair. These programs include Project Exhibits, Music & Drama, Mini Performances, Activity Stations, Clothing Revue, and Demonstrations. Note that the first deadline of **May 15** is quickly approaching!

<http://wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-exhibits/>



February 4, 2017

Dear FFA Chapters, 4-H Clubs and Ag Groups,

The 2017 Wisconsin State Fair is just around the corner and we would love to invite your group to join us in volunteering to work in the House of Moo. As one of the House of Moo Supervisors, along with Melissa Ploeckelman, Andrea Brossard and Sarah Adamson, we are seeking motivated and enthusiastic FFA chapters, 4-H Clubs and Ag Groups to volunteer a day in the House of Moo. The House of Moo is a hands-on education center located in the dairy barn. It features several interactive stations, requiring volunteers who can answer questions and operate activities.

Sponsored by the Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board, the House of Moo will be open daily throughout the entire fair, August 3 – 13, from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Volunteer groups are asked to arrive by 7:30 a.m. for training and set-up and can leave around 8 p.m., when the House of Moo closes. Groups will be expected to provide a minimum of 10 student/adult volunteers. If you have more volunteers it allows you to spend some of the day enjoying the fair.

Not only will this be an exciting educational opportunity for your chapter or club, but we have an incentive package to offer, which might make this opportunity even more appealing. It includes:

- \$300 stipend, payable to your group – **NEW** this year, groups that commit by April 1st will receive a \$50 bonus!
- Wisconsin State Fair admission tickets for volunteers
- House of Moo t-shirts for all volunteers (new color this year!)
- Free Sandwich Coupons for the Real Wisconsin Cheese Grill
- Complimentary water provided for volunteers
- Group recognition in the display

If your group is interested or if you have questions, contact me at 920-980-3141 or nicole.barlass@gmail.com. Dates fill on a first come, first serve basis, so don't delay! We sincerely hope you consider participating in this wonderful part of the Wisconsin State Fair!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Barlass".

Nicole Barlass
House of Moo Supervisor
Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board



Do you like science, technology or engineering? Have you always wanted to know what makes things work? Do you like to do cool, hands-on experiments? If so, then I Want To Know! STEM Camp is for you!

MAY 5-6, 2017

Check-in begins at 5:30 pm on May 5.

Camp ends on May 6 at 4:00 pm.

**Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center —
Wisconsin Dells, WI**

Grades 6-8 | \$70 — Includes all meals, lodging & t-shirt

REGISTRATION DUE APRIL 14

Space is LIMITED! Sign up TODAY!

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hstem/events/i-want-to-know-stem-camp-2017/>

Special financial circumstances will be handled on an individual basis. Contact Joanna Skluzacek at 608-265-2949 or Joanna.skluzacek@ces.uwex.edu for more details.



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January 17, 2017

Livestock Animal Exhibitors,

In order to align with the state standards, the Oconto County Fair Board has decided the following species exhibitors must attend Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) training **dairy, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry** in addition to **beef, sheep, swine and meat goats** in order to be eligible to sell in the 2017 Sale of Champions.

The MAQA curriculum is set by the state and focuses on safe food production, proper animal care, and ideal management practices. The livestock raised by youth exhibitors are an important part of our agriculture industry, and we want to strive for high quality food production. Many counties in Wisconsin have adopted the Meat Animal Quality Assurance trainings as part of their fair requirements. The Oconto County Youth Livestock Committee recognize the importance of this training, and it is a requirement for livestock youth to be eligible to sell their animals in the Sale of Champions. The training focuses on different topics each year, and it counts as one of your educational points for County Fair.

The MAQA trainings scheduled for this year:

Thursday, April 20—Pound Town Hall, Coleman 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, May 6—Gillett Community Center, 200 E Main Street, Gillett 1:00- 2:30 pm

Registration for these trainings is required. You can register by calling the Oconto County UW-Extension Office (920) 834-6845.

If you are not MAQA certified, you will not be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions at the 2017 Oconto County Fair. MAQA training must be renewed every year. Exhibitors must attend the entire training to be certified. Please choose the date and location that works best for you!

If you are unable to make any of these dates, you are allowed to attend MAQA in another county. Please visit the UW-Extension MAQA website <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/maqa-meetings/> for training in other counties, or contact the Oconto County UW-Extension office. Most counties will be holding their trainings in spring and early summer, so please do not wait until the last minute!

If you have any questions about MAQA, please contact Sarah at (920) 834-6845. If you know of any new 4-H, FFA, or Scouts members which might be showing livestock this year, please pass this information along to them.

Thank you,



Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM
Agriculture Agent
Oconto County UW-Extension



State of Wisconsin
Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Ben Brancel, Secretary

February 27, 2017

2017 Wisconsin Certified Pullorum Tester Training Seminars for Poultry

A pullorum tester training seminar will be conducted at the following locations:

- **April 26, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
Best Western Plover Hotel & Conference Center (Conference room)
5253 Harding Ave., Plover, WI 54467
- **May 3, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (Theater)
29270 County Highway G, Ashland, WI 54806

The seminar is for people who would like to become a certified pullorum tester for poultry in Wisconsin. Certified testers can test their own or others' poultry so that flocks can qualify for the National Poultry Improvement Program, Wisconsin Tested Flock Program, or individual testing requirements. These testing programs allow owners to move birds for fairs, exhibits, and sales. Certified testers must be at least 18 years old, and adhere to NPIP and Wisconsin Tested Flock program standards. They do not need to be veterinarians or veterinary technicians.

