



4-H Informant

Pierce County 4-H Newsletter

Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

My name is Katie Stenroos and I am excited to be the new 4-H Program Assistant. I am currently a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin- River Falls, where I am pursuing a Master’s degree in Agriculture Education. My experience in 4-H has motivated me to give back to the program and pursue a career as a 4-H educator.

I am 4-H alumni from Douglas County, where I was a very active 4-H member. While a 4-H member I showed my horses and dogs at the fair, as well as entered many other projects. One of my fondest 4-H memories is from volunteering with my 4-H educators to assist with Afterschool 4-H at local elementary schools and teaching the upcoming generations of 4-H members. I also had many opportunities to be involved at the state level, serving on the WI 4-H Youth Leader Council and the WI 4-H Youth Horse Association. I was also blessed with the opportunities to attend Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Conference, and National 4-H Congress. I currently am an active volunteer in my home county, and also serve as the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association Secretary.

I hope to meet many 4-H members and families in the coming months at events and activities, whether it its committee meetings, Leadership Day or the Cultural Arts Festival. Please come and introduce yourselves to me.

As we start the new 4-H year, let’s welcome any new 4-H members and families that have joined Pierce County 4-H.

Sincerely,

Katie Stenroos,
4-H Program Assistant

Frank Ginther,
4-H Youth Development Agent



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4-H Family Calendar

November

- 26 VIP Training, Courthouse Annex conference room, lower level, 6:30pm
29 VIP Training, River Falls Public Library, 6:30pm

December

- 1 Leadership Day
2 Volleyball Tourney at RFHS
6 4-H Adult Advisors Council Meeting, 7pm
8 Beef weigh in-UWRF Mann Valley Farm
9 Livestock committee Rules meeting, 7pm Seyforth Building
11 Horse committee meeting, 7pm Annex Conf. Room

Tid-bits from the Fair Office

***2018 PIERCE COUNTY FAIR premium check handout**

If you have not picked up your premium check please do so now! Checks should be picked up at the Pierce Co. Treasurer's Office in courthouse in Ellsworth. You can pick up checks there between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. starting Oct. 11

2019-2020 Fairbook

We will have a new Fairbook for the next 2 years. It will be out in the spring. As you are signing up for project areas in the fall, please make sure you check this years Fairbook to make sure the project code matches an area you are interested in exhibiting in. Example: Houseplants is a different number than flowers, bantams is a different number than chickens.

Superintendent Needed

The Fair office is seeking a Junior Home Environment Superintendent for a two year commitment. If interested please contact Ann at 715-273-6874.

Any Questions for Fair Office

The Fair Office is on very limited hours now. So if you have questions, call Ann at 715-273-6874 or e-mail her at awebb@co.pierce.wi.us and she will get back to you as soon as she is available.

Like the Pierce County Fair on Facebook

[Pierce County Fair and Fairgrounds WI](#) on Facebook



Future Fair Dates

2019 - August 8-11
2020 - August 13-16

Leader's Corner

Congratulations to these 4-H leaders for their years of service, and dedication over the years.

H.G. Seyforth Outstanding Leader Achievement Award Recipients

Annetta Smith
Nancy Sommerfeld
Gail Stewart
Laura Swancutt

5 Years

Denton Achenbach- Heartland Hustlers
Jim Ashbach- Town and Country
Mary Ashbach- Town and Country
Thomas Augustine- The Soaring Eagles
Paul Belland- Helpful Workers
Angie Bocksell- Merri-Heirs
Kathy Brubaker- Town and Country
Emily Chapman- Leaders with no clubs
Jennifer Chrest- Falcon Falls
John Crownhart- Rock Elm Skyrockets
Jane Eager- Olivet Otters
John Eager- Olivet Otters
Angel Garr- Country Partners
Julie Lundstrom- Country Partners
Cindy Maxwell- Town and Country
Aleisha Miller- Falcon Falls
Dan Miller- Falcon Falls
Jeremy Odegard- River Ramblers
Teri Odegard- River Ramblers
Nora Schartau- River Ramblers
Ellen Thompson- Valley Eagles

