



# Marathon County 4-H Family Focus

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# April, 2008



## 4-H Dates to Remember

### April

- 5 Clover College
- 5 Mandatory Horse Meeting
- 5 Swine Weigh-In
- 12 Dog Project Workshop

### May

- 5 District Mtg.—Stratford
- 6 District Mtg.— Hatley & Wausau
- 8 District Mtg.— Mosinee
- 10 Dog Project Workshop
- 10 Children's Festival
- 19 Federation

### June

- 1 June Dairy Day
- 5 Summer Dog Obedience begins
- 7 Clothing Revue
- 23-24 Camp Susan
- 26 Demonstration & Speaking Day

### July

- 7 Federation
- 8 Music Drama Day
- 16-19 Camp Upham
- 22 Cake Revue and Foods Revue
- 24 Prefair Dog Practice

### **WI Valley Fair!**

- July 29 –August 3, 2008
- August 4-9, 2009
- August 3-8, 2010

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The 4-H Leaders Federation is a ...



## A 4-H project exploration day for 4-H members in Grades 3-12!

4-H Clover College provides 4-H members in grades 3-12 the opportunity to learn about different project areas. **Clover College will be held Saturday, April 5th** at the UW-Extension Building 212 River Dr, Wausau. The cost is \$3.00 per member (non 4-H members \$5.00) to offset costs. Bring a friend along- non 4-H members are welcome to attend! Read through each session and choose one session per time slot. **Registration has been extended to March 28th. Sessions are filled on a first come first serve basis.** Registrations will not be accepted without payment. You will be notified if your session is full. **Youth in grades 3-5 must have an adult with them. Since supplies are limited, we cannot take walk in registrations the day of the program. All participants must pre-register.** The registration form is in this newsletter.

**9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.**

### **Pop Top Bracelets**

**Instructor:** Peg Cihlar and Judy Berdan

**Grades:** 3rd and up

**Class Limit:** 12

**Project Area:** Folklore

Participants will learn how to turn pop tops into something useful –like a clever bracelet! Participants will need to bring a minimum of 25 aluminum can pop tops.

**9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.**

### **Plant Propagation**

**Instructors:** Master Gardeners

**Grades:** 3rd and up

**Class Limit:** 30

**Project Areas:** Fruits, Vegetables, House Plants, Flowers

Did you know that there is more than one way to grow a plant? Come and learn how to grow plants by seed, cuttings, division and layering. You will get hands on experience and will have new plants to take home with you at the end of the day! We are also going to be using the eye Cyclops, the bionic eye that plugs into a TV and magnifies things up to 200 times their size-we will be using it on roots and seeds!

**9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.**

### **Basic Electricity**

**Instructor:** Melissa Weller

**Grades:** 4th and up

**Class Limit:** 10

**Project Area:** Electricity

This session will be great for anyone new to the electricity project. Merit winner, Melissa Weller will teach you basic electricity safety and how to wire a simple switch! Each participant will make a simple switch to take home!

**9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.**

### **Livestock Skillathon**

**Instructors:** Mia Bayer, Dan Smerchek & Meats Judging Youth

**Grades:** 3rd and up

**Class Limit:** 15

**Project Areas:** Beef, Sheep, Swine, Vet Science

Have you ever wondered what meats judging is all about? Maybe you have an interest in learning more about livestock in general? The meats judging team, along with their leaders will be teaching you all the basics. This session will focus on a variety of livestock topics including: meats judging, equipment identification, feed identification, animal/breed identification and parts of the animal. This is a great opportunity for all those who are new and experienced livestock project members.



**9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.**

### **Cake Decorating Made Easy**

**Instructor:** Renee Kunze and Mary Faulkner

**Grades:** 3rd and up

**Class Limit:** 15

**Project Area:** Cake Decorating/Cultural Arts

Have you always wanted to participate in the cake revue but never learned how to decorate a cake? Or maybe you would like to perfect the skills you have? Merit Winner Renee Kunze and Mary Faulkner will demonstrate basic and some more advanced cake decorating techniques. They will also equip you with the right tools to give a proper demonstration during the cake revue. You will receive a cake decorating kit that will be yours to keep and a frosting recipe!

