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Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development

January is a great time of year to reflect on the past and plan for the future in our personal lives and in 4-H as well.

Since it began in 1914, the Wisconsin 4-H Community Club program has been grounded in research. It began as strategy to change the behavior of adults and to speed up the adoption of new agricultural innovations. Over the years, the number of 4-H projects expanded to meet the needs of young people not living on farms.

Research in more recent decades has focused on Positive Youth Development (PYD) by giving youth opportunities to get involved and develop to their full potential. PYD focuses on strengths instead of limitations and is associated with the “five C’s” – competence, confidence, character, connection, and caring. Researchers have suggested that a sixth C – contribution (to oneself and others) – comes about when the five C’s are present in a young person’s life (Lerner, Lerner, & Colleagues, 2013).

In the Wisconsin 4-H Community Club program, PYD is described by the four essential elements:

1. **Belonging** - a positive relationship with a caring adult within an inclusive and caring environment;
2. **Mastery** - an opportunity to build knowledge, skills, and attitudes; and then demonstrating their competent use as a proficient practitioner;
3. **Independence** - the opportunity to see oneself as an active participant in the future and for self-determination;
4. **Generosity** - the opportunity to value and practice service to others (Ivey & Mehlberg, 2006).

How are the members and leaders in YOUR club working to focus on the Positive Youth Development in the four essential elements?

Adapted from an article written by Dodge County 4-H Youth Development Educator, Marie Witzel. Used by permission.

“4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.”



Deadline Change for 2018 Cloverpatch

In 2018 the Cloverpatch deadline will be the 5th of the month instead of the first Friday. This should be easier for everyone to remember. When the 5th falls on a weekend, please send your submissions as usual; I will be able to receive them since I work from home, not in the UWEX office. Thank you!

Next Cloverpatch Submission Deadline

February deadline = January 5

Send articles to cloverpatchrockco@gmail.com. New issues will be posted by the fourth Friday of the month at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/newsletter.

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Did You Know?



Farewell!

As some of you may have heard, my position has been eliminated at UW-Extension Rock County. My last day is December 31, 2017.

I have really enjoyed working for the 4-H program. It is UW-Extension's greatest offering! I have often marveled at how 4-H kids stand head and shoulders above the rest of their peers in maturity and responsibility. These are the movers and shakers that will make improvements to their world in the future!

And I would be amiss if I didn't mention how much admiration I have for the parents who give so much support and the volunteers who put so much of their time and effort into this program! There wouldn't be a 4-H without you!

It has been a privilege working with all of you!
Kim Mork



College scholarships are on page 9!

Scholarships for Trips/Opportunities

Keep this policy in mind when looking into opportunities in the Arts (see the "Communication and Cultural Arts" section) or other areas:

The Rock County 4-H Leaders Council will contribute toward one trip awarded through the Rock County awards process or one opportunity not awarded through the county awards process per 4-H member within a 4-H year. In the case of a member participating in more than one such trip or opportunity in the same year, the member will choose the one to which the Council will contribute.

This amount may be as much as 1/3 the registration cost! Remember: If you're involved in more than one opportunity, you may only receive a scholarship for one of them and must designate which one you wish to be helped with. To request this scholarship after you have been selected for a program, simply write a letter to the UWEX office or to Rock County 4-H Treasurer Daryl Hansen at dhansen5@charter.net and request it!

Update on Using the Fairgrounds!

If your 4-H club or group would like to use the fairgrounds for a meeting or event, call Brian Paul at 608-449-5447. The keys must be picked up at the UW-Extension Office in the Courthouse prior to your event during regular office hours, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Keys will NOT be available on any other days or times, so please plan ahead!

You are cordially invited...

Looking for a fun activity for your club? Jessica Swartz from Beloit Snappers invites 4-H clubs to the Beloit Snappers games in the 2018 season. Interested clubs may contact Jessica at 608-362-2272 or by email at: jswartz@snappersbaseball.com for more information.



Club Happenings

Newark Beloit 4-H News

Newark Beloit 4-H Club has been busy with volunteer work these past weeks. For instance we made table top turkeys for a nursing home and played Thanksgiving BINGO with the residents. Our club members and the residents at the nursing home had a lot of fun playing the Thanksgiving BINGO! Another volunteer job we did this month was bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Woodman's in Beloit. We are also planning some winter activities that our club can participate in. Also our club received our NEW club t-shirts! Our club meets the second Wednesday of every month.