10 Years

Trish Juers
Lana Meyer- Town and Country
Paul Miller- Falcon Falls

15 Years

Mike Bednarek- Valley Eagles
April Daniels- Town and Country
Brian Hines- Helpful Workers
DeAnna Hines- Helpful Workers

20 Years

Joe Seibel- Royal Rushers

30 Years

Linda Donnelly- Country Partners

55 Years

Evy Johnson- Maiden Rock Rockets

Volunteer VIP and MRT Trainings

Required Training for all New 4-H Volunteers (Formerly Youth Protection, now VIP)

All NEW Wisconsin 4-H volunteers must enroll in 4-H Online, have a background check done, complete a "Mandated Reporter" training (done online) **and** come in for a "VIP Meeting" with their local 4-H Youth Development Agent (In Pierce County that is: Frank Ginther). Current volunteers who were up to date with "Youth Protection" as of last year do NOT have to do this – but please pass this along to your new club volunteers!

Step One: Enroll as an adult volunteer in 4hOnline.com. Use your family account, add adult, do not make your own new account. You should be on the same account with your kids. Once you made yourself an account, from your individual profile page on your 4honline account, click on "trainings" (toward the top middle of the screen). It will take you to a new screen, click on "Sign Up for a Training" and then click on the Mandated Reporter Training (the other training on that page is optional but the MRT is a must) click the sign up button for the Mandated Reporter online training and get started. Once you are done it will say complete on our side.

Step Two: Sign up for one of the Volunteers in Preparation (VIP) Meetings with Frank. (See dates below) Please call/email ahead to sign up – at least by Noon the business day BEFORE the meeting to let us know you plan to attend. We need at least three people to hold the session. They are about an hour long, and will be offered the following dates if there are sufficient attendees:

Mon. Nov. 26th -6:30 pm- Courthouse Annex Conference Room- lower level

Thur. Nov. 29th - 6:30 pm - River Falls Library

Contact the UW-Extension Office at 715-273-6781 or these e-mails to sign-up:

sandy.radkey@ces.uwex.edu.

4-H Youth Development Agent Frank Ginther at francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu

Welcome to Wisconsin 4-H!!

Resources for College-Bound Students and their Families

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) released a new video series aimed at helping college-bound students and their families talk about mental health. The videos discuss the ups and downs of starting college, how to take care of mental health, when to seek help, whom to talk to, privacy laws, and how students can keep their families informed. You can find the videos, infographics and a college guide at: <https://www.nami.org/collegeguide>

Why 4-H?

4-H is a community of seven million young people around the world learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Research has shown that 4-H'ers excel beyond their peers. Some of the statistics founded are outstanding. Two examples are: 4-H'ers are nearly 4 times more likely to make contributions to their communities and 4-H'ers are nearly 2 times more likely to make healthier choices. Youth should join 4-H to help make their futures stronger and achieve success in multiple areas of life. Encourage a friend to join with you.

Adult Advisors Council

The next quarterly meeting for the Pierce County 4-H Adult Advisors Council (AAC) is December 6th at 7 pm in the Annex Conference Room of the Courthouse Annex in Ellsworth. Adult Advisors Council is looking for 2018 adult council members (2-year term) for the following districts:

Bay City	Ellsworth	Elmwood
Prescott	Spring Valley	River Falls

If you are interested in serving on the AAC, please call a council member or the UW-Extension Office. *Current Council Members are: Melanie and Ty Mader-River Ramblers; Dulcie Anderson and Dennis Baird-Country Partners; Brian Hines-Helpful Workers; Laura Hennemann and Missy Cebulla-Valley Eagles; Art Schaller-Martell Rushers; Josh and Logan Chrest-Falcon Falls; Stephanie and Nolan Rohl-St. Croix Stars; Catherine Stewart-Helping Hands; Jim Geraets-Rock Elm Skyrockets; Gwen Conklin, Jim & Mary Ashbach, Kathy Brubaker, and Aaron Daniels-Town and Country; and Tom Augustine-The Soaring Eagles*

In addition AAC is seeking youth representatives (1 year terms) for the coming year. Please consider serving on the group!

