



*Burnett County*

# 4-H Bugle



*January 2015*

## A Note from the Agent -

*Beth Rank*

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The Music Contest on January 24<sup>th</sup> is a great chance to provide youth with an outlet for expression and creativity. Youth need opportunities to express themselves in a variety of ways. This is an encouraging reminder to get those registration forms in by the deadline, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Participating in activities that involve music, drama, creative writing, public speaking and visual arts aren't just ways for youth to have fun. What's important about the arts is that they help youth develop knowledge and skills they'll be able to use all through life.

These kinds of opportunities help youth develop confidence in their ability to express themselves in front of others. And that can make it easier for them to form strong relationships and assume leadership roles.



Why is the 4-H Arts and Communication Program so popular?

- Youth can start 4-H arts and communication projects at a younger age than other 4-H projects, (EX; Animal Science projects).
- Youth can do things at a younger age than what is available in school.
- 4-H arts and communication projects help prepare youth for their futures (EX: public speaking). 4-H music contests and cultural arts fest provides opportunities to engage in creative activity within the 4-H club context,

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# JANUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 County Clover- bud meeting, 6- 6:45pm, Gov't Center.  Leaders and Jr. Leaders Meetings, 7pm, Gov't Center.	13	14	15	16          Winter Camp, Camp Crosswoods, Mason (Bayfield Co.)	17
18   Winter Camp	19 	20	21	22 Countywide LEGO® Project, 4:45pm - 5:45pm, Gov't Center	23	24  Music Contest, Siren School, 6pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## February 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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15	16 	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Countywide LEGO® Project, 4:45pm - 5:45pm, Gov't Center	27	28



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# 4-H News

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### January

**2-12** - 2015 Space Camp registration will be open on 4HOnline. Application form and registration instructions are at <http://www.uwex.edu/ce/s/4h/events/spacecamp/index.cfm>

**14** - **DEADLINE** to register for Music Contest. Registration forms **MUST** be in the office by 4:30pm.

**15** - 2015 County Trip suggestions **DUE** to Beth R.

**16-18** - Winter Camp, Camp Crosswoods, Mason, WI

**24** - Burnett County 4-H Music Contest, Siren School, 6pm

### February

**15** - **DEADLINE** for applications to host an international 4-H student. (*This page*)

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not otherwise promoted or completed.

- Youth generally like arts and crafts---they are fun and easy.
- 4-H arts projects complement school or out-of-school time activities. Many youth further develop and enter their school arts projects at the county fair or other talent shows.
- Youth enjoy the opportunity to perform and display their work in public. The initial incentive may be the ribbon or prize money but most youth grow to enjoy the recognition of their talents and constructive feedback

regarding how to continue to improve.

- Family and friends often participate together in arts and communication projects that build and reinforce friendships and family ties.

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## FALL FORUM 2015

For those of you who plan way down the road, the dates for 2015 Fall Forum have been set. It will be held November 6-8 at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells.

There is no limit on the number of youth and adults who can attend, however, only one

representative from each county may vote.

Talk to Adrienne and Maiya Fuller about what a great and interesting time they had at Fall Forum in 2014 and plan to attend!





# 4-H News

## HOST A 4-H INTERNATIONAL TEEN

***¡Hola! Konnichiwa! Hei! Annyeong! Welcome a Young Person from Argentina, Japan, Mexico, Norway, or South Korea into Your Life Next Summer!***

Add a great big handful of excitement to your home next summer by hosting an Argentine, Mexican, Japanese, Norwegian, or South Korean young person for one month! Chaperone hosts also needed for two week periods during July-August. Applications are **due** by February 15 or until all delegates are assigned. Here's the scoop:

### **Summer 4-week International host opportunities include:**

1. Argentina youth b/t 15-19 years old, approximately June 24-July 18.
2. Japan/South Korean Labo or LEX language/cultural club youth b/t 12-15 years old, July 26-August 22.
3. Mexico LEX language club youth. 12-18 years old. Approximately July 1-30, 2015.
4. Norwegian 4-H'ers mostly between 16-18 years old,

approximately June 24-July 18.