Newark Beloit Reporter: Alexis Swanson

Leadership

Junior Council Meeting

January 22 – 7:00 p.m., Courthouse

Attention all 4-H members in grade 7 and up — plan to join us at our January meeting! The group is open to all members and club Junior Council Representatives. If you are interested in taking on leadership roles on the county level, having fun, and meeting new friends, plan to attend. There are also opportunities to sign up to be on a committee where you can help plan events such as the volleyball tournament, Cloverbud Day Camp, and county outings!

Join a Planning Committee!

Youth 7th grade and up as well as adults are always welcome to be on the planning committees for events. If you're interested in joining a committee, please email Angie Hoops at amsctv20@yahoo.com. Please watch for committee meeting updates on Facebook at Rock County 4-H as well.



Senior Council Meeting

The Senior Council will meet on **Monday, January 22**, 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. The officers of Rock County 4-H Senior Council are here to serve you — the adult leaders and club chairmen! During this time of transition, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns or just need someone to listen! You can contact Meagen Flood at mkflood58@gmail.com with any questions you have.

At this meeting, we will have a special speaker, Darlene Arneson of the WI Farm Bureau's *Ag in the Classroom*, who will share with us the materials available through AITC to help promote 2018 National Ag Day on March 20.

Please invite all interested adults from your club to attend these meetings so that we can build a cohesive group of Rock County adult leadership. Every club should be represented at all Senior Council meetings! We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones!

Required VIP Training for New Leaders

Please note: This article has been updated from what appears in the print copies.

All new 4-H leaders are required to attend the orientation/training called Volunteers in Preparation (VIP). You will need to attend one of these sessions to be an active 4-H leader for 2018 and to receive your fair pass. Please note the listed locations.

Wednesday, January 10 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Rock County Courthouse. To register please call the UWEX Rock County Office at 757-5696 by January 5.

Wednesday, January 24 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at UWEX Dane County, 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Madison, WI 53718. To register please call Kathy Ottem at the UWEX Dane County Office at 608-224-3705 by January 19.

Thursday, January 25 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Rock County Courthouse Conference Center. To register please call the UWEX Rock County Office at 757-5696 by January 18.

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Monday, January 29 – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Room 1, Justice Center Lower Level (2841 6th St., Monroe) in Green County. To register please call the UWEX Green County Office at 608-328-9440 by January 24.

All leaders (new and returning) need to enroll online at wi.4honline.com/. Returning leaders can refresh their knowledge about Mandated Reporting in Wisconsin by visiting wcpds.wisc.edu/mandatedreporter/.

We wish to thank UWEX Green County and UWEX Dane County for inviting Rock County's new volunteers to attend their trainings. A special thank you to Ellen Andrews, Green County 4-H Educator, and Bruce Jones, Jefferson County Interim 4-H Youth Development Educator, for coming to Rock County to teach a sessions.

Full House

Rock County 4-H offers open enrollment so new members may join any time during the year. If your club does not have room for new members, please call the UWEX Office so we can consider this when doing club referrals for new families. If your club is closed, you need to be consistent and not allow anyone else to join for the remainder of the current 4-H year. Clubs cannot choose or vote on who can be members!



Children's Christmas Benefit Thanks You

The 2017 Children's Christmas Benefit was a huge success! Many thanks to the clubs, businesses, families, and individuals who donated money, gifts, and time that will help provide Christmas gifts and food for those Rock County families in need.



A special thank you goes out to all the Junior Council members, leaders, parents, and families who helped to make this event successful again. We are so proud of all of you. The Benefit is a major undertaking, and it wouldn't happen without all of your help!



Communication Arts Festival

Saturday, February 3

UW-Rock County, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Communication Arts Festival is coming right up!

