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Dorothy Wants You to Know... Minnesota 4-H on Twitter at the State Fair!

Minnesota 4-H wants to help 4-H'ers participating in the Minnesota State Fair to share their stories via Twitter! Twitter is a micro-blogging tool in which people can share 140-character messages (tweets) online to connect with audiences who are interested in similar subjects (like 4-H!).



Dorothy McCargo Freeman
State 4-H Program Leader

We hope 4-H'ers will share what they are doing and learning during the fair, and that current and former 4-H'ers might join the conversations and share their past experiences. Examples tweets from 4-H'ers might be:

- Just went thru judging on my @MN4H aerospace project in the 4-H Building at the State Fair! Hope I did OK:)
- Time to wash and groom my @MN4H sheep. Gotta look our best for judging @mnstatefair today!
- Giving a @MN4H demonstration in the 4-H Building @mnstatefair on dating etiquette at 1 p.m. today. Stop by and ask questions!

We will also have a projected screen in the 4-H Building during the fair so visitors can see the interesting things 4-H'ers are sharing.

Our communications staff have created a plan to guide 4-H'ers in tweeting about short messages to paint a fun picture of a day in the life of a 4-H'er at the State Fair, including their learning, activities and fun!

4-Hers (and their families) can also sign up to receive text or smartphone messages and announcements reminding them where they need to be – judging, meal times, etc., during the fair. Examples:

- @MN4HAnnounce Goat Judging in Arena 1 starts at 9AM.
- @MN4hAnnounce Welcome Encampment 2! Round 1 project orientation starts at

8:30am at Harkness Stage. Judging follows
– smile big!

To accomplish this, we will be sending information to 4-H families and youth via e-mail about how to participate. You can also receive information from 4-H staff, or on our 4-H at the State Fair resources page at www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/state-fair/resources.html.

This new effort is a great opportunity to help 4-H'ers share interesting stories about their time at the State Fair, and help make their stay there better through improved communications and announcements. All 4-H staff and families who are interested in following the stories are encouraged to follow them on Twitter.

Start Your 4-H Records – Due at County Fair end of 4-H Year!

4-H Council has approved requiring 4-Hers to complete 4-H Records. Records will be due to club leaders in the fall (date to be set by each club and leader). Club leaders will be required to submit a list of their club's members indicating whether or not each 4Her completed his/her records. This form will be due the night of County Record Judging. Each 4-Her is required to complete a Participation Record and one Project Record for EACH project area (i.e. photography, aerospace, beef, etc.) in which he/she exhibited at the County Fair.

Consequence: 4-Hers not completing records for the current year will not be eligible in the following 4-H year for county fair premiums, champions or grand champions, honorable mentions, rate of gain, livestock auction, Dairy Total Merit or Production Awards, Dairy Special, State Fair trips, State Dog Show trips, State Horse Show trips or any additional awards.

4-H Records are available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County & look under *Forms*).

Extension Office Closed

- Monday, August 15, 2011 – staff out of office
- Monday, September 5, 2011 – Labor Day

Historical Exhibits Wanted at County Fair for 150th Anniversary

The Goodhue County Fair is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year! To commemorate this event, the fair board is inviting current and former 4-Hers to bring fair projects from years past to the 2011 Goodhue County Fair. Examples are below. More information will be available in upcoming newsletters. If you're interested in being part of the committee spearheading the effort to gather historical projects, contact the Extension Office.

Livestock Related Exhibit: Possible exhibits might include an old newspaper clipping about Uncle Bill's champion poultry exhibit... an old picture of an actual livestock project that clearly demonstrates the progress of modern genetics... an original 4-H record from Grandpa's first hog project... or the show box and fitting equipment Grandma used with her dairy calf. If needed, valuable and treasured exhibits should be weather protected. Include a brief description of the exhibit such as "A news article from the Redwood Times recognizing Bill Jones' Grand Champion barrow at the 1941 Redwood County Fair. Bill's granddaughter, Jenny, is a 12 year old member of the Victory Boosters 4-H Club and also carries the 4-H swine project."

General Exhibit: The obvious would be projects that were exhibited by past 4-Hers, such as shop projects, sewn garments or entomology exhibits. But also think "outside the box." Consider the tools used to make the shop project, the sewing machine used to sew the garment, or the old book used to identify the entomology specimen orders within the entomology exhibit. Again, include a brief description to enhance the exhibit. Don't assume others will know or understand its history.

Other Exhibits: Any other exhibit that helps celebrate 150 years of the Goodhue County Fair. It may include photos or memorabilia from early fairs. Exhibits could showcase families exhibiting at the county fair through several generations. Be creative! Again, don't assume these projects will "speak for themselves." They'll be more widely enjoyed by others if they include a brief descriptor.

Be Part of M4-HAVA

The Minnesota 4-H Adult Volunteer Association invites all 4-H volunteers to join. Membership includes a newsletter, leadership opportunities, learning experiences, connection to other 4-H volunteers in Minnesota and more. Enrollment forms are available online at www.m4-hava.org/.

The Minnesota Farmer Assistance Network (MFAN)

The Minnesota Farmer Assistance Network (MFAN) provides business, financial and family guidance to farm families on a variety of topics including: financial statement preparation; debt restructuring; business reorganization; farm transition; farm family issues including family finances and debt, communication and stress. We also provide referrals for legal and mental health counseling. If you or someone you know is in need of these services, please don't hesitate to call. Call toll free 1-877-898-MFAN (6326) or 651-201-6326 or visit www.mda.state.mn.us/about/mfan.aspx for more information.

Extension Office Moves to the County Fair – August 5-15

The Extension Office will move to the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds in Zumbrota on Friday, August 5 and will return to Red Wing on Tuesday, August 16 (Note office will be closed Mon., Aug. 15). If you have any questions or concerns during that time, please feel free to call the 4-H Building phone # at 507-732-5021. If it's really, really urgent, you could call Amy's 4-H cell at 651-380-9779.

County Fair Entry Day for General Exhibit Judging – Monday, Aug. 8

Who: All 4-H members (including Cloverbuds) exhibiting in a non-animal science project area

What: 4-H Entry Day for General Exhibit Judging at County Fair - 4-Hers bring their exhibits to participate in conference judging at the fair.

Note: Clothing & Textiles exhibit judging and Cloverbud sewn garment (class J-1-7) are judged at

the Clothing & Textiles Exhibit Judging Day on July 13.