2017-2018 4-H Awards

Bank Awards

Ben Dusek- Town and Country
 Tianna Cebulla- Valley Eagles
 Zach Hines- Helpful Workers
 Andy Sommerfeld- Mann Valley
 Grace Larson- Valley Eagles
 Audrey Bigaouette- Olivet Otters
 Jaclyn Keilen- Mann Valley
 Tessa Mason Merri-Heirs

Secretary Award

Thomas Cariveau- Falcon Falls
Honorable Mention:
Adeline Meyers-Martell Rushers
Jessica Lindall- Mann Valley

Key Awards

Aaron Daniels- Town and Country
Grace Larson- Valley Eagles
Catherine Stewart- Helping Hands

Farm Bureau Award

Aaron Daniels- Town and Country
Cassie Meyer- Town and Country

Arts and Communications

Catherine Stewart Helping Hands
Honorable Mention: Samantha Miller-
Falcon Falls

Family Home and Health

Jessica Lindall- Mann Valley
Honorable Mention-Catherine Stewart
Helping Hands

**Display Contest for National 4-H
Week**

2018 4-H Display Contest Results

- 1st - Busy Fingers
- 2nd - Town and Country
- 3rd - Falcon Falls
- 4th - Elm Valley Patriots
- 5th - Merri Heirs

Thank you to all clubs that got together to put a window or yard display together to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week. They all looked great!



Congratulations to our Pierce County University of Wisconsin-Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent Frank Ginther for receiving National Meritorious Service Award at the National 4-H Conference in October.

Congratulation also to our Pierce County University of Wisconsin-Extension Family Living Agent Lori Zierl for receiving a National Award for her eParenting work at the national NEAFCS Conference in September.

2018-2019 Ambassadors

Good luck and have a fun 4-H year!

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| Ben Ashbach | Sydney Boyer |
| Jocelyn Boyle | Hannah Brabaker |
| Thomas Cariveau | Logan Chrest |
| Mason Chrest | Lydia Cole |
| Meggan Daniels | Astrid Downey |
| Cecilia Downey | Sara Karras |
| Elizabeth Leary | Kate Lindsay |
| Ty Mader | Gretchen Orso |
| Michelle Orso | Faith Rohl |
| Jacob Sammon | RaeAnna Smith |
| Claire Stewart | Hope Turvaville |
| Joy Turvaville | |

Horse Project

Horse Committee

The next 4-H Horse Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11 at 7 pm in the Annex Conference Room of the Courthouse Annex in Ellsworth.

Horse Bowl Kick-Off! Dec 20th. If you are a new or an established member of the horse project and would like to participate on the Horse Bowl team or just get your education credits completed, please attend this meeting. Watch your emails for more information.

The committee is fundraising for new footing in arena! This is very important for the safety of all our horses and riders. Please look for fundraiser updates and deadlines in your emails from the Pierce County Horse Committee. Rules update and elections will be on the agendas.

Livestock

News:

The beef weigh in is coming up on Saturday, December 8th @ the UW-River Falls Mann Valley Farm. All market animals need to be weighed in. If you have any questions concerning the weigh in, contact beef superintendents, Kurt or Nettie Nelson at 715-594-3805.

The 2019 Livestock Rules will be out soon. This year they will be emailed out to all Livestock members enrolled in beef, goat, sheep & swine. Please take the time to read them.

IMPORTANT change for Meat Animal Exhibitors:

New this year, the Livestock Committee will be holding MANDATORY rules meetings in hopes of making everyone more informed of some changes happening this year. Plus, it will be a great opportunity to ask questions. Anyone

wishing to sell an animal at the fair MUST attend one rules meeting. There will be three different dates scheduled - one in December, one in January & one in February. Again, each exhibitor will only need to attend one of those dates. This meeting will be in addition to the YQCA & the required one workshop per species. The first meeting is scheduled for December 9th @ 4pm in the Seyforth Building.