Top ten reasons to sign up:

- 1) There is something for EVERYONE! All ability levels are welcome.
- 2) If you enjoy public speaking, choose from several types: prepared speech on any topic, extemporaneous speaking, interpretive reading, memorized declaration, 4-H public service announcement contest (top entries may be able to record their PSA for the radio!), demonstration, and illustrated talk using PowerPoint or other visuals.
- 3) If you don't enjoy public speaking, don't let that stop you. Make a poster! Show off your creative writing skills with poetry, short story, essay, or research! Or see reasons #4 and #5!
- 4) NEW this year - Photography! There are four categories to take part in.
- 5) Also NEW this year - Displays! Educational displays such as 3-D model, scrapbook, homemade game, farm display, etc.
- 6) Cloverbuds are welcome too! Make a poster on any topic or recite the 4-H pledge.
- 7) Receive an award at the end of the event!
- 8) Spend a Saturday morning doing something memorable! (You'll be done by 1:00 p.m.)
- 9) It's free!
- 10) Where better to conquer your fear of public speaking but in front of a friendly judge and 4-H audience? Learning to speak in front of people equips you for success in the future and right now too!

Want more information?

- ◆ Find the registration form on page 11.
- ◆ See the November/December Cloverpatch for the rules page.
- ◆ Go to the [Rock County 4-H Facebook page](#) or



fyi.4hrock/4hactivities/ for the flyer.

Please note: New this year, all speaking and non-speaking entries are due the day of the festival.

Registration is due by **Friday, January 12, 2018**, in one of three easy ways:

- ◆ Register online at goo.gl/Lz3WX6.
- ◆ Email info to arielstefanczyk@gmail.com.
- ◆ Mail the form to Ariel Stefanczyk.

If you have any questions, feel free to email Ariel.

Don't miss this opportunity to reach new goals and gain confidence in your abilities! Sign up today!

State 4-H Arts Team Applications **Due January 30**

All 4-Her's in grades 9-13 are eligible to become part of a Wisconsin State 4-H Arts Team. Each team will participate in a prep weekend at Upham Woods in the spring, the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference in Madison in June, and the Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis in August.

4-H Art Team works with the art exhibits at Youth Conference and State Fair, teaches seminars, learns about art behind the scenes, and creates artwork.

4-H Communications Team uses multiple forms of communication including photo, video, social media, blogging, and writing to inform others about club, county, and state 4-H events through Youth Conference and State Fair.

4-H Drama Company creates a stage performance involving acting, song, and dance to perform at Youth Conference and State Fair.

Information, job descriptions, and photos can be found at fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/. Registration is through 4honline and ends **January 30**. Scholarship money for these opportunities is available from the Rock County 4-H Leaders Council (see Did You Know section, pg. 2) and from the Peter Talen 4-H Arts Endowment Fund (see above website for application).

Happy New Year from HeatWave!

It's a Brand New Year and *HeatWave* has a Brand New Website! Want to see what *HeatWave* is up to? Check us out at www.heatwave4h.org for information about *HeatWave*, the new season, shows, how to book, support, and join! You might even see some familiar faces!



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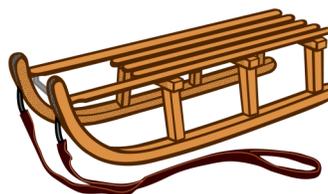
Visual Arts or Home Environment Projects!

The Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Company in Orfordville is pleased to announce quilting help for 4-H members interested in making quilted projects like quilted bags, accessories for the home, table runners, and bed quilts for the fair. No previous experience is necessary; they will teach basic piecing skills. All levels of experience are welcome! Times are available to begin projects in March. Call Tina Wellnitz, Angie Wellnitz, and Rhonda Streich at 608-921-3566 or 608-931-5745 or stop at their shop in downtown Orfordville at 203 W. Beloit Street for more information.



Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD)

Starting Jan.1, 2017, in order to use feed antibiotics, you will need a veterinary prescription – not over the counter. This change DOES NOT apply to injectables. To learn more about VFD and to check on updates, please visit fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/vfd/.



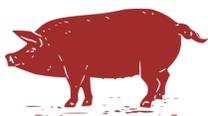


Attention Swine Project Members!

New Program for Meat Animal Projects:

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

In the fall of 2017, Wisconsin replaced the MAQA program with the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program. YQCA was created for youth in the Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine projects. The Rock County 4-H Fair requires this training for Swine project members. Wisconsin State Fair and other national exhibitions will require this certification for all of the above projects in 2018. Please see fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/yqca/ for a fact sheet detailing the program.



YQCA is offered through an interactive online curriculum as well as in a trainer-led program. Rock County will host one face-to-face session on January 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Craig Center at the fairgrounds. All participants who wish to attend the face-to-face training must register online (see link in the fact sheet) and pay their registration fee prior to attending.