When: Monday, August 8, 2011, Judging times are 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Where: 4-H Building, Goodhue Co. Fairgrounds,
Register: County Fair pre-registration is required by Friday, July 8, 2011. To register and for more information, see the County Fair 4-H Premium Book online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County and look under Publications).

Questions? Contact Goodhue Co. Extension Office.

County Fair Livestock Entry Day/ Registration – Tuesday, August 9

Who: All 4-H members exhibiting in a livestock project area, including beef, dairy, goat, lama, poultry, rabbit, sheep & swine.
NOTE: Cloverbuds (other than swine) can bring their animals on the day of their show.

What: 4-H Livestock Entry Day/Registration at County Fair – 4-Hers check in to receive their back tags, stall cards, sign up for livestock interviews... and more!

When: Tuesday, August 9, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Show Arena, Goodhue Co. Fairgrounds,
Register: County Fair pre-registration is required by Friday, July 8, 2011. To register and for more information, see the County Fair 4-H Premium Book online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County and look under publications).

Questions? Contact Goodhue Co. Extension Office.

County Fair 4-H Wristbands for SALE

4-H Wristbands are NOT FREE like in past years.

NEW THIS YEAR: The Fair Board is offering/selling \$5.00 4-H Wristbands to 4-H members (ages 12 & up). Please note that because entry to the fair is FREE for ages under 12, 4-H wristbands are thus not necessary for ages under 12.

The \$5.00 4-H Wristbands will be available for SALE by the Fair Board at the following times and locations during the County Fair:

Monday, August 8, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.,
4-H Building

Tuesday, August 9, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.,
Show Arena

All other times at the Fair Board Office

Regular Entry Tickets: Regular tickets to the Goodhue County Fair are \$3.00/day for ages 12 & up or \$9.00/entire fair for ages 12 & up. Entry for ages under 12 is FREE. Parking is FREE.

County Fair Livestock Interviews August 9-10 – Required to advance to State Fair!

Who: All 4-H members exhibiting in a livestock project area, including beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep & swine. Grade divisions: Senior Division – grades 9-13; Junior Division – grades 3-8

What: 4-H Livestock Interviews at County Fair
4-Hers must complete at least one livestock interview in order to be eligible to accept a Livestock State Fair Trip. For all 4-Hers too young for State Fair, this is an optional but encouraged opportunity for 4-Hers to share your knowledge and develop your interviewing skills! 4-Hers can interview in any or all of the species in which they are enrolled.

Awards: All participants will receive a refreshing treat after completing your interview!

Grand & Reserve Champions will be selected in each age division in each species area. The Senior Grand Champion in each species will go on to an overall competition at the Supreme Showmanship Contest on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. The overall Champion will receive a \$50 scholarship.

When: Tuesday, August 9 - Beef, Dairy, Goat, Rabbits, Sheep & Swine (2:00 p.m. until done)

Wednesday, August 10 - Poultry (2:00 p.m. until done)

Friday, August 12 - Lama (right before Lama Show at 7:00 p.m.)

Where: White Tent, Goodhue County Fairgrounds (Poultry Interviews on Wednesday at the Poultry Barn)

Register: Sign up ahead-of-time for your interview: Before Fair at the Extension Office 651-385-3100, 1-800-385-3101, or mnext-goodhue@umn.edu; Monday at 4-H Entry Day for General Exhibits in 4-H Bldg; Tuesday at Livestock Entry Day/Registration in Show Arena; The flyer is available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on *4-H in Goodhue County*).

Questions? Contact Goodhue Co. Extension Office.

Encourage Livestock Exhibitors to Participate in Showmanship

Help your livestock species area earn an extra state fair trip! How? Simply participate in showmanship. If 90% of a species' exhibitors (not including Cloverbuds) compete in that species' showmanship, Goodhue County earns an additional state fair trip for that species. The extra trip is available for beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine.

TB Testing No Longer Required for Dairy & Beef at State Fair

As of October 2010, a majority of MN, including Goodhue County, was upgraded to TB Accredited-Free status. Therefore, no TB testing is required for animals advancing to State Fair. TB testing is not required for the Goodhue County Fair. If you have any questions, contact the Extension office at 651-385-3100, 1-800-385-3101 or mnext-goodhue@umn.edu.

Demonstration Day at County Fair August 11

- What:** Animal Science and Non-Animal Science Demonstrations
See category descriptions on page two of registration form.
- Why:** Practice your public speaking skills, share your knowledge, compete for a State Fair Trip (and the possibility of earning \$30!), and have fun all at the same time!
- Who:** Youth in grades K-13, demonstrations may be done individually or as a team of two

- When:** Thursday, August 11
Non-animal Science: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and 2:00-3:00 p.m., Animal Science: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Where:** Goodhue County Fairgrounds, Zumbrota
Animal Science Demonstrations will be in the livestock barns.
Non-Animal Science Demonstrations will be on the 4-H stage.

Register: Register by Tuesday, August 9, 7:00 p.m. – send your registration to the Extension Office in Red Wing before August 4 or turn it in at the 4-H Office in the 4-H Building at the Goodhue County Fairgrounds Monday or Tuesday. Late registrations will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champions or State Fair trips.

The registration form is available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on *4-H in Goodhue County* and look under *forms*).

Questions? Contact Goodhue Co. Extension Office.

County Fair Awards Ceremony Friday, Aug. 12

- Who:** Everyone is invited... 4-H members, parents, families, volunteers, friends, members of the community... and more! Come cheer on your fellow 4-H members and adult volunteers who are being recognized and receiving awards!
- What:** 4-H Awards Ceremony at the County Fair – Some of the awards to be presented include Adult Volunteer Recognition Award, 4-H Alumni Award, Brett Duden Memorial Scholarship, 4-H Family Award, Friend of 4-H Award, James Bryan Memorial Scholarship, Leadership Scholarship, Minnesota 4-H Key Award, Special 4-H Leader Award, Youth Leader Recognition Award and more!
- Where:** 4-H Stage at the Goodhue County Fairgrounds in Zumbrota
- When:** Friday, August 12, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
The County Fair Awards Ceremony Poster is online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue.

Club County Fair Responsibilities Available online

The County Fair Club Schedules Flyer detailing club responsibilities during County Fair is available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on *4-H in Goodhue County* and look under *forms*).

It includes the club schedules for

- Building and Barn Set-Up and Clean-Up
- Building Superintendents
- Cloverstop Foodstand

New in 2011: the number of youth and adult volunteers needed from each club is based on the number of members in the club, i.e. larger clubs are expected to provide more volunteers than smaller clubs. Clubs are also expected to provide workers for both barn and building set-up OR both barn and building clean-up. The addition of Sunday to the County Fair also required adjusting the Cloverstop shifts and the Building Superintendent shifts. Contact the Extension Office with any questions.

