

Cloverbud Mornings

All Marquette County youth grades K-2 are invited to attend Cloverbud Mornings, filled with hands-on activities and exciting projects. Each event will be from 9-11:30am at the UW-Extension Office in Montello.

If you have a friend, you are encouraged to bring him or her along.

Please register by calling 608-297-3141. If you are interested in hosting or helping with a Cloverbud Morning, please contact Christa at the Extension Office.

September 6, 2014 - Grandparents Day

November 1, 2014 - Pumpkin Pie

January 3, 2015 - Winter Fun

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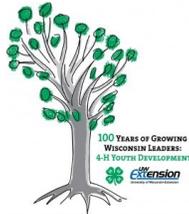
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Marquette County 4-H Family Newsletter

September, October 2014

IMPORTANT DATES

September

- 1 Record Books Due to Extension Office
- 1 Secretary's Books Due to Extension Office
- 1 ME Forms Due to Extension Office
- 6 Cloverbud Morning, 9-11:30am, UW-Extension Office
- 14 ME Interviews, 2-6pm, UW-Extension Office

October

- 5-11 National 4-H Week

December

- 5 Club Officer Training (Pizza party), 6-8pm, UW--Extension Office

Dear Marquette County,

I want to thank you for giving me this outstanding opportunity to serve as your 4-H Youth Development intern at University of Wisconsin-Extension Marquette County Office. I have gained valuable insight into the youth development, marketing industry, and event planning over the past three months.

In providing this experience, you have given me the opportunity to work on a variety of projects. I had the chance to observe numerous aspects of event planning, marketing, from publishing articles and Youth Development programming through STEM Robotics to maintaining the Facebook website. You and your staff were extremely welcoming and helpful, and offered me terrific career advice.

This internship has definitely increased my interest in pursuing a career in agricultural literacy, communications marketing, or 4-H agent in my future. I would love to stay in touch, and perhaps let you know where life has taken me after college. Once again, thank you for a terrific three months.

Sincerely,

Teal Polzin

4-H Shooting Sports Program

The 4-H Shooting Sports program is only successful when adults volunteer to work with youth in this project and when youth are given the opportunity to develop safe shooting skills and develop a better understanding of wildlife ecology.

To serve as a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader, individuals must complete the Youth Protection process, be at least 18 years old and successfully complete at least one state-level 4-H Leader Training SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP in the discipline in which they are providing supervision.

If an adult leader is not certified, he or she cannot provide hands-on safety instruction without a certified leader being present.

A leader may obtain certification in an additional discipline (archery, Pistol (.177 pellet and .22), coordinator, hunting/wildlife ecology, muzzleloading, rifle (.177 pellet, .177 BB, and .22), and shotgun) by completing a certification workshop provided by 4-H certified state training team members. Certification workshops are not designed to teach volunteers how to use archery equipment or shoot a firearm, but are designed to teach adults how to conduct safe, supervised, shooting experiences for 4-H members enrolled in the project. Therefore, interested adults who have experience in safely handling archery equipment and/or firearms are encouraged to enroll in these certification workshops.

Central Area Statewide Adult Certification Workshop

September 26-27, 2014
Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club
11841 Stadt Road, Marshfield, WI



Disciplines: Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Coordinator, Pistol & Muzzleloading

Contact: Doug Thompson, 920-391-4657 or 920-845-1342 (evenings)

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Terry Boehner, 608-262-1223

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More information and registration forms are available at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/2014-cert-training.cfm>.

Club Officer Training December 5, 2014 6-8pm (Pizza Party) Extension Office

Does your club have goals for the year? Do you know how a meeting should be run? Do you have questions about what exactly you are supposed to do as a club officer? Do you think you are the ultimate club officer? Do you have great ideas about club meetings?

Come join in on this training & learn about what a great team building activity this can be. You may also get to know some other youth from another club.

Lego Robotics Update



The summer, 2014 session of Lego Robotics, "WeDo" afternoons, ended with a bang at the Montello Library. This summer UW-Extension partnered with the Montello Library to provide STEM Robotic hands on learning. This is going to be offered every summer from here on out. With the amount of growth seen in all the students, was truly impressive - we can't wait to see what these future engineers might build next.