***Privyet! Plan ahead to host an international student for the 2015-16 school year from Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Moldova, and other Eurasian countries or the Asian countries of Japan or South Korea.***

Students arrive in August and depart in June. Requirements include having a genuine interest, being flexible and willing to spend time with the student, and having an extra bed available (not necessarily an extra room). All adults in the family must complete the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Protection program including background check. Previous hosting experience is not required. A host brother or sister of high school age is not a prerequisite and young or retired couples involved as 4-H leaders are also urged to apply. The application **deadline** is February 15.

**For additional information and applications** check out Wisconsin 4-H International Programs website at <http://wi4hinternational.org/>.

## UPHAM WOODS COUNSELOR TRAINING

Upham Woods is looking for interested youth and adult presenters to help lead concurrent sessions for our upcoming Counselor Training Weekend March 27-29, 2015! Training sessions will include such topics as:

- If I Only Knew Then What I Know Now
- Counselor Expectations and Fears
- Initiative Games Every New Counselor Should Know
- Facilitating Problem Solving
- Homesickness & Other Camper Woes
- Planning Campfire Programs
- Counselor's Choice!

Sessions are 45 minutes long and will run from ~11 am-5 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2015. To submit presenter proposals, please go to <http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/outreach-programs/public-programs/counselor-training-weekend/>, complete the attached form, and submit it to [amy.workman@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:amy.workman@ces.uwex.edu) by Jan. 3, 2015.



## Animal Sciences



### WISCONSIN PORK ASSOCIATION OFFERS PIG PROJECT SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a \$50.00 scholarship used to offset costs associated with their 2015 pig project. Up to ten \$50.00 scholarships will be awarded. Age divisions are as follows: Ages 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19 (as of January 1, 2015).

In the application, youth must provide project goals for the year; PQA and/or MAQA certification date; a simple project budget; future goals and how they relate to the pork industry; and "why should the WPA



select you for the scholarship." To receive a copy of the application, please contact the WPA office at 1-800-822-7675 or download the application from the website at [www.wppa.org](http://www.wppa.org).

**DEADLINE:** Interested youth must complete and mail the Youth Pig Project application form no later than Feb 1, 2015, to: WPA, P.O. Box 327, Lancaster, WI 53813. Youth who receive a scholarship will be asked to complete a follow-up questionnaire after their project year is complete.

For more information, go to <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/2014/12/02/wisconsin-pork-association-offers-youth-pig-project-scholarships/>.



## Arts & Communication



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### January

- 6 - **DEADLINE** to register for Art Lab.
- 10 - Crex Photo Club
- 28 - **DEADLINE** for state art group applications. (*next page*)
- 30-31 - Art Lab, Upham Woods

#### February

- 14 - Crex Photo Club
- 20 - **DEADLINE** to register for 4-H ArtBeat!

### CREX PHOTO CLUB

Second Saturday of the month, 10am - noon at Crex Meadows Wildlife Area.

Learn more about digital photography with the Crex Photo Club. Share images taken at Crex Meadows WA and the surrounding area with fellow photographers to learn new techniques.



Contact Crex Meadows Wildlife Area: 715-463-2739, [www.crexmeadows.org](http://www.crexmeadows.org), or [kristina.pupak@wisconsin.gov](mailto:kristina.pupak@wisconsin.gov)



## Arts & Communication



### STATE 4-H ARTS GROUPS PARTICIPATION

Attention all 4-Her's in grades 9-13 interested in participating in one of Wisconsin's State 4-H Arts Groups for 2015. **4-H Art Team, 4-H Showcase Singers, 4-H Drama Company and 4-H Press Team** can all be applied for on-line at: <http://wi.4honline.com>.

Information, Job Descriptions, Photos, Video and Timelines can all be found on our new Word-

Press website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/>.

Application forms and audition materials are **due** January 28, 2015, so please spread the word and encourage your friends to apply!

For more information contact Christina Rencontre, 4-H Youth Development Communication Arts Specialist, (608) 262-1536, or [christina.rencontre@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:christina.rencontre@ces.uwex.edu).

### ARTBEAT!

It's time to break out to the new beat! The 4-H ArtBeat that is!

Created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders, 4-H ArtBeat! is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! ArtBeat! will be held **March 20-21, 2015**, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods, in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more! Also the weekend will feature some surprise performances created just for this year's ArtBeat!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff



members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp, including outdoors. Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on cabin hill. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm.