More volunteers needed on General Entry Day of County Fair

Are you interested in volunteering to help with 4-H Entry Day as a Judging Assistant at County Fair? Adult volunteers are needed as “clerks” to check in the 4-H exhibitors and record ribbon placings. Youth volunteers are needed as “jr superintendents” to arrange exhibits for display.

Who: 4-H Members completed grades 6-13 & Adult Volunteers

What: Help as a General Exhibit Judging Assistant (aka Clerk & Jr. Superintendent).

Project Areas: See the form online for a list of project/judging areas.

When: Monday, August 8, 2011, General Exhibit Entry Day at the Goodhue County Fair; AM shift is 10:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., PM shift is 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. (or later)

Where: 4-H Building, Zumbrota Fairgrounds,

Reply: Reply today! Send form or info to the Extension Office at mnext-goodhue@umn.edu. Form is online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on *4-H in Goodhue County* and look under *Forms* for *County Fair - Volunteer to be a 4-H*

Judging Assistant). More information will be sent to those that sign up.

Congratulations to the 2011 Junior Fair Board Members!

The following are this year’s Junior Fair Board Members! Congratulations! Kari Boyum, Christian Custer, Lisa Ecker, Rachel Ecker, Alyssa Finnesgard, Tim Hinrichs, Katie Loppnow, Chris Mack, Ryan Stehr, Ellin Stolp, Brooke Swenson, and Taylor Waugh.

Volunteer to Judge Herdsmanship at the County Fair

Have you ever visited the livestock barns at a county fair? What were some of your impressions as you walked through the barns? Your first impressions probably left a lasting impression. When the public visits the livestock barns at the Goodhue County Fair, we want their first impressions to create a positive lasting impression of our 4-H members, clubs, and program. How can you help? You can be a herdsmanship judge! Herdsmanship judges evaluate the overall neatness and proper care and treatment of the animals. (Extensive knowledge about the species is not necessary.) The evaluations you fill out during your judging time (thirty minutes to an hour) helps 4-H clubs and members know what they are doing well and what they could make better.

Who: Adult Volunteers interested in judging herdsmanship at the County Fair

What: Herdsmanship focuses on how the public views the livestock barns.

When: One shift during the county fair, Wednesday - Saturday, August 10-13; AM shift is 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; PM shift is 4 - 9 p.m.; you may judge anytime during the shift.

Where: 4-H Livestock Barns, Zumbrota Fairgrounds

Reply: Reply by Friday, June 17. Send your preferences to Goodhue County Extension Office by calling or emailing at mnext-goodhue@umn.edu.

Forms are available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on *4-H in Goodhue County*). More information will be sent to those that sign up.

Have Animal/Livestock Questions about County Fair? Ask your Superintendent

The following are adult volunteers who work with 4-H staff to facilitate the animal and livestock shows at the County Fair. Sometimes it is convenient and helpful to contact your Superintendent directly with your questions. Call the Extension Office for their phone numbers or emails.

Dairy:	Lindsay Finnesgard
Beef:	Bruce Waugh
Sheep:	Terri Dicke
Swine:	Rann Loppnow and Mike Patterson
Poultry:	Deb Timm
Rabbit:	Char Dudley
Horse:	Shellie Gilbertson
Pets:	Dawn Rohl
Lama:	Cheryl & Tom Larson
Goat:	Julie Stolp
Dog Agility:	Mary Forcelle
Dog Obedience/Showmanship/Rally:	Shelly Strusz

10 Commandments for Parents of 4-Hers Showing Animals

1. Thou shalt not feed, train and care for the animal, for thou art trying to teach the child responsibility.
2. Thou shalt forgive a child for making mistakes in the show ring for thou hast made mistakes, too.
3. Thou shalt not get mad when the child forgets items in the show box, for one day thou may also forget something.
4. Thou shalt help the show management, for they are doing a job thou would not want to do.
5. Thou shalt see that thy child is on time for all show activities, for thou would not want to wait on another.
6. Thou shalt assist thy child with entering and registering thy animals by the designated time.
7. Thou shalt teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal, but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.

8. Thou shalt not complain about the judge, for it is his or her opinion that has been sought.
9. Thou shalt remember that livestock projects are teaching projects, not necessarily money making projects.
10. Thou shalt remember that the livestock project shall be enjoyed by the whole family.

Adapted from a piece written by Clyde D. Lane, Jr., Extension Specialist at the University of Tennessee.

Reminder to Check Animal's Ear Tags During County Fair

4-Hers and parents are reminded to check your livestock projects/animals regularly to be sure 4-H ear tags are still in place. Tags can be lost for a variety of reasons, but it is the responsibility of the 4-Her to be sure any lost tags are promptly replaced with official 4-H ear tags. If they have been promptly and properly retagged (which means proper notification to the Extension Office and a 4-H tag), they will retain their eligibility. Animals that show up at the fair without proper tags will be ineligible for additional awards, such as premiums, championships, livestock auction, state fair, etc.

Reminder of Cloverbud Participation Policy






Cloverbuds is a non-competitive program. The focus of Cloverbud activities is to emphasize cooperative learning. This is a time to experiment with new skills and experiences, not to strive for perfection, nor be judged against each other. The program is designed to help children explore their world, discover possibilities, build self-esteem and practice basic social skills. The Cloverbud classes are open to enrolled Cloverbuds (grades K-3, remember that third graders have a choice of enrolling as a Cloverbud or as a regular 4-H member). When animals and Cloverbuds are together at 4-H activities, such as workshops, fairs and shows, a parent or responsible person will be in control of the animal. **This means the adult will handle and lead the animal.** NO EXCEPTIONS. More information is provided in the County Fair 4-H Premium Book.



How to Accept a State Fair Trip Deadline 7:00 p.m., August 12

State Fair trips can be accepted and/or declined in the 4-H building as soon as State Fair Lineups are posted. Trips must be accepted before 7:00 p.m., Friday, August 12. Once a 4-Her accepts a State Fair trip they will be given State Fair Registration materials containing the information they will need to plan for State Fair encampment.

To accept a State Fair trip talk to 4-H staff or designated 4-H volunteers at the board in the 4-H building. Each exhibit area will have a list of 4-Hers that are eligible for that State Fair trip with the total number of trips for that exhibit area noted at the top of the form. It is important to update the board with your intentions by having staff put either a green, yellow or red sticker by your name. Talk to 4-H staff about your intentions as soon as possible. If you are interested in a trip but are further down the list, please let staff know and a yellow sticker can be placed next to your name/exhibit on the list. That way, if the trip becomes available to you, it can automatically be switched to green (accepted).

