



# Marathon County 4-H Family Focus

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### 4-H Dates to Remember

#### May

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

#### June

- 1 June Dairy Day
- 5 Summer Dog Obedience begins
- 7 Clothing Revue
- 11 Fair Forms Due
- 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

## REMINDER!

The fair is coming up soon! Fair forms and fair books will be available from your 4-H leader. Fair forms can also be found on the Marathon County 4-H website under the forms button. June 11th is the deadline for fair entries.

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The 4-H Leaders Federation is a ...



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### Attention 4-H Garden Project Members!

Jerry Standiford is hosting a meeting to help Fair Exhibitors prepare their flowers, houseplants and garden items for competition at The Wisconsin Valley Fair (and Athens Fair too!!) The meeting will help you identify your best plants, clean and clip them for show, and help you prepare for questions the judges may ask of you! The meeting will be Saturday, July 12th, 2:00 p.m. at the Standiford home. For more information contact Jerry or Linda: 715-359-7180

### State 4-H Plant Science Day

A fun way to learn about Horticulture Science!!! July 8, 2008, Hancock Agricultural Research Station, Hancock, WI. Plan now to be part of the State 4-H Plant Science Day to be held July 8 at the Hancock Research Station in south-central Wisconsin. Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography and speaking contests. See the Horticulture Contest Study Manual (2002) which is available online from the [National Junior Horticultural Association](http://www.njha.org) (NJHA.org). For more details call Chuck Prissel at 715-485-8600.

The contest for participants will be held in the morning, and the afternoon will provide educational tours and workshops for all. Come learn how to identify trees and shrubs or how to design a prize winning floral arrangement. Tours of the research station and its production will also be available.

The event begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. Registration is \$10.00, which includes all materials, handouts, and lunch. Walk-ins are welcome but pre-registration is preferred for lunch and material count. Send no money now, but fill out the registration form mail to: State 4-H Plant Science Day, Polk County UW-Extension Office, 100 Polk Plaza, Suite 210, Balsam Lake, WI 54810. Registration forms are available at the 4-H website under the project button.

### Badger Livestock Judging Camp

Mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Badger Livestock Judging Camp to be held on Thursday, June 26 at the Stock Pavilion, University of Wisconsin – Madison. This camp is for youth who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through one year past high school that are interested in building their knowledge on the evaluation principles associated with market and breeding beef, swine and sheep. “This camp will feature speakers versed in the area of selection and reasons”, according to Bernie O’Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist. There will be a separate Beginner Track and an Advanced Track for youth to learn the basics of selection, oral reasons and answering questions. Livestock coaches are also invited to attend. The cost of the camp is \$25 which includes lunch, refreshments, and materials.

This event is sponsored by UW Extension, Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, and University of Wisconsin Animal Science Departments.

Questions regarding this event contact Bernie O’Rourke, UW Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at 608-263-4304 or [borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu). Go to the Youth Animal Science Website for a registration form and additional information. <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/badgerlvstkcamp.cfm>

Pre-registration is suggested. Send fee (checks payable to University of Wisconsin) with name, county, address and phone number to Bernie O’Rourke at 1675 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53703. Phone number is 608-263-4304 and email address is [borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu). Please register by June 20.

### Secretary Minutes

#### January

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#### February

Milan Kountry Kids  
N. Maine

#### March

Emmet Eagles  
Peplin Pioneers  
Texas Ramblers  
Good Friends  
Pleasantview

#### April

Texas Ramblers  
Athens Acres  
Pleasantview  
Milan Kountry Kids



## Congratulations to the 2008 Team Problems Contestants!

### Grand Champion Team:

Melanie Zernicke, Amy Henaman, Maddy Schwede and Kia Staszak

### Reserve Grand Champion Team:

Alyson Ostrowski, Samantha Ostrowski, and Brad Wormsbacher

## 2008 Foods Revue

Foods Revue is a new fair category under department 25. Foods Revue will be judged face to face prior to the fair on Tuesday, July 22nd at 1:00 p.m. Cake Revue will also be held that day; youth are allowed to exhibit at both. Remember that cold foods need to be kept cold and hot foods need to be kept hot. The building at 212 River Drive is equipped with a stove, refrigerator and a microwave. Please read the fair book information thoroughly. If you have questions regarding the Foods Revue, please contact the Marathon County Family Living Agent, Jackie Carattini at 261-1242. Registration for both the Cake and Foods Revue will be in the June newsletter. **Don't forget to sign up for Foods Revue on your fair form!**

## WI Valley Fair is on Facebook

Are you on Facebook? Do you participate in the Wisconsin Valley Fair? If you answered yes to these questions, become a fan of the Wisconsin Valley Fair on Facebook. The Wisconsin Valley Fair is on Facebook and needs you to help spread the word about the fair. Please go to: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wausau-WI/Wisconsin-Valley-Fair/30799550920>, become a fan of the fair and then share it with your friends.