**Participants need to bring an unfrosted 6 X 7 inch, singled layered**





**2008 Clover College Registration**

**Due March 28**

**Code# 5446**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please place a check mark beside the session(s) you plan to attend**

**9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**

- Pop Top Bracelets (3rd and up)
- Plant Propagation (3rd and up)
- Basic Electricity (4th and up)
- Livestock Skillathon (3rd and up)
- Cake Decorating Made Easy (3rd and up)

**10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

- Card Stamping (3rd and up)
- For the Birds (3rd and up)
- Blue Ribbon Cookies (3rd and up)
- Macrame Bracelets (5th and up)
- Rabbits (3rd and up)
- Demonstrations (3rd and up)

I have enclosed:

Admission 4-H Member (\$3) \_\_\_\_\_

Admission fee Non Member (\$5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to Marathon County 4-H**

**Mail to: 4-H Clover College, 212 River Dr. Suite 3, Wausau, WI 54403**

**4-H Demonstration and Speaking CONTEST  
4-H Clothing / Knitting & Crocheting Review**

The 2008 Demonstration and Speaking Contest will take place on **Wednesday, June 26th, at 212 River Drive** (building where the Extension Office is located in). The program will begin at 9:30am. The demonstration program is open to all junior fair participants.

The 2008 Clothing/Knitting & Crocheting Review will take place on Saturday, June 7th, also at the 4-H Office Building, starting at approximately 9 am. This program is open to all youth enrolled in Clothing Project or Knitting & Crocheting projects!

**Mark your calendars...more information and a registration form will be included in May Family Focus.**

**FOODS REVUE IS COMING TO MARATHON COUNTY!**

This year the Jr. Fairboard has added Foods Revue to the fairbook! Foods Revue gives youth the opportunity to exhibit a meal and be judged. This will be a prefair program held on the same day as Cake Revue on July 22nd. Jackie Carattini will be explaining how foods revue works during the Blue Ribbon Cookies/ Presenting Blue Ribbon Foods Clover College Session.





### CAMP SUSAN 2008

Registration is due by May 31st

If you are in Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade...Camp Susan is for you! 4-H members and their friends are invited to attend 4-H Camp Susan, held June 23-24, 2008, near Kempster, Wisconsin.

Campers will have fun participating in nature hikes, arts & crafts, recreation, swimming, boating, and campfire! Kids travel by bus from Wausau to camp, stay overnight in camp cabins, and return home the next day with stories and memories of 4-H fun!

Camper Registration is found at the back of this newsletter. Moms & Dads are encouraged to attend as chaperones, too. Chaperones are needed to help with food preparation, clean-up and various other tasks. Adults interested in chaperoning can indicate their interest on the registration form. **Chaperones must attend an orientation meeting on Saturday, June 21st. (Any questions, call Amber at 261-1244).** The fee for 4-H members is \$40, non-members fee is \$45.

### Camp Susan Registration Form

Registration Due: May 31st

Code # 5400

#### YOUTH APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Does this youth require a special accommodation to participate in any of the described activities?

If yes, please describe the accommodation that is needed. \_\_\_\_\_

#### ADULT APPLICATION

My parent/guardian is interested in being a chaperone at Camp Susan (all fees are paid)  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Name of chaperone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended 4-H Leader Training \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Check all areas you are certified in:

\_\_\_ Water safety Instructor (WSI)

\_\_\_ ARC Lifeguard (American Red Cross)

\_\_\_ ARC First Aid

\_\_\_ Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Amount due: \$40 per 4-H camper/\$45 non-4-H camper    Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Marathon County 4-H  
Mail to: 4-H Camp Susan, 212 River Dr. Suite 3, Wausau, WI 54403**



**APPLY NOW TO BE THE 2008 WI VALLEY FAIREST OF THE FAIR!**

*As Fairest of the Fair, you will:*

- Speak to service clubs promoting the upcoming fair.
- Be the official hostess for the WI Valley Fair;
- Be an employee Marathon County Agricultural Society from June, 2008 through June 2009
- Receive a \$500.00 scholarship;

*To be eligible you should:*

- Be a resident of Marathon County;
- Be at least 18 years of age as of June 1, 2008;
- Have a valid drivers license;
- Be available from July 27-August 4, and be available to speak at other events.
- Attend the 2009 Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention in January.
- Also, some appearances may be required in May.

**Application deadline: May 2, 2008.**

**Interviews and judging: May 17, 2008.**

For an application call or write:

Wisconsin Valley Fair  
Courthouse, 500 Forest Street  
Wausau, WI 54403  
715-261-1539

**4-H ARTS CAMP**

The statewide 4-H Arts Camp for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders is scheduled for October 11-12, 2008 at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. Youth will get together to explore and participate in the exciting world of the arts: theatre and drama, photography, communication, music, visual art, juggling and MORE! Campers will learn plenty of creative ideas to bring home for their club. Up to six youth from each county may apply. More will be accepted if space is available. The Camper application is now available on the State 4-H website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm>. Camp is \$60 which includes a camp T-shirt. Join us for this