Workshops:

We have already had a few workshop opportunities & there are more to come soon. We will always try to keep you up to date on any workshops coming up. Workshops will be listed in the 4-H Informant and on our Facebook Page: Pierce County 4-H & FFA Livestock Program.

The next Livestock Committee meeting is January 23, 2019 at 7pm.

Have questions or concerns? You can send us your questions via our Facebook page or now by email! Our email address is piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with and participated in our 2018 Kids and Cow show. It was a huge success with 74 youth and 64 cattle present. There was a results are below.

Fitting Contest:

2nd place

Toby Shafer- Olivet Otters
Cadie Asher- Olivet Otters
Tessa Asher- Olivet Otters
Milo Shafer- Olivet Otters

Showmanship:

Class 2- 2nd place- Leah Asher- Olivet Otters

3rd place- Milo Shafer-Olivet Otters

Class 4- 2nd place- Tessa Asher- Olivet Otters

Class 5- 1st place- Toby Shafer- Olivet Otters

Class 6- 1st place- Cadie Asher- Olivet Otters

Robotics

Fall Robotic Competition Class (Grades 6 and up)

Due to last seasons positive response to our spring robot competition we will be having our fall robotics competition. This is a head to head, non-destructive challenge. 3 Sessions: 1st; Building our robot, and rules of our challenge. 2nd; Programming our bots to follow the rules, and troubleshooting any issues. 3rd; Our competition. We will have 3 different rounds, giving the robot teams a chance to make changes to their bots. Who's robot will come out on top?

****Must have attended 2 or more previous classes.**

Date: Nov. 27, 29 and Dec. 6 Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Fee: \$5

Locations: Locations: Seyforth Building,

In order to be confirmed you MUST Send in the \$5 fee and name, grade and contact info to:

UWEX, PO Box 69, Ellsworth WI 54011

Once we receive your registration you will be confirmed. Classes do fill up and we will take on a first come order so get it in quick. Once full we will start a wait list.

Parent Volunteers interested in STEM NEEDED!

HEY Parents - We are in need of Robotic Leaders to help with classes and workshops. If you have an interest in robotics, or want to work with your child who is involved in this project, please give us a call so we can tell you how to become a leader if you are not already one. We will get you in touch with Troy who will help you get started as a robotic project leader! Join the STEM committee where you will have the opportunity to work to support STEM projects and activities. On this committee you will have the chance to work with beginning We Do Robots, promote creative thinking in youth, coordinate robotic building sessions, guide and coach youth at a variety of skill levels, and troubleshoot robotic issues. Join the committee to have a fun experience, or just volunteer at a robotic class to help work with youth as they create and develop Lego NXT robots, and work on other STEM related activities.

Call the Pierce County Extension Office at
715-273-6781 to volunteer.

Volleyball Tournament

The 4-H Volleyball Tournament is set
for Sunday Dec. 2nd



We are excited for another fun day!

If you are not playing come and cheer on your fellow 4-H friends at the River Falls High School on Sunday Dec. 2nd. 12 noon - See what is involved and start planning a team for next year!

2019 Platbook



It is time to update our 3 year platbook to a 2019 version. This is a big and important fundraiser for our Pierce County 4-H Program. We are in need of volunteers to be on the Platbook Committee to help start the planning of the 2019 book. Please contact the office and get on the committee to help. Call 715-273-6781 for more information or to sign up. We need you!

4-H Newsletter/Informant



The 4-H Newsletter will be sent again this year as an email only, UNLESS you let us know you would like to receive the newsletter via regular mail, hardcopy. **We will send everyone the first newsletter of year and the July (Fair Edition) to ALL 4-H members so you will get a hard copy of those.** Otherwise you will receive the 4-H newsletter via email to the email address in your 4-H Online account unless you request other.

Call the office to get on the mailing list for hardcopy newsletter to be sent regular USPS mailed. You can also find the most current copy of the newsletter on our website -

<https://pierce.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-informant-newsletter/>

International

Wisconsin 4-H Summer 2019 Homestay Abroad Program

Consider participating in the Wisconsin 4-H Summer Homestay Program in 2019! Every summer, WI 4-H members have the opportunity to stay with a host family for one month in either Costa Rica, South Korea, Finland or Japan.