If you have experience with Facebook, Myspace, and YouTube and are interested in assisting the Wisconsin Valley Fair in maintaining and creating pages on the various websites, please contact Lisa Nipple, Fair Administrator at the fair office for additional information. (715) 261-1539

## Dog Project Workshop Reminder!

A dog project workshop will be held on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Marathon County Fairgrounds. Preenovice obedience will begin at 10:00 a.m. and Novice and beyond obedience will begin at 10:45 a.m. Classes will be held at the Curling/Rabbit Barn which is directly behind the Youth Building/East Gate Hall. **If you have not handed in your vaccination records or training release form yet, you must bring them with you to class.** The training release form is available on the 4-H website under the projects button.

## State Fair Exhibitor Meeting

ALL State Fair junior exhibitors are expected to attend the State Fair Exhibitor meeting held on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, in Conference Room #5 of the 4-H Office Building. (Parents are expected to attend also!) If you are planning to exhibit at State Fair and are unable to attend the meeting, contact Jean Berger at 261-1243 prior to the meeting date. No new exhibitors will be accepted after June 10<sup>th</sup>.

At this meeting you will receive and complete the forms necessary to participate as a Marathon County participant in the Wisconsin State Fair. Checks for exhibitor fees and paperwork will be collected at that time, as well as paperwork for fair dormitory housing. For those who cannot complete paperwork that evening, the final deadline for all paperwork to be in to the 4-H office will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>, to assure adherence to WSF's entry deadlines.

Dormitories: State Fair Dormitory space is limited. One adult chaperone will be accepted for every 10 youth of the same gender per species...(For example one adult female can chaperone up to 10 girls exhibiting Sheep. If 11 or more girls are exhibiting sheep, 2 adult females will be needed.) There is not room for every parent to sleep in the dormitories. Family groups should go to the State fair website to link to hotel information and make reservations early.

For more information about State Fair, go to the Wisconsin State Fair website, <http://www.wsfp.state.wi.us/home/wsfp/AGRICULTURE/junior.htm>

## WI Make it With Wool Contest

The 2008 Make it With Wool Contest and WI will be held September 5-7 during the Sheep and Wool Festival at Jefferson County Fair Park. Entries are due August 15th. The make it with wool contest gives youth and adults the opportunity to make clothing using wool. Clothing must be made using 100% wool, or wool-blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty fiber) for each fashion fabric or yarn used. Specialty fibers include mohair, cashmere, alpaca, camel, llama and vicuna. The entire garment must be wool or wool-blend fabric. Contestants must submit fabric samples which will be tested for wool content by State Director prior to contest.

There is also a quilt, afghan & novelty contest. Please visit [www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com](http://www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com) for contest rules and entry information.



# 2008 Camp Upham!

This year our theme is "4-H...And my World", with the educational program focusing on the world around us. We hope to open the minds of campers to their surroundings. Our camp features lots of fun environmental related activities, including information about Invasive species; learning to grow mushrooms; using GPS technology; and learning about Wisconsin's Birds. In addition, we will have the usual fun of arts & crafts, campfire, swimming, boating, and other group activities.

Camp Upham Woods is designed for 4-H members in grades 4 through 7. It is a joint program with our neighbors in Wood County 4-H. The dates are July 16-19, 2008. The camp fee is \$85.00, which includes the program, food, lodging, and bus transportation from Wausau. (This is approximately 1/2 of the actual cost...4-H Leader's Federation pays the rest.)

Adult volunteers are needed to help with the camp health station, supervision of campers, dining hall activities, etc. If you are willing to come to camp as an adult volunteer, please indicate it on the



## Camp Upham Registration Form Due June 13th Code #5405



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



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



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



No,  Yes If yes, please describe the accommodation that is needed.