**MARATHON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Applications for the Marathon County Agricultural Society Scholarships will be available after March 1, 2008, at the 4-H office,
- Wisconsin Valley Fair office or from your High School Ag Instructor.
- This scholarship is available to candidates that are in their senior year of high school with a scholastic average of 2.5 or better, meet the requirements of the college they plan on attending, and have been a participant of the Wisconsin Valley fair for at least two years. Scholarships are due to the fair office by May 15, 2008 and will be awarded at the Wisconsin Valley Fair on Sunday August 3, 2008. If you have additional questions or would like a form contact Lisa Nipple at 715-261-1539 or at [info@wisconsinvalleyfair.com](mailto:info@wisconsinvalleyfair.com). We look forward to receiving your applications.



**Shooting Sports Leader Training Available!**

There is Central District 4-H Shooting Sports leader training scheduled for April 26 for leaders in archery, rifle and shotgun. It will be held at the Mecan River Discovery Center, located on State Road 22, just south of the Waushara-Marquette county line. The session runs from 8 am to 4 pm and the registration fee is \$35. Additional information and the registration form can be found in the following web page:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/2008CertificationTraining.cfm>

**4-H Needs You at Dairy Breakfast!**

Marathon County 4-H sponsors the Pedal Tractor pull at the Dairy Breakfast...Volunteers are needed to register the participants, score the pull distances, award trophies, and pull back the tractors! We begin registering at 9 and are usually done by noon. If you can help with this project, contact the 4-H Office at 261-1232.



## 4-H Horse News!

**Mandatory Horse Meeting** will be held April 5th at VanderGeest Farms. A postcard was sent to all 4-H Horse Project members.

**4-H Showmanship/Horsemanship/Equitation Clinic** will be held at Heartland Stables in Custer, Wisconsin on May 3rd & 4th. A flyer is posted on the Horsemaster's Web Page (you can link to Horsemasters from our 4-H web page)

For more information on either of these programs, contact Marilyn Krueger at 675-7016!

Don't forget to check the Horsemasters Web Page for programs and updates. The address is: <http://marathon.uwex.edu/4h/horsemasters.html>

### NORTHERN LIGHTS GOAT ASSOCIATION GOAT CLINIC

Northern Lights Goat Association is holding a goat clinic on Saturday, May 3, 2008. The clinic will be held from 9:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. for 4-H members and all others interested in goats.

The programs will be lead by Tom Considine, Portage WI. Tom is a well-known ADGA judge and owner of a large dairy goat farm. The sessions will cover showmanship, grooming, hoof trimming and general goat care.

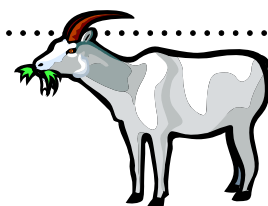
The clinic will be held at the John and Angel McPherson farm, W2070 Spencer Rd. Spencer WI. From the intersections of Hwy. 13 and 98 in Spencer, go west on 98 approx. 6 miles to Catlin Ave. Turn north on Catlin, go 1 mile to Spencer Rd. turn right to first driveway on left.

Advance registration of \$3.00 is requested by April 30. This includes handouts, lunch and door prizes. Registration is \$5.00 the day of the clinic. Please fill out the registration form in this newsletter.

Send registration to:  
Gerald Carey  
D3586 Folz Rd.  
Stratford WI 54484

For more information call:  
715-255-9361 or 715-687-8332  
E-mail: [goatfarnes4@msn.com](mailto:goatfarnes4@msn.com)

#### Northern Lights 4-H Goat Clinic Registration Form Registration Due April 30th



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed (\$3 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to NLGA**

**Mail to:**

**Gerald Carey  
D3586 Folz Rd  
Stratford WI 54484**



**2008 WI STATE FAIR MARKET SWINE IDENTIFICATION**

**WEST ALLIS, WI**, March, 2008 – Wisconsin State Fair officials have announced the locations and dates for the 2008 swine identification sites. All junior and open show market hog exhibitors wishing to exhibit barrows during the 2008 Wisconsin State Fair, July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup> are required to attend one of the regionally located identification sites. DNA identification will be conducted at these sites and will cost \$10.00 per animal. The current identification system allows officials to maintain consistent procedures thereby strengthening the integrity of the show, the animals that go to market, and the champions that sell in the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction. A complete list of guidelines and identification sites are available at the Marathon Co. 4-H website under the projects button.