For Those Interested in Sheep

February 11 is the date for an educational event and brief business meeting of the Rock County Sheep Producers. Anyone interested – adult, youth, and families – are welcome to attend and to join. The event will be held in the Craig Center at the fairgrounds from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. A snack will be provided.



Educational topics to be presented include:

- ◇ Lambing preparation
- ◇ Harvesting the fleece and storage
- ◇ Wood judging and classification. The RCSP has submitted a request for a wool exhibit class for 4-H/FFA members at the 2018 Rock Co. 4-H Fair.

If you are interested in joining the RCSP for 2018, please contact:
Brian Lux (treasurer) at brianlux67@gmail.com or
Aaron Bennett (secretary) at dairymusic5@gmail.com.

Horse & Pony/Horseless Horse Family Potluck and Auction

The Horse & Pony/Horseless Horse Projects Family Potluck and Horse Bucks Auction will be held Sunday, January 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the Craig Center on the fairgrounds. ALL Horse & Pony project and Horseless Horse project members, leaders, parents, and family members are invited and encouraged to attend!

Please bring a dish to pass, place setting, and one or more items per member for the Horse Bucks Auction. Beverages will be provided. Come join us for a really fun time!

4-H Horse & Pony Project Informational Meeting

There will be a VERY important informational meeting for ALL 4-H Horse & Pony and Horseless Horse project members on Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Craig Center at the fairgrounds. PARENTS, PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING with your member. You need to know what's going on as much as they do. Your attendance will ensure that you get a copy of the project informational packet which contains dates, rules, and forms that you need to have for the year! Please mark your calendars now!

PLEASE NOTE: A fee of \$10.00 per member will be collected at this meeting to offset the cost of clinicians for Horse & Pony project events. Please be prepared to pay this fee at the informational meeting! Thank you!

Tack Swap

The Tack Swap will be in a new and improved location this year - the Evansville Field House - on Sunday, February 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will have even more space available for vendors! Look for additional information on our Facebook page.

Horse & Pony Project Committee

The Horse & Pony Project Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. The next meetings are Thursday, January 4, and Thursday, February 1. All members, leaders, and parents are invited and encouraged to attend!



Attention Dog Project Members

A dog vaccination clinic will be held in February. The date and time are yet to be determined. Please watch your email, join the “Rock County 4-H Dog Project” Facebook group, or check out our website www.rockcounty4hdogproject.com for announcements.



We are holding weekly classes on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Poultry barn at the Rock County Fairgrounds. These classes are drop-in and not required. The schedule can be found on our website. Cancellations, if necessary, will be announced on the website and in the Facebook group.

Rock County 4-H Dog project members will each receive a t-shirt this year. If you have a design idea, please bring it to a Thursday night training session or submit it via email to rc4hdogproject@gmail.com. The design should use only one color of ink. Please submit your ideas by February 8.

We will be holding our project orientation meeting on Thursday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Craig Center. Do not bring your dogs to this meeting. We will discuss expectations and take registrations. Meetings will continue every Thursday in the Craig Center through our fair shows.

The 4-H Dog Project will host the Great Lakes Belgian Tervuren Dog Show this year as a fundraiser. Set-up for the show will occur as part of our March 8th meeting. Do not bring your dogs to this meeting. We need volunteers to help work the food stand on March 9 and 10 and also help with clean-up upon completion of the show on the 10th.

If you have any questions about the project, please feel free to email rc4hdogproject@gmail.com, call or text Katie Becker at 608-302-7101, or contact us on our website www.rockcounty4hdogproject.com.

Cat Project Meeting

Our banquet and auction night will be January 16 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Craig Center on the fairgrounds. Members, be sure to bring your Cat Cash form. New members will be allotted \$50 in Cat Cash so they will be able to participate in the auction also. Please bring cat-related items for the auction; this can be anything for the cat or for the member. Updates will be on Facebook.

Rabbit Project Meeting

January 10 - 6:30 p.m.

Craig Center, Fairgrounds

Project members and leaders are encouraged to attend this fun and informational meeting to learn more about the Rabbit project. Discussion will be held on selecting your rabbit, proper grooming techniques, and showing your rabbit.



There are also two rabbit shows coming soon:

- ⇒ Elkhorn Lakeland show on February 11 and
- ⇒ Jefferson Badger show on March 11.

