

State Updates

Fall Forum

Fall Forum is planned for November 4th-6th at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. Extension is still looking for club leaders or adults to present interactive and/or educational sessions at the Forum. Youth and Adults are welcome to sign up to talk about one of the many great programs in Rusk County is you would so desire! If you would be interested, please email me and let me know and I can forward you more information.

Celebrate the Arts

WI celebrate the arts contest

Drawing, painting, photography, pottery, paper, fabric, wood, and any other media & 4-H themed art OPENS October 2022

Enter your work later this year in the 5th annual Celebrate the Arts Contest and compete for \$1,000 in prizes. Open to all Wisconsin 4-H members!

Final Thoughts

Reenrollment: We are almost to that time of year again, reenrollment will open in September and will close November 1st. More information will be available later in August!

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining 4-H or getting involved as a volunteer, feel free to reach out to Alissa Maier, 4-H & Community Youth Development Program Associate. If you know someone who would be interested in receiving the newsletter email me as well!

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In Rusk County 4-H we strive to build positive relationships between the youth of the county and adults. Together we can make a difference in the lives of others. As a wise Educator once said, “We are in the business of developing youth, everyone is a winner, not just the people who received a blue ribbon”.

4-H Mission

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

The Rusk Report

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Mission of the Rusk County 4-H Pro- gram

Rusk County 4-H Program will provide positive learning experiences through the cooperation and leadership of both the youth members and adult leaders.

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August Installment of the Rusk Report!

Program Associate Comments:

Happy Summer Everyone,

I am hoping you all find this newsletter helpful in keeping up to date on the goings on in Rusk County! If there is anything you find that might need to be changed please let me know, as I would like to be spreading the most up to date information as I can.

Some things I would like to highlight in this months Rusk Report is 4-H camp and the upcoming fair. 4-H camp was a success all thanks to our amazing camp counselors who worked hard over several months. All the cabins went all out decorating, which the campers seemed to love! We did multiple activities and even had some fun telling ghost stories at the campfire.

The fair is always something to look forward to and hope everyone's animal and non-animal projects are ready! We have more great events planned for this years fair including a highly interactive Ed tent, great animals on display, kids games and another Chris Clover scavenger hunt you'll want to take part in.

Thank you,

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"The 4-H Clubs believe in and practice the full development of our talents. They believe in physical and mental health. Beyond this there is an underlying creed of honesty of purpose. These objectives and practical projects make the 4-H Clubs a tremendous influence for the betterment of our country." - **Fred M. Vinson**, Secretary of the Treasury, 1946.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Memorial Park 5-7 pm	3	4	5	6
7 Lakeside Marshall Marchers Onni-Padi-Doon Club Meetings	8 Cloverbud Hoofbeats Club Meetings	9	10 Livestock and Small Animal Weigh-in	11 Livestock: Meeting 8 pm	12 Rusk County Jr. Fair	13 Livestock & Small Animal Auction. Livestock Bidder Din- ner
14 Rusk County Jr. Fair	15 Small Animal Butchering	16	17	18 Leaders Council Meeting	19	20 Buyer Thank you cards due Cloud- walker Meeting
21	22	23 Livestock: Meeting	24	25	26 Rusk Rockets Riverside Club Meetings	27
28	29	30	31			

Rusk County Fairest of the Fair

Who is the Fairest & 1st Princess?

Our 2022 Rusk County Junior Fair Fairest of the Fair:

Megan vanDoorn

2022 Rusk County Junior Fair 1st Princess:

Cadence Calkins

Megan and Cadence will be at various events through out the summer promoting the Rusk County Junior Fair and the Community of Ladysmith. Check out their Facebook page at Rusk County Fairest of the Fair.

Where will I be seeing the Fairest of the Fair?