\_\_\_\_\_



Please list any food allergies we need to be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_



My parent/guardian is interested in being a chaperone at Camp Upham Woods. (All costs, including bus transportation, are paid.)  Yes  No



Name of Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_ Has this person completed 4-H Volunteer training? \_\_\_\_\_



I have enclosed the \$85 per camper, Camping Fee. (Checks made payable to Marathon County 4-H).



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



**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**



### 4-H Demonstration and Speaking Contest – June 26th

This year Jr. Fair has added Illustrated Talks to Department 31! An illustrated talk is an informative speech using visual aids. An illustrated talk is about an event, situation, historical person, place, or thing. A demonstration shows how to complete a process (how to tie your shoe, how to bake a cake, etc).

Demonstrations and illustrated talks are a great way to share information with an audience about something you have an interest in and know how to do. Many of your interests or the activities you do everyday would make a great demonstration or illustrated talk! You can give a demonstration by yourself or do one with a friend.

This year's Demonstration and Speaking Contest will take place on **Thursday, June 26th, at 212 River Drive** (building where the Extension Office is located in). **The program will begin at 9:30 a.m.**

The demonstration and speaking program is open to all junior fair participants. Judging criteria will be based on the following:

1. **Exhibitor:** Appearance, posture, voice, confidence and manner of presentation.
2. **Topic:** Creative, interesting, educational value and suited to age of presenter.
3. **Introduction:** Effective, suitable and gets the audiences' attention.
4. **Body:** Ideas clearly and logically developed; materials suitable for the subject, originality, and equipment well organized and displayed; visuals easy to read and effective.
5. **Conclusion:** Effective with catchy ending.

Illustrated talks can only be done as an individual. They will be listed in the fairbook as:

Lot 7 Illustrated Talk (grades 3-5)

Lot 8 Illustrated Talk (grades 6-8)

Lot 9 Illustrated Talk (grades 9 and up)

**Please remember that you need to return the entry below and sign up for demonstrations on your fair entry form through your club. Both must be done in order to receive a fair premium.** Deadline for registration is Monday, June 2nd. Participants will receive a schedule and further program information in June.

### 2008 Demonstration & Speaking Contest Registration Form Due June 2nd

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

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

Department	Class	Lot #	Title

Note: If you are doing a team demonstration, please list the name(s) of the co-demonstrator(s).

\_\_\_\_\_

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



### CLOTHING/KNITTING & CROCHETING REVUE

The 4-H Clothing/Knitting and Crocheting Revue will be held on **Saturday, June 7th, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at 212 River Drive; the building where the 4-H Office is located.** All judging is face-to-face and is based on the exhibitor's choice of pattern, fabric and accessories to enhance his/her personal body type and meet the needs of the wearer.

Please review the fair book carefully before filling out your entry. Clothing Revue is under Department 26, Class C. Knitting/Crocheting Revue is under Dept. 27, Class C. Remember, you need to **fill out both the entry form in the back of this Family Focus and your fair entry form.** You **must** be enrolled in the clothing project (#421) in order to participate in Clothing Revue. For Knitting/Crocheting Revue, you must be enrolled in a Knitting (#481) or Crocheting (#431) project in order to participate.

**Cloverbuds may participate in the Revue! In order to participate, they just need to be signed up as a 4-H Cloverbud.** This is a great opportunity to get our youngest members interested in sewing. Cloverbuds may make any item they wish, as long as it is something that they can wear. Some ideas for beginning sewing projects are, headbands, simple skirt with elastic band and machine sewn hem, simple polar fleece hat, vest out of felt or polar fleece that is not lined (edges can be pinked with pinking shears). Cloverbuds should wear their articles for the judge to see. They will do face-to-face judging and talk to the judge about their sewing experience. If you have questions or would like further suggestions for Cloverbud projects, please contact Margarete Dahlke at 715-845-5763.

One week prior to the Revue, you will receive a letter with a schedule. The mailing will also include details about writing a narration for modeling at the fair. This year, narrations need to be turned in at the Revue.