WHAT THE DOTS MEAN - When accepting or declining a trip, please ask a staff person to place the dot on the line up sheet to indicate your intentions. Please do not do it yourself.

	Yes! The 4-Her has accepted this trip.
	The trip has been accepted, and the 4-Her has picked up his/her trip packet.
	The 4-Her WILL accept this trip if it becomes available to him/her.
	The 4-Her is interested but is waiting on another trip. W = Waiting
	The 4-Her has declined this trip.

	The 4-Her is not eligible for this trip, because he/she is too young. TY = Too Young
	All trips for this project area have been accepted.

All trips must be accepted or declined by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12. You are strongly encouraged to make your decision sooner and not wait until the last minute.. All decisions need to be posted to the board by 7:00 p.m.

Premium Checks Available for Pick Up Sunday of County Fair

4-H County Fair Premium checks will be available for pick up on the last day of the County Fair, Sunday, August 14, 2011 beginning at the Livestock State Fair Registration meeting at 2:30 p.m. and the General Exhibit State Fair Registration meeting at 4:30 p.m. After the State Fair meetings, the checks can be picked up in the 4-H Office in the 4-H Building until 7:00 p.m. After the County Fair, the premium checks will be available at the Extension Office in Red Wing (but it is preferred that all checks be picked up on Sunday at the County Fair). If you are not able to pick up your check yourself, you can make arrangements to have someone else pick it up for you. The person picking up the checks will need to sign to verify he/she has received the checks.

Reminder - Livestock exhibits must remain in place until 4:00 p.m. Sunday (animals consigned to Central Livestock may be loaded earlier) and general exhibits must remain on display in the 4-H building until 6:00 p.m. Removing the exhibits prior to release time will result in forfeiture of all premiums, auction premiums, dairy special premiums, and state trips earned.

2011-2012 Enrollment – Pick up Club Packet at County Fair

Before you know it, this 4-H year will be over, and it will be time to enroll in 4-H again! **New for 2011-2012: MN 4-H is switching to a different online**

enrollment website. Since our current enrollment database is not compatible with the new website, all members and leaders (new and re-enrolling) will need to enroll online as new members or leaders. More information about the new enrollment process will be available in the club's enrollment packet and future newsletters. Club Contact Leaders should plan to pick up your club's enrollment packet during the County Fair at the 4-H Building. All enrollments (adults and members) are encouraged to be completed by November 15 in order to receive current 4-H communications. Other club forms included in the enrollment packet are due October 15 as in previous years.

New Online Enrollment Website Coming This Fall

Beginning this fall, Minnesota 4-H will be switching to a different online enrollment provider. We realize that many 4-H Families and staff experienced significant frustrations due to problems and deficiencies of our current system, and so implementation has begun with a different provider (including testing by selected Minnesota 4-H staff and families). In addition to greater reliability and capacity, the new system is based on a "family login", allowing families to manage all youth and adult enrollments with one login. Watch the Clover Update for more information over the next few months!

Member and Adult Leader Awards Pick up Club Packet at County Fair

Pins, certificates, and seals for membership years and adult leadership years for all members and leaders were ordered by the Extension Office. Each club will receive a packet with awards for their members. Club Contact Leaders should plan to pick up your club's award packet during County Fair at the 4-H Building. Clubs are to distribute the awards to their members and leaders in the fall at a club meeting or a club award ceremony. More information will be in the award packet. Contact the Extension Office with any questions.

Who are Your Next Club Contact Leader and Assistant Leader(s)?

Each club should now be identifying who will be the Contact and Assistant Leaders for the coming year. Please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible to let us know these names for 2011-2012! Thank you!

Become a County 4-H Ambassador!

Who: Youth in grades 8-13

What: The Ambassador team is a group of teenage 4-Hers who want to have fun in 4-H while using their leadership skills to make ideas happen, right here in Goodhue County 4-H. It is a group that meets monthly at the 4-H Building in Zumbrota and plans and leads various 4-H activities and events throughout the year, not to mention plans their own fun outings each season, too!

When: 2011-2012 4-H year; meetings are the 4th Monday of the month (no meetings in December or August) at 5:45 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Zumbrota. The first meeting is Mon., Sept. 26, 2011.

Register: To participate, complete a registration/application form and send to Goodhue County 4-H. Don't worry about enduring an intense selection process - simply submitting the application will sign you up! The Registration/Application Form is available online at

www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on *4-H in Goodhue County* and look under *Forms*).

Deadline: Early Deadline - Sunday, August 14 at County Fair

Extended Deadline: October 21 (by the Fall Youth Leadership Retreat)

FarmAssist-Syngenta Sugarbeet Scholarship – due August 31

FarmAssist-Syngenta will be awarding 5 - \$1,000 scholarships to students who meet the following criteria:

1. High school seniors interested in agriculture OR college freshmen, sophomores or juniors majoring (or intending to major) in an agriculture-related field.

2. Students who are involved in 4-H, FFA, or the sugarbeet industry.
3. Applicant must attend school or reside in one of the following states: California, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, or Wyoming.

Scholarship guidelines can be found at www.farmassist.com/promo/Sugarbeets/index.aspx?nav=scholarship_guidelines.html.

The online application is available at www.farmassist.com/promonet/index.aspx?q=296.

State Fair Encampment Dates

Livestock Encampment: Wednesday, August 24 – Sunday, August 28, 2011.

Lama Encampment: Wednesday, August 31 – Friday, September 2.

General Encampment: Tuesday, August 30 – Thursday, September 1.

State Fair Info on the Web

State Fair Resources Pages:

www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/state-fair/resources.html

As families prepare for the State Fair, all the information needed for participation will be posted under **Preparing for the State Fair** including: the 4-H State Fair Premium Book and animal science updates. Volunteers should consult the site for the latest information on quotas, Arts-in, demos, encampments and rehearsal schedules (when they become available) and policies when needed.

During the fair, consult the section called **Participating in the State Fair**. Once results begin to roll in, they will be posted on the results page which can be found on the **State Fair Results** tab (click on the link “*current results*”). You can also look up last year’s results if you wish.

Photos from the State Fair will be posted at <http://mn4h.smugmug.com/StateFair>. Click on the link for 2011 State Fair. To view photos taken of Goodhue County 4-Hers at the State Fair type “Goodhue” in the search box (in the upper right hand corner).