In all three sessions, each team was given two challenges. The first was to program their robot and to complete the robots included in the kits and then create or modify the robot programming to their liking. This task is a great example of how looks can be deceiving - everyone thinks it's easy when the challenge is introduced, but it actually requires each group to use all the skills that they've learned together in a very precise manner. Nonetheless, the whole group did an awesome job battling through to the end! The pride they felt when their robots made it through their switches for the first time was well deserved, and fun to watch!

The second challenge that each group showed to the rest of the group during the reflection was one of their own choosing. We had several homemade robots as well as some kit robots. The creativity and ingenuity showed here was trumped only by the persistence in seeing their ideas brought to life.

Then during the second session I brought some of the NXT robots for the older youth to take a look at and play around with. This provided them with a completely different set of challenges compared to the "WeDo" robots. Each builder came up with their own design for their NXT or WeDo bots, then designed and programmed the robots from scratch. The results were extremely cool. We had an NXT bot that was able to use every sensor and detection piece that was provided and it carried out all of the tasks. I discussed the challenges they had with building from scratch and the programming strategies they had to come up with.

The very last session we had creative builders and had some pretty fast built bots. Not only was I impressed, I'm pretty sure that the kids impressed themselves. Overall, it was another great session of robot building and programming that reinforced the idea that kids can make some amazing things through STEM (science, technology, and mathematics) with the right tools.

2014 Achievement Awards

Citizenship Washington Focus

Jakob Kruger, Russell Flats

State 4-H Youth Conference

Jonah Radzikinas, Oxford Record Makers; Lilly Radzikinas, Oxford Record Makers

National 4-H Congress

Emma Wagner, Russell Flats

Camp Counselors

Taylor Olstadt, Russell Flats; Nicole Kolano, Douglas Doers; Austin Lentz, Badger
Dylan Lentz, Badger; Lindsay Lechner, Springfield Fun Runners, Sam Shirley, Russell Flats

State Fair Exhibitors

Linsley Coddington, Badger; Eric Coddington, Badger; Danielle Baker, Douglas Doers

State Fair Merit

Jonah Radzikinas, Oxford Record Makers; Lilly Radzikinas, Oxford Record Makers; Molly Kolano, Douglas Doers; Danielle Baker, Douglas Doers; Tori Timme, Douglas Doers; Tiffanie Timme, Douglas Doers; Mary Shirley, Russell Flats; Carson Lyon, Springfield Fun Runners; Branden Lentz, Badger; Austin Lentz, Badger; Lily Wagner, Russell Flats; Rebekah Sternberg, Badger; Lindsey Coddington, Badger

State Fair Clothing Revue

Emma Wagner, Russell Flats
Lexie La Blanc, Badger



Congratulations!

4-H Fiscal Year Ended June 30th

Attention leaders and treasurers: The end of the state's fiscal year is also the end of our 4-H financial year. Charters, financial records and excess funds plans will all be distributed in the re-enrollment packets ready in early September. **Completed charters are due November 1st.** This is so our staff can submit them to the State Office and file your Form 990 with the IRS by November 15th.

Please start financial reports now as they seem to take longer than most realize. If you have questions or need help with your financial report, please contact the UW-Extension Office now. You are highly encouraged to turn charters in early so the 4-H agent has more time to review them.

A few tips on completing your charter:

- ◆ Youth and adult volunteers should work together to conduct audits. The recommended practice is 2-3 people. They are to be unrelated to those who have signing authority on the check book.
- ◆ Leaders should double check the numbers. Starting account balance + income - expenses = Must equal ending balance.
- ◆ Enter zeroes on page 5; do not leave a blank space.
- ◆ Account Authorization - It is recommended to have a minimum of two unrelated people authorized on the account (youth and adults).
- ◆ Be sure to sign the Financial Report Signature section on the bottom of page 6.

New Enrollments

New Enrollments will be accepted at any time of the year; HOWEVER, in order to participate in the 2015 Marquette County Fair, enrollments need to be received by **March 1, 2015.**

Unused Literature

Please return unused project literature to the UW-Extension Office. We can reuse any literature that has **not** been written in.

Club Minutes

A reminder to send in your club minutes each month to the UW-Extension Office. This allows us to know what is happening with each club and be aware of the different activities that your are participating in. The club highlights will also be included in the Clover Connection.