They get the opportunity to learn more about another culture, share their own culture, enhance their confidence and communication skills, as well as build lifelong relationships across the globe! So, why not enjoy a life changing experience that will help you grow and gain a stronger global awareness. This opportunity gives youth the chance to travel to a new country and experience a total cultural immersion program by living with volunteer host families. Participants will experience all aspects of their daily life to best understand their new host culture. The program is run through WI 4-H and States 4-H, which have a network of international partners to plan enrichment activities for the delegates abroad, such as cultural excursions, summer group camps and more. Youth are also chaperoned by adult volunteers who stay with other host families in country during the exchange for support or assistance. For more information visit <https://wi4hinternational.org/homestay/> or contact Wisconsin 4-H International Programs at wi4hinternational@ces.uwex.edu or call us at 608.262.2491. We look forward to hearing from you soon, so we can help you start YOUR once in a lifetime experience! Applications are due by November 20, 2018 for 2019 travel!

UW Extension Office Holiday Office Hours

We will be **CLOSED** these dates below:

Christmas Eve - Dec. 24

Christmas Day - Dec. 25

New Year's Eve - Dec. 31

New Year's Day - Jan. 1



Cultural Arts Festival January 2019

The Creative Arts Festival is in the planning stages and will again be scheduled for the end of January. Once we have a date we will get the info out to you. It will be one of the last Saturdays in January. Be sure to get registered and enter your art projects or plan to brush up on your communication skills by doing a Speaking, or Interpretive Reading, maybe with a friend or sibling in a Dynamic Duo or Terrific Trio.

Younger members be sure to sign up to recite the 4-H Pledge or Pledge of Allegiance in front of a judge for a ribbon! Or there are many fun topics you can do a demonstration on and your demonstration counts as a fair entry!

You do not need to be enrolled in these projects to participate in them at this Creative Arts Festival! Watch for more information and see you there!

4-H License Plates

The 4-H Plate is here! The 4-H Plate is here!



We wanted you to know: The Wisconsin 4-H license plate is available through the Wisconsin DMV, as of September 1, 2018. Plates sold to Pierce County vehicle owners will directly benefit Pierce County 4-H programming! Please visit the Wisconsin DMV for pricing and more information:

<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/vehicles/title-plates/4hf.aspx>

New Learning Opportunities

**WE'VE
MOVED**

4 Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development-new Online Learning Modules

Would you like to learn more and how they relate to your role as a leader working with youth?

Check out how you as an adult volunteer or youth leader can foster the development of these elements in the youth. You will have an opportunity to

- Learn about each element in relation to different age youth from kindergarten to high school.
- Consider how what you can develop life skills in youth
- Build on what you know to foster the growth of these elements in young people

Each module is about 7- 10 minutes in length. You move through the module at your own pace. It will take you about 30 - 45 minutes to complete all four modules. Instructions for locating the training on your 4-H Online account are here:

<https://4h.uwex.edu/files/2018/08/4HOnline-Essential-Elements-Training-For-4H-Volunteers.pdf>

Wisconsin Cloverbud Lessons Released Sept. 1

Nine new activity plans designed specifically for Cloverbuds - youth in grades Kindergarten to 2nd grade - have been released on the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development web page. Involve 4-H and community youth in activities that are hands-on, fun, and sometimes a little messy.

These nine lessons have been developed with Cloverbuds in mind, letting them explore science, theater, service, their senses and their own identities throughout the seasons. Each lesson is clearly laid out to get youth thinking, involve them in a hands-on activity and help them deepen their understanding through processing questions. Each lesson also comes with a family letter - available in both English and Spanish - which helps parents and caregivers continue the learning at home.

To download the activities and letters, visit <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hcloverbuds/activities-plans/> and click the "Unlock Activities" button. After a short survey, you will gain access to lessons from each of two years (nine activities each year), family letters in two languages, and Cloverbud Leader Resources.