Fairest of the Fair & 1st Princess
Event Schedule

Date:	
6/11.....	Rusk County Dairy Breakfast
6/12.....	Sheldon Fair Parade
6/17.....	Area Animal Science Days
7/4.....	Jump River 4th of July Parade
7/10.....	Blue Hills Festival Parade
7/14.....	Area Fairest and Royalty Day
7/15.....	Rusk County Jr. Fair Truck & Tractor Pull
7/17.....	Mardi Gras Parade
8/10-8/14.....	Rusk County Jr. Fair
August: Date TBD.....	Fairest of the Fair Reunion Day
January: Date TBD.....	State Convention

Rusk County Jr. Fair

Rusk County Junior Fair is right around the corner. The fair has something everyone in the family will enjoy!

From 4-H and school exhibits to goats, sheep, pigs and more!

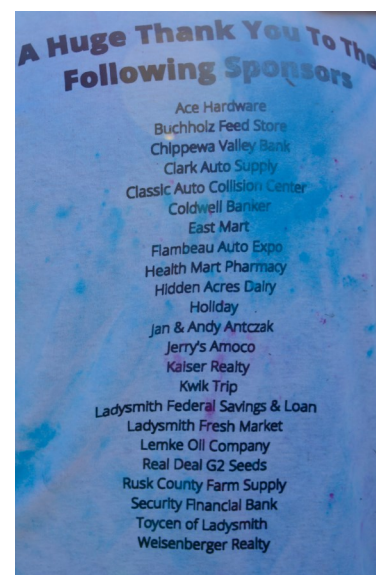
Make sure to stop into the Education Tent again this year. We'll be having the coloring contest again with winners drawn everyday at 4 pm, the sensory pools and many cool demonstrations.

Also back again this year is the Chris Clover Challenge, check out the 4-H Facebook page for more information and how to sign up!

2nd Annual JLO
4K Clover Color Run/Walk
It's FUN for EVERYONE

Registration is now open online through google form sent through 4honline. For a hard copy, stop into the extension office!

Adults — \$10
Kids 5-16 — \$8
Kids 4 & under — FREE



What's Up Rusk 4-H?

What Did I Miss Last Month?

Overnight Summer Camp

This year's overnight camp was super groovy!

Camper's arrived on Tuesday July 12th, met their camp counselors, cabin mates and hung out together before settling into their cabins. After cabin time we moved into rotations. Groups rotated to different stations throughout the day between solar jars, mini barn quilts, reverse tie-dye, and ice cream making. Later in the day we moved into a large group game with supper to follow and a campfire. At the campfire counselors presented their skits to the campers and we settled in for a scary campfire story. Then it was showers and off to bed.

Wednesday campers learned different camp songs, did a disco dance off between the cabins and had time to choose different activities to do during their free time. After lunch campers played relay games, packed up their cabins and gathered at the fire pit for end of camp closing ceremonies.

Thank you everyone for this years totally off the hook, rockin' camp!



What's New This Month?

National Night Out

NNO will be held at Memorial Park in Ladysmith on August 2nd this year. Join RCYC and the local PD for some fun at the park and the chance to win some really cool prizes.

I will have a booth there with information about all the projects and activities you can do in 4-H! JLO will also have hard copies of their color run registrations there as well if you haven't gotten the chance to sign up yet.

Junior Fair will also have a booth there so come and check out all the events taking place at the fair this year while enjoying the night with friends, family, and the local PD!

Rusk County Junior Fair

We are official in fair month!

I hope everyone is excited for this year's Rusk County Junior Fair, I know I am! This year the Education Tent is shaping up to be better than ever. The Ed Tent will feature 15 different vendors with 4 educational sessions. We'll also be having the sensory pools and coloring contest back again this year. New to the Ed Tent will be the Commodity Carnival at the 4-H booth, the polaroid photo booth, a blackout bingo contest, and the WI DNR with Smoky the Bear.

Chris Clover Challenge

Back again this year will be the Chris Clover Challenge. Last year Bode, Sage, and Jax Zajec blew away the competition and walked away with the win. This year the questions are different, the stakes are higher and the prizes are better.

If you win the Chris Clover Challenge this year your prize is pieing the 4-H program associate in the face during the herdsman's awards on Sunday of the Fair.