Japanese and Korean Youth Visit Wisconsin 4-H Families

The family of Tara Schmudlach of Endeavor just finished hosting a Japanese delegate as part of a 4-H cultural exchange program which lasts from July 26 until August 22, 2014. Hazuki is part of a 46 member delegation visiting Wisconsin this summer through one of two partnering programs.

The programs, coordinated through the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension and States' 4-H International Programs, bring Japanese and Korean youth to Wisconsin 4-H homes and send 4-Hers to Japan and Korea on a yearly basis. Labo, the widespread national cooperating organization in Japan, teaches English and other languages to Japanese youth in small groups that meet weekly after school. During the meetings or Labo parties, the students acquire language skills and learn to appreciate cultural differences. Through home-stays with residents of various countries, the youth increase their cultural understanding. LEX, is a similar program to Labo, but offers home-stays to Japanese, Korean, and Mexican youth.

After an orientation in Wisconsin, the youth went to host families located throughout Wisconsin. Each will return to their home country with a unique experience to relate. The programs have the additional benefit of fostering long-term friendships. Many families and delegates continue to stay in contact with each other long after the home-stay ends and Wisconsin 4-Hers have the opportunity to experience a reciprocal visit with their host-brother or sister in Japan or Korea. If you are interested in hosting or traveling with these or any other international 4-H exchange with Argentina, Finland, Norway or other countries, please contact your county extension educator by calling 608-297-3141.



The Schmudlach family has enjoyed having Hazuki in their Endeavor home as part of an international Exchange program with Japan through the 4-H program. She taught them

a lot about Japan and her culture and was very eager to accept ours.



The Schmudlach family was treated to a dinner of Akanamayaki which means "as you like it" which was a pancake with pork and cabbage in it and topped with Akanamayaki sauce and mayo, ground seaweed and fish flakes. Delicious! Tara took her to

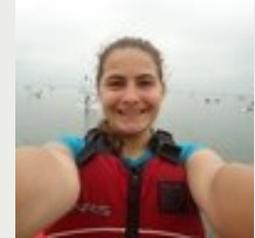
Mac's and they had macaroni and cheese which she thought was delicious as well.



Hazuki and the Schmudlach family had a great time hiking and biking and enjoying the outdoors as well as the more mundane weeding the garden and doing the chores. Tara has learned to count to ten in Japanese and we all say "Itadakimas" before meals which is an acknowledgement of thanks for the meal.

Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference Updates

Hi my name is **Lilly Radzikinas**. I am the Secretary of the Oxford Record Makers 4-H club. This June, I participated in the 2014 Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference. Anyone can attend, whether you're in 4-H or not. During the four day conference, we attended two seminars each day. It was a tough decision as there were so many good seminars to choose from. My service learning project was Community Radio. I learned how radio works and we recorded public service announcements. My other seminars were the 4-H Showcase Singers, Drama Company, and Introductory Kayaking. Kayaking was awesome, but my favorite was the seminar led by the State Drama Company. My tour choice was the State Capitol. It was an awesome experience. Everyone who lives in Wisconsin should visit our state capitol. I met lots of new friends and I can't wait to see them at State Fair. I also auditioned for the 4-H Talent Show which was held the same night as the Showcase Singers performance. Performing at the Masonic Center was very exciting, and I loved every bit of it. Two of the nights, the Youth Leader Council (YLC) hosted outdoor dances in the courtyard with a live DJ. It was awesome. I can't wait until next year.



Hi, my name is **Jonah Radzikinas**. I am a member of the Oxford Record Makers 4-H club.

This summer, I had the privilege of attending the 2014 Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference held in Madison. The conference was held the week of June 23-26. This four day conference is a great opportunity for 4-H youth to participate in educational and community service seminars. I learned everything I needed to know to create a cool website for my 4-H club. I toured the UW-Madison campus and learned more about the university. My favorite stop was the Chemistry Library. Did you know there are 42 libraries on campus?



At night, we attended performances by the Showcase Singers, and the State Drama Company. We visited an amazing art exhibit by the State Art Team. The exhibit features projects selected at all the different county fairs as well as art created by the State Art Team. There were two dances and plenty of other fun things to do each evening.

At the end of the conference, we laughed along with the keynote speaker, Tim Talen and watched the week in review presented by the State Press Team. I met so many new friends and saw some old ones as well. I highly recommend this conference to anyone interested in learning new things and having fun while doing it.