If you have any questions, contact Robin Heath at 608-289-2720.



Mechanical Sciences Project Meeting

There will be an orientation meeting for ALL members, leaders, and parents in Rocketry, Bicycle, Models, Aircraft, and Small Engines on Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. The 2018 project calendars will be distributed, and important info on rules, fair book changes, and procedures will be discussed, so plan on attending!

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not attend this meeting, you may not receive the project calendars and NEW information on the year’s events, including fair judging! It is VERY important for everyone to attend!

Mark the date NOW!



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Calling All Cloverbuds!

The Communication Arts Festival is for you too!



Make a poster! Recite the 4-H pledge!

Deadline to register is Friday, January 12. The Festival is on Saturday, February 3 at UW-Rock County. See p. 4 for info!

Environmental Education

4-H Archery Members

For those who have signed up for the Archery project, please join the Rock County Archery Facebook page to keep up to date about practices and competitions.

For those who are looking for equipment, we do have some available. Please contact Carrie at 608-743-4327. There are limited bows, so it will be on a first come first serve basis.



Practice at Hunt-N-Gear in Janesville will begin in February, and all Rock County Archery project members are welcome but must either call or message on the Facebook page to notify them of your intention. Any other Archery leaders are free to post their practices on the Facebook page as well, or we can do that for you - just get us the information.

Fair Facts

Fair Office Winter Hours

For the months of November through February, the Rock County 4-H Fair Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays.

Premium Book Pick Up

The 2018 Rock County 4-H Fair Premium Books will be available for club chairpersons to pick up during regular business hours at the Fair Office on the fairgrounds starting February 26. Please call Mary at the Fair Office (755-1470) with any questions.

Rock County 4-H Fair Alumni News

Scholarships were presented during the Rock County Fair at the annual meeting of the Alumni. Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients:
Caleb Broege - Gordy & Barb Andrew Family Scholarship
Jenna Broege - Funk Family Scholarship
Alyssa Demrow - Glenn & Janice Thompson Scholarship
Otis Johnson - Paul George Memorial Scholarship
Austin Lynd - Willard Arndt Memorial Scholarship
Catherine Vickerman - Robert Miller Scholarship
Dylan Witte - Phyllis Chrislaw Family Scholarship

Rock County 4-H Fair Alumni scholarships were also presented to these five recipients:

- Jack Elliott**
- Steffi Farrey**
- Maggie Timp**
- Brennan Washtock**
- Bobby Wolter**

The Rock County 4-H Fair Alumni is open to anyone who would like to join. Lifetime dues are \$100; annual dues are \$10. Contact Deb Bader at Littlerockacres@Litewire.net for more information and an enrollment form. The Alumni sponsors part of the fair premium book and scholarships. Our annual meeting is usually the Sunday during fair week.

Mark your calendars! The Rock County 4-H Fair Alumni Pig Roast Social/Fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. The fundraiser component helps us support the 4-H Fair Advocate Legacy Project, which in turn helps raise money to sponsor the scholarships for 4-H youth of Rock County. Time and place of the fundraiser TBD.

We are also looking for 20 acres within Rock County to raise a crop of corn on for this next year. If you can help, please let Deb know.



Scholarship Opportunities

All scholarships, including forms and contact information, are found at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/forms-and-applications/.

4-H Fair Alumni Association Scholarship

Who: Rock County 4-H and FFA members who have participated in the Rock County 4-H Fair, will graduate from high school in spring 2018, or who are 2017 high school graduates currently in their first year of post-secondary school

What: Several scholarships up to \$1000

Deadline: February 12, 2018

Rock County Agriculture Scholarship

Who: Any 2018 graduating high school seniors and students currently enrolled in a college or technical school program

What: Several scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$500

Deadline: March 1, 2018

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Who: 4-H members for at least one year and enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college, or technical school during the 2018-2019 academic year

What: Several scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1000

Deadline: March 15, 2018

See www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarships for details.

Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Scholarship

Who: High school seniors who will be first year college students in 2018-19, including those in 2-year programs, or students who will be 3rd or 4th year college students in 2018-19. Previous recipients are not eligible to apply. Must have some kind of involvement/leadership in the dairy industry.

What: Several \$1000 scholarships.

