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YOU'VE GOT TALENT

YOU'VE GOT TALENT comes to Oostburg on February 27th! Sponsored by 4-H Rangers, the talent event will be held in the Oostburg Auditorium at 2 pm.

Open to all ages! Pass the word around to families and friends – we are looking for acts in Music, Drama, Comedy, Dance, Juggling, Balloon Art, Karate Demo, Color Guard, you name it! Event will also include raffle prizes and baked goods. Flyers and registration forms are available at http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/current-programs-registrations/ . You may pre-register by emailing 4H.Rangers.Club@Gmail.com.

Proceeds will go toward purchasing the safety vest needed for the new K-9 coming into Sheboygan Falls Police Department. (Through Vesting America's Police K-9's/Tread Armament.)

MISSING THE CALENDAR INSERT????

WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE ON THE TASK OF TRANSFERRING THE INFORMATION FROM THE GOOGLE CALENDAR AND DATES LISTED IN THE CLOVERLEAF CRIER MONTHLY INTO A PRINTABLE CALENDAR IN MICROSOFT WORD. THIS TASK WOULD NEED TO BE COMPLETED ALONG THE SAME TIMELINE OF OUR CLOVERLEAF CRIER AND DUE BY THE 30TH OR 31ST OF EACH MONTH. PLEASE CALL SARAH TARJESON AT 459-5915 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING THIS PROJECT ON. JOB CAN BE COMPLETED IN OUR OFFICE OR IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME.

POPPY POSTER CONTEST

The Plymouth Shamrocks and the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion would like to encourage all 4-H members to enter the Poppy Poster contest. The Memorial Poppy is given out on Memorial Day to Honor American Veterans. This would be a great way to promote patriotism and citizenship

in 4-H. Please check out the internet for information on why the Poppy was chosen as a symbol of remembrance and share the information with your club. The Ladwig-Zingraf American Legion Auxiliary Unit 243 will hold a Poppy Poster contest to promote the Memorial Poppy. The contest is open to students in grades 2-12. Participants will compete in seven grade classifications: grades 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12, and a classification for students with special needs. Turn finished posters in to the UW-Extension office by February 28th.

Among the rules are the following: Each 11x14" poster must have a fitting slogan, not to exceed 10 words. **"American Legion Auxiliary" must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the l0-word count.** Each poster must include a picture of the Flanders Poppy in the correct color (four red petals with a center of green and black) and the poppy shall have no leaves. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils and markers. The work can be the work of only one individual. All entries should be matted on white Mat board/poster board.

Poppy Poster Requirements

1. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles "a," "and," "an," "the" are not to be counted as words. The words "buddy" and "buy" cannot be used.
2. The words "American Legion Auxiliary" must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10-word count.
3. Each poster must include a picture of the Flanders Poppy in the correct colors (four red petals with a center of green and black).
4. The poppy shall have four petals and no leaves.
5. The poster shall be on an 11 x 14 inch poster board. Drawing paper will not be accepted.
6. The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
7. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils and markers.
8. Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age and grade of the contestant, the name of the sponsoring unit, (Ladwig Zinkraf).
9. Each poster shall be the work of only one individual.
10. No humorous drawings or slogans shall be used.
11. The label "In Memoriam" for the veteran-made poppy may not be used.
12. When the Holy Cross is used, the Star of David also shall be used.

Posters will be judged on poster appeal (layout, message and originality), 50 percent; artistic ability (design and color), 40 percent; and neatness, 10 percent.

The deadline for contest entries is February 28, 2016. Entries should be turned in to the UW-Extension office. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Doebert at jdkathy@hotmail.com or 838-4995.

Winning entries from each age category will receive a local prize and will be sent on to the state competition.

This project is wonderful opportunity to share some historical facts about Memorial Day and why poppies are handed out to people on Memorial Day at many stores. Please share the page of history on Poppy Day with your students. Specific targets for this lesson include historical facts on Memorial Day, students will increase feelings of patriotism, and creativity which is encouraged in the construction of the poster along with accurate depiction of the Flander's poppy and flag symbolism.