**2008 Clothing Revue Entry Form  
2008 Knitting & Crocheting Revue Entry Form  
Due May 22nd**

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

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

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If sewn for someone else, name of model \_\_\_\_\_

Classification in premium book: (Lot numbers are listed under Divisions)

**Dept. 26** Clothing Revue, Class C

**Dept. 27** Knitting and Crocheting Revue, Class C

Department	Class	Lot #	Entry Description (Exact Wording From Fairbook)



### Pre-Fair Music & Drama Program

It is time to begin flexing those piano fingers, warming up your voice and practicing your dramatic presentations...yes, it is time to prepare for the 2006 Pre-Fair Music & Drama Program! Pre-Fair Music and Drama performances, Classes C, D and E in Department 18, will be held at **Mosinee Community Center/High School on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 beginning at 9 a.m.**

All **blue ribbon winners must repeat their performance at the Wisconsin Valley Fair in order to receive a premium.** Cloverbuds are not required to perform at the fair.

Remember to check your fair book to determine the department, class, lot number and description required for filling out the entry form. Also, **remember that you need to fill out both** this entry form and your fair entry form in order to participate in Pre-Fair Music & Drama and receive a fair premium.



### Pre-Fair Music & Drama Performances Registration Due June 6th

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

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H club \_\_\_\_\_

If you are performing with others, please list their names below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Class	Lot #	Entry Description (Exact Wording From Fairbook) & Piece Title



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



# Summer Ambassador Help Wanted

Have you thought about applying to be an Ambassador, but you weren't sure if it was for you? Here is your opportunity to try it! Once again, we are looking for Summer Ambassadors. Summer Ambassadors are youth who are willing to help the 4-H Ambassadors during the months of June-August. This is an opportunity to find out what Ambassadors is all about and it will also get your "foot" in the door if you decide to apply to be a 2008-2009 Ambassador.

**Qualifications:**

- Must be in grades 7-10
- Submit an application
- Positive attitude
- Willingness to work as part of a team
- Accountable
- 4-H member in good standing

To apply, fill out the application and send it to the 4-H Office by **May 23rd**. **Late applications will not be accepted.** Mail to: 4-H Office, 212 River Dr, Wausau, WI 54403. Please contact Amber Brei, [amber.brei@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:amber.brei@ces.uwex.edu) or 251-1244 if you have questions.

## Summer Ambassador Application - Due May 23rd

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

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

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

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

Below is a list of some of the activities you would be helping with as a Summer Ambassador. Please place a check next to the events that you are available to attend.

- \_\_\_\_ June Dairy Day– June 1st
- \_\_\_\_ Demonstration Day– June 26th
- \_\_\_\_ Prefair Music/Drama– July 8th
- \_\_\_\_ Cloverbud Exploring Day– July 12th
- \_\_\_\_ Cake Revue– July 22nd
- \_\_\_\_ WI Valley Fair– varied schedule July 29th - August 3rd

Please print or type your answers to the following questions on a **separate sheet of paper**:

Describe your participation in the following:

- local club and county activities; include offices held and committee activities
- district and state involvement
- non 4-H i.e. church, school

What do you want to learn about the Ambassador program?

Describe how your 4-H experience has contributed to the development of yourself as an individual.

**PARENTAL AGREEMENT:** I am willing to support the Marathon County 4-H Summer Ambassador Program and I am aware that I must provide transportation for my child to participate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Letter Describing UWEX Nondiscrimination Policies

May 20078

Periodically, UW-Extension takes steps to assure that our partners know and understand our policy of nondiscrimination. This letter is to remind or notify you that the University of Wisconsin-Extension does not discriminate in the treatment of individuals, in the admission or access to its programs and activities, in the provision of services, or in employment.

Further, UW-Extension will not participate with organizations or in activities which discriminate on the basis of any of the legally prohibited categories of discrimination. Categories of prohibited discrimination include race, color, gender/sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status, arrest or conviction record, or membership in the national guard, state defense force or any other reserve component of the military service.

Consistent with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons who need materials in alternative format or other accommodations must write or call the UW-Extension contact person for the specific program or call the main telephone number of the **Marathon** County Extension Office, Wausau WI, at least ten (10) working days prior to the event.

Individuals who need TTY access may contact the **Marathon** County Extension Office by calling the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System, 1-800-947-3529 or 711.

On behalf of **Marathon** County Extension and the University of Wisconsin-Extension, I want to thank you for collaborating with our faculty and staff in their many educational endeavors. We appreciate your support and working relationships as we provide educational programs designed to empower the diverse citizens of **Marathon** Country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Berger".

Jean Berger  
4-H/Youth Development Agent

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amber Brei".

Amber Brei  
4-H/Youth Development Program Advisor