**2008 WI STATE FAIR MARKET LAMB IDENTIFICATION**

West Allis, WI, March, 2008. All exhibitors interested in participating in the 2008 Wisconsin State Fair Market Lamb and Performance Classes must identify their market lambs at one of the official sites. All lambs will be individually identified, receive an official Wisconsin State Fair ear tag and be required to have a DNA sample collected. There will be a \$10.00 cost per animal for the DNA testing which will be collected at the check-in sites. Market lamb identification enables Wisconsin State Fair to maintain a higher level of quality control. A complete list of guidelines and identification sites are available at the Marathon Co. 4-H website under the projects button.

**Wisconsin State Fair Interest Form**  
Return this form by: April 1st

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club/FFA Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

My parent is would like to be a considered for a role as a chaperone at State Fair. (Not all parents can stay in the WSF dorms. Only 1 adult per 10 males/10 females are able to do so according to WSF rules. Adult chaperone teams will be responsible for the Marathon County delegation.)

Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed 4-H Volunteer training & screening? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**I am planning to participate in the following species areas:**

	Number of animals	I will stay in dorm	
		Yes	No
Dairy			
Beef			
Swine			
Sheep			
Goats			
Horses			
Poultry			
Rabbits			
Other?			

**Mail to: Marathon Co. 4-H, 212 River Dr. Suite 3, Wausau, WI 54403**



## NEW UPDATES FOR THE 2008 STATE FAIR JR. SWINE SHOW

Two new programs are being implemented in the Junior Performance Barrow class and the Junior Bred and Owned Barrow Class.

The Junior Performance Barrow class is open to all junior exhibitors. Final placing will be a combination of performance 70% (lean gain) and live judging 30%. Barrows must weigh 60 lbs and under at initial check-ins on April 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. Lean gain will be calculated using starting weight and scan data collected at the Fair. \$2,000 in prize money will be awarded to the top entries.

The Junior Bred and Owned Barrow Class is open to purebred barrows only. To be eligible to show in this class, the dam of the barrow must have been recorded in the exhibitor's name at the time of breeding. Bred and Owned barrows will show in a separate class and compete for over \$600 in prizes and awards.

Barrows will be identified by DNA and will be issued an official Wisconsin State Fair ear tag at regional check-in sites on April 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. New for 2008, there are no maximum weight requirements for the junior show barrows as part of the identification process. Only exhibitors who wish to show barrows in the performance class need to weigh their. Also new for 2008, no ultra-sound scanning, lean gain calculations or a carcass contest. The junior barrow shows will remain terminal. In addition, all Crossbred breeding



### Badger Bonanza Lamb Show

The 2008 Badger Bonanza Lamb Show will be held in Arlington, WI on May 4, 2008.

The Grand Champion Lamb will be awarded \$300 while the Reserve Grand Champion Lamb will be awarded \$200. Class payouts will be deeper this year than last year as well and showmanship classes will also be offered with prizes awarded to the winners of each age category.

Each year, the UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin hosts the Badger Bonanza Lamb Show. The show draws youth and their lambs from Wisconsin and surrounding states. The Badger Bonanza gives youth the chance to get their lambs into the show ring earlier in the show season. The Badger Bonanza is a sanctioned point's show by the Wisconsin Club Lamb Association (WCLA) however the show is open to non-WCLA members as well.

The Saddle & Sirloin Club hopes to encourage youth, teach them responsibility and generate interest in animal agriculture through hosting the show.

For more information contact Jason Russell, at [jasonrussell@wisc.edu](mailto:jasonrussell@wisc.edu) or 608.577.1448, or visit the UW Saddle & Sirloin website at [www.uwsaddlesirloin.com](http://www.uwsaddlesirloin.com) for frequently updates.

### 2008 BADGER DAIRY CAMP

Applications are now being accepted for the 2008 Badger Dairy Camp, June 15-17 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. At Dairy Camp, young people between 12 and 18 learn about dairy fitting, showmanship, and judging while they develop life skills in self-confidence, teamwork and sportsmanship. The all-inclusive \$ 115 registration fee covers dorm, food and camper activities. Grants and private sponsorships fund about half of the actual program expense. Scholarships can be applied for from the County Leaders Association. For more information about Badger Dairy Camp, go to the Wisconsin Dairy Youth website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth/>

### WI AYRSHIRE BREEDERS' SHARE-A-HEIFER PROGRAM

This program is designed to help young people who are interested in having a Registered Ayrshire dairy project.

Applications must be received by April 5, 2008. We will select calves and place them by the middle of May. Also, all applicants will receive a catalog for the Wisconsin Ayrshire Breeders Association Spring Sale held in Neillsville on April 12, 2008 and are invited to attend. For an application and a complete description of the program go to the Marathon Co. 4-H website under the projects button.