State Fair Results & Photos of Goodhue County 4-Hers

State Fair Results of Goodhue County 4-Hers (for both Livestock and General Encampments): Note: The list is multiple pages and can be sorted by category. Key: BL (Blue); CH (Champion); PA (Participation); PR (Purple-a selected # of participants above and beyond a Blue, but not Champion or Reserve Champion; RC (Reserve Champion); RD (Red); WH (White).

<http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/state-fair/results/County.aspx>

State Fair photos of Goodhue County 4-Hers

(both Livestock and General Encampments):

http://mn4h.smugmug.com/Other/Goodhue/13575212_4CuNg/#983746861_nZ48W

Goodhue County’s Press Release about State Fair:

www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County and look under *News Columns*).

Upcoming Fall & Winter Events & Meetings

- Adult Leader Meeting/Fall Volunteer Training
Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.
- 1st Ambassador Meeting w/ Elections, Monday, September 26, 5:30, 5:45-7:00 p.m.,
- Fall Youth Leadership Retreat
Thursday-Friday, October 20-21,
Welch Village Ski
- 1st Council Meeting w/ Elections
Monday, October 24, 7:00, 7:15, 7:20 p.m
- Record Judging
Tuesday, November 1, 6:00 p.m.
- MN Zoo Leadership Retreat
Friday-Saturday, November 4-5,
MN Zoo, Apple Valley
- Fall PDC Meetings Tuesday, November 15,
7:30 p.m.

Annual Budget Requests Due Sept. 9

Each year 4-H Council allocates 4-H funds that were raised throughout the year (via the 4-H Hog Roast and other 4-H fund-raisers) to cover the expenses of county-wide 4-H programs and activities, such as livestock weigh-ins, project workshops, Judging Teams, Fashion Revue, Horse Project Group, MinnAqua Day Camps, County Fair activities, State Fair registration fees, etc. The 2011-2012 4-H Council Annual Budget will be approved at Council in October.

If your PDC, committee or program would like to plan for a different dollar amount this upcoming 4-H year, compared to what you were budgeted in last year's budget, then you need to submit a Budget (Annual) Request Form to the Extension Office by Friday, September 9, 2011. If the 4-H Budget Committee does not receive a request from you, then it will simply budget according to your event's expenses from last year. A Budget (Annual) Request Form is available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on *4-H in Goodhue County* and look under *Forms*). Questions? Contact Goodhue Co. Extension Office.

MN 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational - Sept. 9-11

The 2011 MN 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational will be held in Martin County (Fairmont) on September 9-11. 4-H members who are involved in their county 4-H Shooting Sports and Wildlife programs will participate in a variety of events such as BB Gun, Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Trap, .22 Rifle, Black Powder and Wildlife events.

Who: State Shoot qualified 4-Hers; event is open for the public to watch!

What: 2011 MN 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational

When: September 9-11, 2011

Where: Martin County Fairgrounds and Fairmont Trap Club in Martin County (located on Interstate 90 - Fairmont exit)

To learn more about the 4-H Shooting Sports Wildlife Program, or to see the rules and registration information, contact the Extension Office or visit the website at www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/shooting-sports-invitational.html.

Welcome Club Contact Leaders & Assistant Leaders!

Welcome to the 4-H Club Contact & Assistant Leader "club!" We 4-H staff want to say a HUGE THANKS to all of you for taking the plunge and volunteering to either return as your club's Contact Leaders or start fresh as your club's brand new Contact Leader! To be honest, it will be a lot of work, and at times you may wonder why you agreed to do this... and you'll feel that there is a ridiculous amount of paperwork... but we know that each of you believe in the 4-H program and our youth - and for that we thank you! You truly are the volunteer base of our excellent 4-H program in Goodhue County!

We also invite you to attend the 4-H Adult Leader Meetings! Whether you're the club contact leader, assistant leader, project leader, parent, or any other involved adult volunteer, you should attend! Meetings are quarterly (four times a year), and the next meeting is Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Zumbrota. Meet other volunteers across the county, get the latest 4-H scoop from 4-H Staff, learn new ideas to apply to your own club and take part in hands-on leader trainings. Hope to see you! Bring another adult leader along!

State Horse Show – Sept. 16-19

Who: State Horse Show trip winners; Event is open to the public!

When: September 16-19, 2011

Where: Coliseum at Minnesota State Fairgrounds

For more information go to: www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/horse/events/state-horse-show.html

Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Program (MYBEP)

The Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Program (MYBEP) will be awarding eleven (11) heifers this year. Any youth aged 12 to 16 who is a 4-H or FFA member may enter (previous winners of MYBEP heifers are ineligible to participate). The entry deadline is September 19, 2011. Each winner is responsible for raising, breeding and maintaining complete records on care of the animal while providing monthly progress reports to the original owner and the Minnesota Beef Expo.

Failure to adequately follow these requirements during the course of the year when it is owned in partnership may cause the program participant to forfeit their ownership of the animal. In 2010 we received over 50 entries for the sixth year of the Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Program and awarded eleven (11) heifers to deserving youth. This overwhelming response is a tribute to youth who wish to pursue a future in the beef industry. The purpose of this program is to aid youth in getting a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to program participants on the basis of merit, need, future goals, and ability to care for the animal.

The link to the application can be found at www.mnbeefexpo.com/pages/mybep.php.

Adult Leader Meeting – Sept. 20

Who: Whether you're the club contact leader, assistant leader, project leader, parent, or any other involved adult volunteer, you should attend the Adult Leader Meetings!

What: Meet other volunteers across the county, get the latest 4-H scoop from Amy, learn new ideas to apply to your own club and take part in hands-on leader trainings. Hope to see you then! Bring another adult leader along!

When: Tuesday, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m. (this is in conjunction with the "Fall Volunteer Training"). Meetings are quarterly (four times a year).

Where: 4-H Building in Zumbrota

Fall Volunteer Training – “We are Connected” – September 20

Attention all 4-H Youth & Adult Volunteers in clubs and county-wide groups, including PDC's, Council and others. Our fall statewide volunteer training will focus on Youth Engagement through Service-Learning. Join us for an EXCITING opportunity to explore how youth engagement can be strengthened by developing service-learning experiences within your club or group. This topic will help participants see how to put together an "action plan" that helps make "service" more meaningful and how utilizing the service-learning process can help youth and adults become more involved citizens. Remember that at least one volunteer from each club needs to attend, but you are encouraged to bring a team of youth and adults to the training. If unable to attend in Goodhue County, go to www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/volunteer/training-2011 for other dates and locations.