The seminar will explain the requirements for the poultry testing programs, and demonstrate how to test for poultry diseases – salmonella pullorum and mycoplasma gallisepticum.

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited to the first 80 people that register. Please contact Margie Proost by **April 17, 2017** to register at 608-224-4877 or by email at margaret.proost@wisconsin.gov.

The fee to become a certified pullorum tester is \$25. A form will be supplied at the seminar that must be mailed with your payment within two weeks after attending the seminar.

2017 Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarship Awards

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Leah Mindemann
leah.mindemann@bock-assoc.com or
(952) 270-8778.

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All applicants are required to fill out and return a Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarship Application, no later than midnight April 15, 2017. All scholarship winners will be recognized at the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction on Wednesday, August 9, 2017.

The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation has posted the on-line application and that is the preferred method to apply. The scholarship application should be completed on-line and is also available for download by accessing the website, www.gbrla.com, clicking on the 2017 Scholarship Tab and registering as instructed. Applicants can also access the 2017 Scholarship application through the Wisconsin State Fair website, <http://www.wistatefair.com> by clicking on Wisconsin State Fair, Contests/Competitive Exhibits, Jr. Livestock Entry Information and scrolling down to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction Scholarship. There will also be a link through local extension offices on the Wisconsin Extension website.

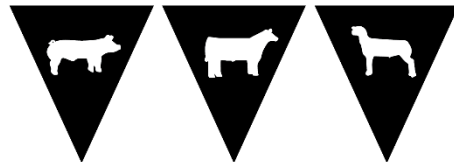
For more information, contact Leah Mindemann, Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarship Chair, via email at leah.mindemann@bock-assoc.com or (952) 270-8778.

Please continue to visit our website, www.gbrla.com, for updated 2017 Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction information and stay connected to us on Facebook.

The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation manages the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction to provide a platform for enhancing and strengthening the agriculture community of Wisconsin, and to

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Governor's Livestock Auction



Celebrating Wisconsin Youth

How to Register

Mail registration form (see insert) along with the full camp fee to:

Camp Registration
UW-Extension Office
301 Washington St
Oconto WI 54153

Deadline: May 12, 2017

Or register online

<http://tinyurl.com/m5fjsf7>

NOTE: No registrations will be allowed at camp. A health form and final instructions will be sent approximately one month before camp. Also, friends of campers are not permitted to visit at camp.

Contact the UW-Extension Office at 920-834-6846 for more information.

Summer Camp Fee

\$ 75.00*	Oconto County 4-H Member
\$ 150.00	Non-4-H Member

*The Oconto County 4-H Leaders Association pays \$75 towards camp fees for 4-H members. **NOTE:** Spaces are limited.

Camp fees cover lodging, t-shirt, meals, snacks, crafts, transportation, and insurance.

Bus Transportation: Bus transportation is provided to and from camp is provided for Oconto County residents campers. Pickup locations and times will be provided at a later date.

Refund Policy: If there is a cancellation for any reason 30 days or more before camp starts, half of the camp registration fee will be refunded. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR CANCELLATIONS MADE BETWEEN 30 DAYS AND CAMP START DATE.** Emergency situations will be reviewed by the camp committee.

Cabin Mate: Each camper may ask to have **ONE** other camper of approximately the same age as a cabin mate. **All efforts will be made to honor your request, but the match cannot be guaranteed.** The requests must be mutually agreed upon between the two campers. The best part of camp is meeting new friends!

Summer Camp Session

Saturday, June 10—Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Camp Bird

N8395 Caldron Falls Rd, Crivitz WI 54114

Oconto County UW-Extension

301 Washington St
Oconto WI 54153
Phone: 920-834-6846
Fax: 920-834-6853
4H@co.oconto.wi.us



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*Camp is open to
4-H and non-4-H youth
grades 3rd-6th*

Summer Camp 2017

*Come join us for fun and
adventure while celebrating
the summer of 2017!*



*Saturday, June 10—
Tuesday, June 13
Grades 3rd through 6th*

Come and Enjoy many Camp activities at 4-H Camp. . . .

4-H Camp is for any youth in grades 3-6, as of the 2016-17 school year. Youth do not need to be a 4-H member to participate.

At Summer Camp, you will enjoy a variety of activities from swimming to arts and crafts to recreation. Nature and the campfire are always popular too! We have some new and exciting things planned for this year.



Camp Activities

Arts and Crafts:

As a camper you will explore your creative abilities to make things and express yourself.

Recreation:

You will have opportunities to get involved with other campers in large group games and sports.

Waterfront:

You will be able to refresh yourself by swimming, boating, and canoeing in lovely Sand Lake.

Nature:

You will have opportunities to explore the many natural wonders in and around camp such as the lake, nature trails, streams, animal tracks, birds, and trees.

Campfires:

As a camper, you will be able to celebrate with music, skits, storytelling, and entertainment.



All-Camp Activities:

Camp will offer a variety of activities including skits, group dancing, scavenger hunts, eco-exploring, and possibly archery.

See insert for more information on these activities.

At Camp Bird. . . .

Camp Bird

consists of five cabins in each of its four units.

There are beds for up to 6-7 campers and 1-2 youth staff to stay in each cabin.

Certified 4-H adult volunteers stay in a separate cabin nearby. A bath house, with individual showers and bathroom

facilities, is conveniently located near each cabin unit.



A large dining hall with a modern kitchen is at the center of the grounds. All campers are served plentiful, nutritious, family-style meals. A large recreation hall, craft and nature buildings are available for inclement weather.