The UW Extension Office has finally moved into our new home! We are located in the Courthouse Annex, across the hall from our temporary spot that we have been in for the past year. Please stop by to visit us at our new location and get a tour!

Continue to use the PO Box 69, Ellsworth WI 54011 address to mail things to the UW Extension Office. If you are stopping in the best way to find us is to come in the west side of the courthouse side doors by the Holiday gas station in Ellsworth. We are happy to finally be in our new digs!

AmazonSmile Fundraiser

We have set up an on-line fundraising option to support Pierce County 4-H throughout the year. **AmazonSmile** is a website operated by **Amazon** with the same products, prices, and shopping features as **Amazon.com**. The difference is that when you shop on **AmazonSmile**, the **AmazonSmile** Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice, and that is us! Just a note, it may state that the funding is going to support "Board of Regents of the UW-System". This is because AmazonSmile uses our federal EIN number to match up charitable organizations with fundraising. If you or someone you know shops through Amazon, please have them consider clicking on our AmazonSmile link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0212602> then log into Amazon as usual and start raising money for 4-H!

Thanks for helping to support positive youth development for all Pierce County 4-H families!!

YUM!

Horse Fundraiser – Butter Braids!

Treat yourself to the one and only Butter Braid pastry. Many flavors to choose from, Cherry, Strawberry Cream Cheese, Apple, Cinnamon, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Raspberry and Herb & Cheese

Find a Horse Project Member to order or call the UWEX Office and we can get you in touch with one! Orders need to be in by Nov. 30th.

Delivery Date is Dec. 20th.

Great for the Holidays!

It is time for a new Platbook! We need your help on the committee! Please let us know if you can help in the planning of our new 2019 Platbook. This is a big fundraiser for our 4-H Program!

4-H Platbook Q & A

Q: Why do we have to print/sell another platbook?

A: The last edition of the platbook was printed in 2016. The map publishing company prefers to update the book every three years so that new books are out in 2019. If we start now, we should have a new book out just in time for this year's Pierce County Fair. Platbooks also serve as a great tool to promote 4-H as we put in a great deal of 4-H clip art and information. Also, every day that we wait increases the chance of a competing company coming into our county and producing a book without us, directly competing with our established local fundraising activity!

Q: Why do we need another fundraiser?

A: Pierce County 4-H Adult Advisors, Inc. spends about \$95,000.00 each year on sponsored Award trips, camp, scholarships, leader trainings, activities, and programs. The money that your club helps to raise at the County Fair Food Stand sponsors events all year long. This past year saw much of that money going back into project related equipment that needed to be replaced. The Platbook sales support a major portion of

our funds and does so over a longer period of time. The book sales have been a part of our fundraising since the 1950's. These funds help to cover increasing costs of the 4-H program as well as ongoing basic programs and expanded new ventures. As county and State budgets get tighter, we may need to more for our own program.

Q: Why is our club being asked to sell platbooks?

A: The Platbook Committee will eventually contract for several hundred books at a total cost nearing \$11,000. Each Pierce County 4-H Club sells ads to help cover the cost of the platbook so that when we sell the finished books, we make a profit. All of our clubs work together to form an important part of the total program and each club has a responsibility to that program. Every Pierce County member and his/her family benefits from the program and the dollars generated to help sponsor different educational events and activities. Additionally, if each club does their part, the total work will be divided up and will reduce what each individual has to do.

Q: Will we be trained and assigned to ad sales areas or can we call on anyone and who can sell ads?

A: A representative from your club will head up ad sales for your area of the county. Sellers can be older members, retired leaders, current parents, or anyone else that you feel can represent your club well. We hope for 70-80% repeat business from our past advertisers, which should lighten the load on sellers.

Q: What do local clubs get out of this project?

A: When the finished book arrives, clubs will again have the opportunity to checkout books and sell them locally. Those clubs who undertake this receive a kickback of approximately \$3.00 per book to use as a local fundraiser for their own club activities. We encourage all clubs to sell books.