Who: 4-Hers in grades 7-13, adult volunteers and parents

What: Volunteer and Partnership Development Educators will deliver the programs with assistance from local Program Coordinators and Regional Program Educators. The training will include goal setting plus tools to involve youth and adults in planning. A video highlighting Minnesota 4-H volunteers that have successfully engaged youth and adults in their programs will be a part of the program.

When: Tuesday Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m. (this is in conjunction with the Adult Leader Mtg)

Where: 4-H Building in Zumbrota

Register: Register by Wednesday, Sept. 14 to Diane Lambrecht at lamb031@umn.edu. Please include your name, county, 4-H Club and the date and location of the training you wish to attend.

Questions? Contact Diane Lambrecht at 651-480-7703 or 1-888-241-0839, lamb031@umn.edu.

State Dog Show – Sept. 24-25

Who: State Dog Show trip winners; Event is open to the public!

When: September 24-25, 2011
 Where: 4-H Building at Minnesota State
 Fairgrounds in St. Paul
 For more information go to:
www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/state-dog-show.html

Window Display Contest – Register by Sept. 23

Have your club participate in the window display contest!

What: Create a 4-H display, i.e. in a store-front window at any public-access location in Goodhue County
 Who: 4-H clubs in Goodhue County
 When: On display starting October 2-8, 2011. Judging could take place anytime during October 2-8, so be sure to have your display up the entire time!
 Why: To promote 4-H to our communities! And to have fun as a 4-H club doing it!
 Results: 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing will be awarded!
 Register: Deadline - Friday, September 23. The Window Display Contest registration flyer is available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County and look under forms).

Questions? Contact Goodhue Co. Extension Office.

Ambassador Meeting – Sept. 26

Who: All Ambassadors and Ambassador Advisors
 When: Monday, Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m. Gathering, 5:45-7:00 p.m. Meeting (every 4th Monday of the month, other than August & December)
 Where: 4-H Building, Zumbrota

Council Meeting – Sept. 26

Who: Council youth and adult members and anyone else interested in attending
 When: Monday, Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m. Executive Board/Officers Meeting, 7:15 p.m. Council Meeting (every 4th Monday of the month, other than August & December)
 Where: 4-H Building, Zumbrota

Reminder: October 1 begins the 2011-2012 4-H year, so “new” Council reps technically don’t begin on Council until the October 24 meeting. The September meeting is the last meeting for the 2010-2011 Council reps. Of course if your “old” rep can’t be there (i.e. off to college, etc.), be sure to send someone else – perhaps your “new” rep.

Pick up County and State Fair Exhibits Monday, Sept. 26

All projects from State Fair and leftover ones from County Fair MUST be picked up on Monday, September 26 – no later!

County Fair exhibits that were left in the 4-H Building are still there, and State Fair exhibits are also there (not at the Extension Office). If you have fair exhibits at the 4-H Building, you should plan to pick them up at the September 26 Ambassador & Council meetings, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. If you cannot come yourself, you must make plans for someone else to pick it up for you. DO NOT plan to leave them there over the fall and winter, as they may be thrown away if not picked up by September 26.

Reminder to Cash Premium Checks by Sept. 30

...Just a reminder that county fair premium checks must be cashed by no later than September 30. That’s when the fair board financial books close. Checks that were not picked up at the fair or in the Extension Office were mailed to 4-Hers at the end of August. All 4-Hers who exhibited at the fair earn a premium check, unless there were extenuating circumstances.

Minnesota 4-H Salute to Excellence Award: Nomination Deadline September 30, 2011

Would you like to recognize a volunteer? Two winners are selected in Minnesota but even being nominated is a high honor.

Salute to Excellence is a national recognition program for 4-H adult volunteers. Two separate

awards are given; one for volunteers with more than 10 years in 4-H and one for those with less than 10 years. Minnesota winners receive a plaque and are nominated for the North Central Regional contest. Winners at the regional contest qualify for the national contest. Find details and nomination materials at:

<http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/scholarships/salute-to-excellence-award.html>.

Nominations for the Salute to Excellence Award are due by **September 30, 2011** to Barb Piehl, piehl001@umn.edu. Each nomination requires three letters of recommendation, a resume, and a completed nomination form.

2011 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum

Join the 4-H Techno Evolution - Save the Dates!

Join with other 4-H volunteers in your community to learn cutting edge information that will help you work with your 4-H members. Session topics include: Positive Youth Development,

4-H Program Management, and New & Emerging Curriculum. More information about the location and additional details will be announced soon.

- Monday, November 7, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Thursday, November 17, 6:30-8:30 p
- Tuesday, November 22, 6:30-8:30 pm

Do You Need a Club Activity or Program?

4-H Program Coordinator - Amy is available upon request to provide an activity or discussion at club meetings and/or activities. Currently, 4-H Jeopardy is all ready to go! 4-H Jeopardy is a fun way for members and families to learn about the different 4-H opportunities throughout the year on the county, state and national levels. Contact the Extension Office to personally invite Amy to your club!

County Project Leaders - You can also check with the Extension Office to determine who is leading a county committee or project area that suits your interest for a club activity, i.e. photography, gardening, shooting sports, etc.

County 4-H Ambassadors - The Goodhue County 4-H Ambassadors are also available for club program visits. They are a great resource for teaching on demonstrations, project areas, leadership and Goodhue County 4-H opportunities. You can arrange for a Goodhue County 4-H Ambassador to visit your club by contacting the Extension Office.

State 4-H Ambassadors - You can also have a State 4-H Ambassador visit your club. You may have seen them dressed in green at the State 4-H Building at the State Fair. They are a great resource for teaching about leadership styles, communications skills, diversity issues, National and State 4-H opportunities, and much more. You can request a State Ambassador by contacting the State 4-H Ambassador Advisors at 1-800-444-4238.

“Youth Leaders” / Teens in Your Club

Throughout the year, “youth leaders” are encouraged to get involved, particularly in any activity related to leadership. So what qualifies a 4-Her as a youth leader? Ideally, he/she is a youth who is signed up in the youth leadership project, but overall, it’s any 4-Her who is in 7th grade or older (sometimes this can include 6th graders, too!). This is an ideal age for youth to begin taking ownership in 4-H activities and develop leadership skills at the same time. This is also the age that 4-Hers begin to either engage in 4-H activities on the county level, or possibly lose interest on the club level. Encourage your “youth leaders” to be Day Camp Counselors (completed 7th grade), Council Reps, Ambassadors (completed 8th grade), PDC Members, members on a county committee in their project or interest area, etc.! There are so many ways to be involved in 4-H as teenagers! If you would like help in nudging one of your teens to get involved, don’t hesitate to give 4-H Program Coordinator Amy Gergen a call. FYI, “Youth Leaders” used to be referred as “Junior Leaders.”