Deadline: March 23, 2018

See wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/ for details.

Home and Community Education (HCE) Scholarship

Who: A Rock County resident who is entering an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school in a community service field (education, extension, nursing, police science, fire safety, social work, etc.)

What: One \$500 scholarship

Deadline: March 31, 2018



JANUARY 2018 CALENDAR

If you need more info about these events, visit fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/ and click on "4-H Calendar".

1	UWEX Office Closed – Holiday <i>Happy New Year!</i>
4	Horse & Pony Project Committee meeting, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.
5	DEADLINE: Registrations for January 10 VIP Training due to Rock County UWEX office by phone call DEADLINE: February Cloverpatch submissions due to cloverpatchrockco@gmail.com
7	Horse & Pony/Horseless Horse Family Potluck and Auction, Craig Center, Fairgrounds - 1:00 p.m.
10	Rabbit project meeting, Craig Center, Fairgrounds – 6:30 p.m. VIP Training, Courthouse - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
12	DEADLINE: Communication Arts Festival registrations due to Ariel Stefanczyk
15	Jr. & Sr. Council Executive Board meetings, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.
16	Cat project banquet and auction night, Craig Center, Fairgrounds – 6:00 p.m.
18	DEADLINE: Registrations for January 25 VIP Training due to Rock County UWEX office by phone call
19	DEADLINE: Registrations for January 24 VIP Training due to Dane County UWEX office by phone call
22	Junior & Senior Council meetings, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.
24	DEADLINE: Registrations for January 29 VIP Training due to Green County UWEX office by phone call VIP Training, UWEX Dane County Office - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
25	Horse & Pony Informational Meeting, Craig Center, Fairgrounds – 6:30 p.m. VIP Training, Rock County Courthouse – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
26	February Cloverpatch available at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/newsletter
27	YQCA class, Craig Center, Fairgrounds
29	VIP Training, Green County Justice Center, Monroe – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
30	DEADLINE: State 4-H Arts Teams applications due on 4-H Online



Remember!
If the weather gets dicey, check the back cover of your Cloverpatch for the Rock County 4-H Bad Weather Cancellation Policy!



FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR

If you need more info about these events, visit fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/ and click on "4-H Calendar".

1	Horse & Pony Project Committee meeting, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.
3	4-H Communication Arts Festival, UW-Rock County – 9:00 a.m.
5	DEADLINE: March Cloverpatch submissions due to cloverpatchrockco@gmail.com
11	Rock County Sheep Producers program and meeting, Craig Center, Fairgrounds – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
12	DEADLINE: Rock County 4-H Fair Alumni Association scholarship applications due to Julianne Burns
15	Mechanical Sciences project orientation meeting, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.
19	Junior & Senior Council Executive Board meetings, Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.
20	Cat project meeting, Craig Center, Fairgrounds – 7:00 p.m.
23	March Cloverpatch available at fyi.uwex.edu/4hrock/newsletter/
25	Rock County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Tack Swap, Evansville Field House – 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
26	Junior & Senior Council meetings, UW-Rock County – 7:00 p.m.



2018 Communication Arts Festival Registration

Registration Due: Friday, January 12th, 2018

Event: Saturday, February 3rd, 2018

Name: _____ Grade: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Check ALL categories you wish to participate in:

- Public Speaking
- Extemporaneous
- Interpretive Reading – Prose
- Interpretive Reading – Poetry
- Memorized Declamation/Storytelling
- Poster*– 4-H Promotion – General
- Poster*– 4-H Project Promotion
- Poster*– Educational
- Poster*– Topic of your choice
- Display
- Creative Writing** – Poem or Prose
- Creative Writing** – Story
- Creative Writing** – Essay
- Creative Writing** – Research paper
- Public Service Announcement
- Demonstration
- Illustrated talk
- Photography* – Photo with special effects (include original)
- Photography* – 4 photos that describe Wisconsin
- Photography* – Photo(s) that tell a story (max. of 4)
- Photography* – Photo(s) of choice (max. of 4)
- Cloverbud 4-H Pledge

*Poster & Photography must include on back: Name, club, grade & category. They are due by 9:30 a.m. the day of festival.

**Creative Writing entries are to be brought at time of judging and are face-to-face judged.

- I would like to assist with the festival!
- Parent that would like to assist
(Name: _____ Phone/email: _____)

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