I'm confident I'll be walking away pie free.

Club Reports

Deertail 4-H:

Next meeting will take place after the Rusk County Junior Fair where club members will be going mini golfing at Marvelous Mike's Minigolf & Ice Cream on **8/21**.

Last months meeting was at Memorial Park in Ladysmith where members had a cook out and time to hang out after the meeting.

Hoofbeats 4-H:

Next meeting will be on Monday **August 8th** at the fairgrounds for club booth set up.

During the month of June Hoofbeats have been meeting to do several different projects including making macrame flower pot holders, paracord bracelets, and a wooden phone holder for their wood working project.

Lakeside 4-H:

Next meeting is **8/7** at 4 pm at the Holcombe Town Hall

Marshall Marchers 4-H:

Next meeting **8/7** at 5:30 pm at the Sheldon Community Center

Onni-Padi-Doon 4-H:

Next meeting **8/7** at 6 pm at Flambeau School

Riverside 4-H:

Next meeting **8/26** at 7 pm at the Jump River Community Center

Rusk Rockets 4-H:

Next meeting **8/26** at 5:30 pm, location TBD

Cloverbud Club:

Next meeting **8/8** at 4 pm at the Senior/Youth Building



Committee Reports

Dairy Committee: No meeting scheduled for this month until after the fair.

- * NWSF Dairy show trip **7/14** to watch the Chippewa County Junior show and showmanship contest. Seven Dairy Committee members came with to watch the show in Chippewa Falls. That included Arie & Sidney Robers, Elin Augustine, Aaron Hetke, Peter, Abigail, and Rehekah Hecker. After watching the Dairy show members went through the barns visiting all types of animals. They even got to learn how to properly hold a chicken! After visiting the barns they went on rides and wrapped up a successful time with Elin finding a 4 leaf clover!
- * Dairy Committee members have also been hard at work maintaining the memorial flowerbeds down by the animals barn that they planted in June. They've been weeding and watering the beds with the help of adult volunteer Morgan Robers. The flower beds should be ready and looking nice come fair time.

Horse Committee:

Fair judging schedule:

- * Friday **August 12th:** 12 pm horse show
- * Saturday **August 13th:** 9 am horse show
- * Sunday **August 14th:** 9 am horse show

Livestock Committee: With the fair right around the corner don't miss out on any of these important dates:

- * **August 10th:** Final weigh-in for all species from 4-7 pm
- * **August 11th:** Livestock Committee Meeting 8 pm at the fairgrounds
 - Thursday **August 11th:** 10 am swine judging
 - 2 pm sheep & market goat judging
 - 3:30 pm beef judging
- * **August 13th** Bidder Appreciation Picnic 2 pm with Auction to follow at 5 pm
- * **August 14th** financial record and buyer thank you to livestock committee secretary by 11 am
- * Carcass Contest: TBD
- * **August 24th** Livestock meeting 6 pm at the LEC

Small Animal Committee: Next meeting is **August 4th** at 5pm for fair set up with a meeting to follow.

Other important dates to keep in mind:

- * **August 10th:** Final weigh-in and check-in of poultry & rabbits from 5-8pm
- * **August 13th:** Small Animal Auction
- * **August 14th:** Small Animal Committee meeting at 3pm in the Multipurpose barn
 - Small Animal barn clear-up
- * **August 16th:** Small Animal Butchering 9am fairgrounds
- * **August 20th:** Buyer Thank you cards due to UWEX

JLO:

- * Color Run registration is open and you can still sign up to get a shirt by August 1st. After August shirt you will not be guaranteed a shirt for the color run.
- * Dress an Animal Contest will take on Sunday August 14th of the fair at 12:30pm. Feel free to sign up until that morning of the fair.

Leaders Council: Next meeting is **8/18** in the LEC at 6:30 pm

- * Green & White Day is starting to be planned and any volunteer help would be greatly appreciated. We are also planning on having an Achievement Day again this year but are still discussing a day to do so.