Club Information & Club Visits Request Form – Due Oct. 15

Attention 4-H Club Contact & Assistant Leaders! Don't forget to complete and turn in your Club Information 7 Club Visits Request Form by October 15. This form was included in your club's enrollment packet, and it is also available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County and look under *Forms*).

Club Officer & Council Reps Leadership Training – Oct. 20-21

Club Officers and Council youth members/representatives are strongly encouraged to attend the Fall Youth Leadership Retreat – Oct. 20-21, 2011. The Fall Youth Leadership Retreat will not necessarily feature officer-specific information or training, but the Council reps and club officers will instead experience overall youth leadership development. This leadership development will not only be worthwhile and beneficial to each club officer, but it will also positively impact the entire club when the club officers bring back and apply the skills they learned at the retreat! For more information, see the Fall Youth Leadership Retreat flyer online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County and look under *Forms*).

Fall Youth Leadership Retreat for all 7-13th graders – Oct. 20-21

This is a great leadership opportunity for all youth leaders – club officers, PDC youth leaders, county Ambassadors... and more!

What: At this goal-setting, team-building and motivating leadership retreat, you will have fun with fellow 4-H youth leaders from other counties, hear guest speakers, engage in applicable break-out sessions, set goals for the 4-H project/program/group/club, etc. you're involved with, learn from each other and celebrate 4-H!

Who: Youth leaders in grades 7-13 from Goodhue County and other counties... Club Officers, Council Members, Ambassadors, Youth Leader Board Members, PDC youth members... and more!

When: Thursday, Oct. 20, 9:00 a.m. to Friday, Oct 21, 12:00 p.m., 2011 (MEA Weekend)

Where: Welch Village Ski and Snowboard Area, Welch, MN

For directions, visit www.welchvillage.com or call 1-651-258-4567.

Bring: Meals & cabin accommodations will be provided, along with showers, so bring your own sleeping bag, pillow, towel, toiletries, flashlights and a snack to share! Also bring a notebook and your 4-H spirit and energy!

Cost: ~~\$60/participant~~ \$30/participant for Goodhue County 4-Hers *Payable to Goodhue County 4-H*

Questions: Contact the Extension Office at 651-385-3100 or 1-800-385-3101 or agergen@umn.edu.

Register: Register by Friday, October 8.

Registration flyer is available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County and look under *Forms*).

Become a County 4-H Ambassador – Due Oct. 21

Who: Youth in grades 8-13

What: The Ambassador team is a group of teenage 4-Hers who want to have fun in 4-H while using their leadership skills to make ideas happen, right here in Goodhue County 4-H. It is a group that meets monthly at the 4-H Building in Zumbrota and plans and leads various 4-H activities and events throughout the year, not to mention plans their own fun outings each season, too!

When: 2011-2013 4-H year; Meetings are the 4th Monday of the month (not August) at 5:45 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Zumbrota. The first meeting is Monday, September 26, 2011.

Register: To participate, complete a registration/application form and send to Goodhue County 4-H. Don't worry about enduring an intense selection process – simply submitting the application will sign you up! The Registration/Application Form is available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County and look under *Forms*).

Deadline: Early Deadline – Sunday, August 14, 2011 at County Fair

Extended Deadline: October 21, 2011 (by the Fall Youth Leadership Retreat)

Questions? Contact the Goodhue County Extension Office at 651-385-3100, or mnext-goodhue@umn.edu.

1st Council Meeting for 2011-2012 Year – Oct. 24

- What:** 4-H Council Meeting – 1st meeting for 2011-2012 4-H year
Costume Contest at 7:15, Election of Officers, Vote on budget
- Who:** All youth and adult 4-H Council Representatives
- When:** 1st Meeting is Monday, October 24, 2011, 7:00 p.m. gathering, 7:20 p.m. meeting
- Where:** 4-H Building in Zumbrota

What is 4-H Council? And why should people attend?

4-H Council is the legislative governing body for all 4-H activities and programs in Goodhue County 4-H and meets every fourth Monday of each month (except December and August) at 7:00 p.m. (gathering), 7:30 p.m. (meeting) at the 4-H Building in Zumbrota. 4-H Council is made up of:

- 21 Youth Reps (one from each club for a one-year term). Of these youth, five are elected as officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Youth Treasurer and Parliamentarian
- 8 Adult Reps (two appointed from each geographic zone for a two-year term)

Each rep is allowed one vote. There is also an adult leader that serves as the Adult Treasurer, but he/she does not vote. Together, all 29 4-H Council members are responsible for the direction of county-wide 4-H projects and events, awards for members and leaders and the fund-raising efforts and budget for the entire membership of Goodhue County 4-H.

All 4-H members and volunteers are invited to attend meetings and be involved! Getting involved at Council meetings is one of your first steps in getting involved on the county level. Please come!

Council Officer Elections – Oct. 24

Elections for 2011-2012 4-H Council Officers will take place at the October 24 4-H Council Meeting at the 4-H Building in Zumbrota. Officer positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Youth Treasurer and Parliamentarian.

Will You Be Your 4-H Club's Council Representative this year?

Each club gets to send one youth rep to Goodhue County 4-H Council each month. Most clubs elect this youth leader as part of the fall elections (at the September club meeting). If you are interested in this 4-H opportunity, don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office or ask your 4-H Club adult leader.

Need a Council Youth Rep for Your Club?

Some youth leaders are interested in "subbing" for another club, especially if your club doesn't have members that are old enough to be a Council Youth Rep. If you need another youth leader to fill in for your club, either for the entire year or only occasionally, contact the Extension Office for suggestions.

MLBA 4-H Animal Science Enhancement Grants– Due Nov. 1

Applications for Winter and Spring Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association (MLBA) 4-H Animal Science Enhancement Grants are now available. The application, information, and sample grants can be found by visiting: <http://z.umn.edu/animalscience>. Grants will be awarded up to \$450 and the deadline for postmarks is November 1.

County Record Judging – Nov. 1 Clubs need to provide 1 Youth & 1 Adult to Help Judge

What: County Record Judging – At County Record Judging, volunteer judges evaluate 4-Hers' Records (not conference judging). 4-Hers can have their 4-H Records judged at County Record Judging if selected at the club level to advance on to county record judging.