The **(to be determined)** fee will include all materials and supplies, special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from Burnett County for some genuine 4-H bonding time?

Come join the excitement of this brand new opportunity available to some of our youngest (and often most enthusiastic!) 4-H members!

Registration **DEADLINE** is February 20, 2015. Registration forms can be found at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/4-HArtBeat.cfm>.



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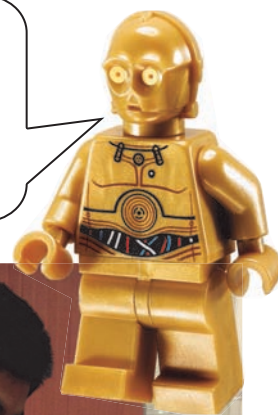
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**22 - County-wide LEGO®**  
Project Meeting, 4:45 -  
5:45pm. (Government  
Center)

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**26 - County-wide LEGO®**  
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For the January 22nd meeting, make something you can wear.



# FOUL WEATHER

**If area schools are closed early or for a full day due to weather, LEGO® project meetings are canceled. Lego meetings will still be held on late start days.**



## WILDLIFE HABITAT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Snow cover brings a new opportunity to observe the habits of wildlife. I always enjoy spotting fresh tracks in the morning snow from the previous night's nocturnal activities and trying to identify them with my children. One year we were lucky enough to see rabbit tracks and some predatory bird wing and claw marks in the snow! After a fresh snowfall, take a nature hike and you will be surprised at all the evidence left behind. It's a great time to take photos, too. Now is a good time to make notes in your outdoors journal if you're keeping one. Make plans with friends for outdoor winter activities. Did you add some needed supplies to your holiday wish list? Mark the dates from this newsletter into your 2015 calendar. We'd love to see you at an upcoming event.

**Wisconsin 4-H Forestry** - We welcome the new Wisconsin 4-H Forestry program as a partner to many of the Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H activities. This activity, like Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H can be part of other related projects. Participation in Wisconsin 4-H Forestry activities is open to all enrolled Wisconsin 4-H club members interested in forestry. You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities. The **art contest on March 27th & 28th** will be the first joint activity. There is a **National 4-H Forestry Competition event held each year in July** and a Wisconsin Team needs to be there. Please advise us if you are interested in participating and possibly qualify for the four member team representing Wisconsin at the nationals.

**Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H** - Start preparing for the **summer workshop contests**. You can be working on the "Concepts" section of the manual right now. This is the basic information you need to become familiar with prior to getting into the ecore-

gion. We'll post the ecoregion for the contests as soon as they are announced by the national WHEP organization. The four member 2016 Wisconsin National WHEP Team will be selected from the 2015 workshop contest participants.

**Backyard & Back 40 Wildlife Activities** - Wildlife WHEP WI 4-H will help your county with resources and offers assistance with the following activities: 1.) Purple Loosetrife Beetle Growing Program, 2.) Building Bat Houses, 3.) Improving Habitat for Pollinators, 4.) Building Butterfly & Rain Gardens, 5.) Improving Habitat for Migrating Land Birds, 6.) Improving Upland Bird Habitats, 7.) Water & Riparian Areas Improvements. Contact us for more details.

Participation in Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H activities is open to all enrolled Wisconsin 4-H club members interested in wildlife.

You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in Wildlife WHEP WI 4-H activities.

**4-H Wildlife Youth Leadership & Career Exploration Ideas.** Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H encourages youth leadership participation and career exploration through 4-H activities. Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H will come to your county to provide hands on training activities for youth and adult leaders.

**Looking for Wildlife Activities** - Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H can do a presentation in your county. We have many age specific hands on wildlife activities to share. Contact us anytime.

**THANK YOU** Wisconsin Youth & Adult Leaders for participating in the "Wildlife Activities" at the Fall Leaders Forum in Wisconsin Dells on November 14th & 15th. This annual event is the best way to get ideas for hands-on activities, meet youth & adult leaders from other counties, share some tales, and go back home "re-energized". We'll see you there next fall.

**Visit the Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H website anytime:** <http://fyi.uwex.edu/whewpi4h/>.

**Kerri, "Tracks" Editor**





## Younger Members



The next  
**Cloverbud Meeting**  
 will be held on Monday,  
January 5th  
 from 6:00pm - 6:45pm  
 in the Burnett County  
 Government Center,  
 Room 165.

In their Dec. 8th meeting, Cloverbuds learned how to vote in meetings by voting on what should be included in their trail mix snack. They also made hand puppet snowmen.

All county Cloverbuds are welcome to attend these meetings to learn about 4-H, do fun projects, and EAT! Come join us!



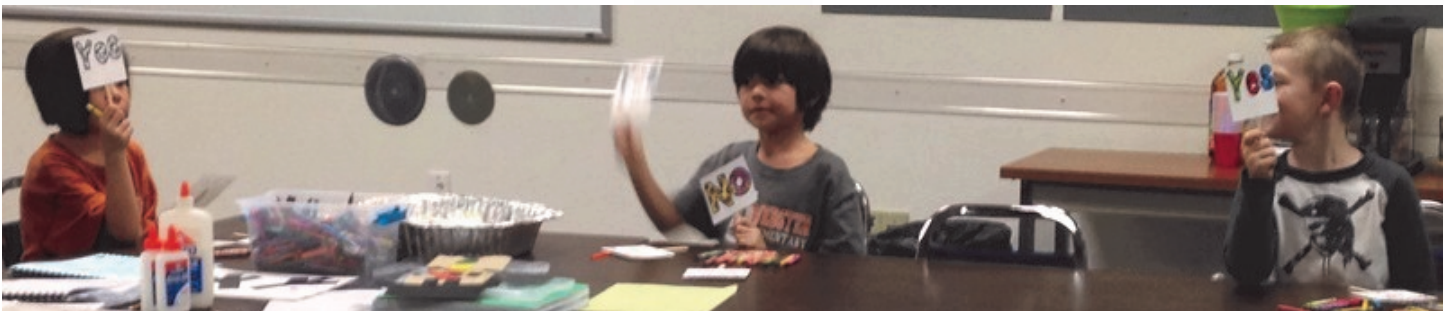
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## Younger Members







## Youth Leadership

Junior leaders Emily Stiemann (right) and Allie Webster (center, below) represented Burnett County at the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia in December. Allie is pictured in a team building workshop. Emily was a youth delegate advisor for Wisconsin.



The National 4-H Youth Conference is the culminating trip awarded to Burnett County 4-H members. Review participation criteria at <http://burnett.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/for-members/youth-award-guidelines>.

Right: the Wisconsin team arriving in Atlanta.





# CLUB

# NEWS



Orange 4-H Club had their December meeting at Cedarwood Manor in Webster, followed by their Christmas party and caroling for the residents.





# CLUB news



After the Cedarwood activities, Orange members volunteered at Forts Folle Avoine to help with their Christmas events.





# CLUB

# news

In November Wood Creek did not have a club meeting. Several of our club members joined the Leaders Associations Annual Dinner Banquet at the Kozy Kitchen. On November 29<sup>th</sup>, many club members caroled at the VFW Park in Siren at the Annual Christmas Tree lighting, we also caroled at the Lilac Grove Apartments, after the tree lighting. At our club meeting on December 7, 2014 we talked about upcoming Family Resource Center volunteer dates and who would like to sign up for them. We also talked about the Music Contest, and planned our Christmas party. We will be meeting over Christmas break to work on record books, make dog toys, and practice music.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Madison Thiex & Abby Hayman



Wood Creek members  
with residents of Lilac  
Grove Apartments.



# CLUB news

**Wood River Beavers**  
got together in  
December and made  
snowman ornaments.





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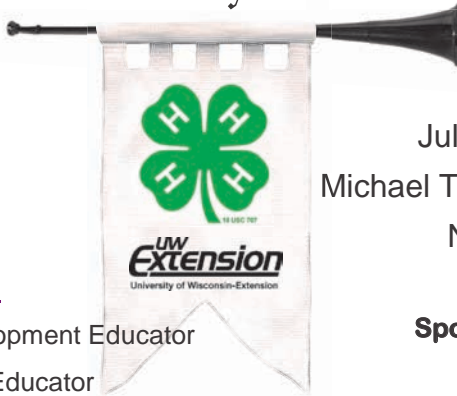
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