Who: Youth & Adult Volunteers interested in evaluating/critiquing 4-H Records. Please note club requirement: In order to have your club's members' records judged, each club needs to provide one youth leader and one adult leader to help with judging.

When: Tuesday, November 1, 6:00 p.m. (should be done by about 8:30 p.m.)

Where: 4-H Building, Zumbrota

RSVP: Clubs should let the Extension Office know by Friday, Oct. 21 who from your club is coming to judge!

Bring: Bring your club's members' records to be judged. All records will be judged on that night and sent home the same night with each club's judges.

More Info: For more information about County Record Judging, the Record Judging Flyer and Records Q&A Flyer are available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County and look under forms).

4-H Retreat at the Minnesota Zoo for 3-8th graders – Nov. 4-5

Who: Youth in grades 3-8 (4-Hers and non-4-Hers are welcome!)

What: 4-H Retreat at the MN Zoo - Dream with the Dolphins & Snore with the Sharks!

When: Friday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. - Saturday, November 5, 12:00 p.m., 2011

Where: Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley, MN

Cost: \$49 per person, \$25/adult chaperone (1 adult per 8 youth is required). Cost includes evening snack, breakfast and t-shirt. Have your parent(s) pick you up on Saturday and enjoy the zoo together - for each participant, Saturday at the zoo is free!

Bring: Sleeping bag and enthusiasm to have a fun-filled night at the zoo!

Register: Pre-register ASAP or at least by Friday, October 21. Return the registration form to Linda Reis at U of M Extension Regional Office, 4100 220th St. W, Suite 100, Farmington, MN 55024-8087. Checks are made payable to: *University of Minnesota*. The registration form is available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County and look under *Forms*). More information will be sent to those registered.

Questions? Contact Linda at the Farmington Regional Extension Office at 651-480-7750, 1-888-241-0839 or reisx043@umn.edu.

Fall Youth Leader Board Meeting Nov. 15

Get involved... Meet and become friends with other 4-Hers who share your passion for your favorite 4-H project... Develop leadership and communication skills... Build your resume with experiences... Help plan 4-H project workshops... Work side-by-side with adult mentors who also share your passion... Provide leadership for a 4-H project!

Who: 4-Hers in grades 7-13 (5-6th graders are welcome, too!)

What: Youth Leader Boards are project-based groups of youth leaders who come together to make things happen in your favorite project area. The Youth Leader Boards are responsible for sharing project knowledge and passion through clinics/workshops and other educational and fun activities! The Youth Leader Boards are mentored by adult volunteer advisors who also share the same passion! This year, the following youth leader boards will meet: Beef, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Lama, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine. The group will meet all together, and then each project area will meet separately.

When: Fall meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 6:00 p.m. (1 ½ hour before the PDC meetings)

Where: 4-H Building in Zumbrota

Register: Register by Friday, Nov. 4. Flyer and registration form is available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County and look under *Forms*).

Fall PDC Meeting Night – Nov. 15... for PDCs and other Committees

Get involved... Meet new people who have similar interests... Make decisions about 4-H projects... Make recommendations for 4-H judges... Voice your opinion about County Fair... Make changes to the 4-H Premium Book... Develop youth and adult partnerships... Provide leadership for a 4-H project!

Who: 4-Hers in grades 7-13 (5-6th graders are welcome, too!), Adult Volunteers and Parents

What: In 4-H, there are Project Development

Committees (aka PDCs), which are made up of youth and adult leaders who provide leadership to project areas on the county level. PDCs initiate changes to the County Fair Premium Book, recommend County Fair judges, coordinate plaque sponsorships, make other decisions and more! The PDCs meet at least twice a year – in the fall and spring – and sometimes more. This year, the following PDCs will meet at the November meeting: Beef, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Lama, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine, Expressive Arts, Photography, Scrapbooking, Clothing/Fashion Revue. *If you have an interest in jumpstarting a project area not on this list, call Amy at the Extension Office.

When: Fall meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. (1 ½ hours after the Youth Leader Board meetings)

Where: 4-H Building in Zumbrota

Register: Register by Friday, Nov. 4. Flyer and registration form is available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue (click on 4-H in Goodhue County and look under Forms).

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2011

- 2 Arts In Travel Day, 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m., 4-H Bldg & across county
- 2 Horse Clinic (English-Intermediate), 6:30 p.m. Zumbrota Fairgrounds Arena
- 3 Horse Practice Night (everyone), 6:30 p.m. Zumbrota Fairgrounds Arena
- 3 Building, Barn & Stalling Set-Up, Time TBA, 4-H Bldg & Fairgrounds

- 4 Shooting Sports/Wildlife Practice, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Zumbro Valley Rifle Club, Zumbrota
- 5 **Extension Office closed** - moving to 4-H Building
- 7 County Horse Games Show, 10:00 a.m. Zta Fairgrounds Arena
- 8 General Exhibits Judging Day at County Fair
- 9 County Horse Pleasure Show, 10:00 a.m. Zta Fairgrounds Arena
- 9-14 Goodhue County Fair, Zumbrota Fairgrounds (see County Fair schedule for specifics)
- 13 Volunteer Appreciation Party, 4:00 p.m., 4-H Show Arena, Zumbrota Fairgrounds
- 15 Building & Barn Clean-Up, 9:00 a.m., 4-H Bldg & Fairgrounds, Zumbrota
- 15 **Extension Office closed** - moving back to Government Ctr
- 18 Shooting Sports/Wildlife Practice, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Zumbro Valley Rifle Club, Zumbrota
- 20 Set-up for Goodhue Lions Chicken Barbecue, Goodhue Lions Building
- 21 Goodhue Lions Chicken Barbecue, Goodhue Lions Bldg
- 22 Clean-up for Goodhue Lions Chicken Barbecue, Goodhue Lions Building
- 24-28 Livestock Encampment at State Fair, St. Paul
- 25 Shooting Sports/Wildlife Practice, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Zumbro Valley Rifle Club, Zumbrota
- 25-9/5 Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul
- 30-9/1 General Encampment at State Fair, St. Paul
- 31-9/2 Lama Encampment at State Fair, St. Paul

For the complete 4-H calendar go to: http://www.extension.umn.edu/county/Goodhue/news/Goodhue_4-H_Calendar.pdf. Or go to www.extension.umn.edu/county/goodhue and look in the 4-H Features in Goodhue County box and click on "4-H Calendar of Events for Goodhue County".