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

The Ladwig/Zinkgraff Women's Auxiliary would like to continue to promote Americanism and patriotism with in the area youth by sponsoring an essay contest for all students grades 3-12. The goal is to increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest. In Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address, he promised, "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan," by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's veterans**. This year's theme is "How do we keep Lincoln's promise to our veterans and their families?"**

Cover Sheets/Entry forms are available online at http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/current-programs-registrations/ . The essays are due to the UW-Extension office no later than March 15th. Kathy Doebert will pick up all entries on March 15, 2016, any further questions please contact K. Doebert at 838-4995

Type of award: Citation, $50 prize and additional $50 honorarium added to the Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship Fund. **Presented to:** 30 students total, 6 from each division, 1 student for every age group in each division.

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-200
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

Those in special education classes

- A student recommended for special education classes, but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors
- A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities; identification contingent upon discretion of school officials
- Must include the Americanism Essay Contest cover sheet.
- Unit winners are sent to the Department Americanism chairman, following department guidelines by April 1, 2016.
- The Department Chairman will submit entries by April 15, 2016, and sent to the National division chairman (see front page of this Plan for specific division contact information).
- National winners will be informed of their award via communication from National Headquarters directly following National Convention.
- At this time, a copy of the letter sent to the student along with a citation will be sent to the department to forward on to the unit. The department and unit should arrange a public recognition of the student's achievement.

FAMILY LEARNING DAY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Family Learning Day is a day filled with learning activities, new ideas and fun for the whole family. This event is open to the general public, where the whole family can forget about cabin fever and spend the day learning new skills. There are over 20 topics to explore: glass ornaments, Japanese art braiding, photography, veterinary science, knitting, build a birdhouse, volleyball, etc. There is something for everyone, 5 years old and up. All of the sessions are "Hands-on" activities. Join the fun at UW-Fond du

Lac on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 8:15 am to 2:00 pm. Participants must register by January 19. To learn more please call: UW-Extension (920) 929-3170 or visit: http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/4h/activities-events-2/ Family Learning Day is sponsored by Fond du Lac County 4-H: Enriching youth, families and communities through citizenship, leadership and life skill experiences.

COMMUNICATIONS ARTS FESTIVAL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

For the past few years, the Communication Arts Festival has had just a few parents and youth working with the 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator, but we need more help to make it a successful event. Last year, the Communication Arts Festival was moved to April to allow youth participants more time to prepare as the Music and Drama Fest and Project Day usually occur in February and March. The event is open to all 4-H youth (including Cloverbuds) interested in the arts. Project categories include posters, photography, drawing, talks and demonstrations, and creative writing. The deadline for entering is usually a month before the event. On the day of the event, youth will give their talks and demonstrations. Those entering the other categories will meet with judges who will review their creative submissions. This is a great way for our youth to become more comfortable having their projects judged and to receive valuable feedback on their work. The youth must be present at the festival in order to have their work judged. The creative writing entries are judged before the festival due to the time involved in reading and critiquing.

We need committee members – adult and youth – to help plan and execute this event. The committee is responsible for picking the date of the Festival, securing judges for the photography, writing, arts, posters and talks and demonstrations. In addition, on the day of the event, they will serve as judges' assistants, tabulate points, distribute ribbons and set up art work.

Please join us on Thursday, January 28th at 6:30 pm to help plan this popular event. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to participate on the committee, please contact Linda at linda.lueder@ces.uwex.edu. If you have suggestions for people who would make excellent judges for these categories, please let Linda know. It is good to have a mixture of new and experienced adults interacting with our 4-H youth.

I look forward to building a strong Communications Arts Festival committee for 2016.

Thank you,

Kelly Rauch, Sheboygan County Leaders Association Executive Board, rauchkelly@gmail.com"

WORLD WEAR PROJECT

worldwearproject.com

"Is anyone in 4-H interested in spearheading such a community service project?" One of our missions at World Wear Project is to divert *wearable*, affordable shoes from our nation's landfills. The shoes that are collected are then sold to third world countries at affordable prices. With your help we can continue to persevere in this mission and help create funds for yours.

The Shoe Box Program boxes should be filled with *wearable* cross-trainers, basketball, jogging/running, tennis, court, aerobic and training shoes. These may include, but are not limited to, Boots, Nike, Reebok, Adidas, New Balance, ASICS, Puma, Saucony, Brooks, Wilson, Prince, K-Swiss, Avia, Fila, Etonic,

Lotto, Skechers, Mizuno, Vans and Converse. *We do not purchase canvas or any shoes with metal cleats. Shoes should be in wearable condition, no stains, holes or overly worn. They must be in mated pairs with rubber bands and/or tied laces.*

We also accept wearable men's shoes, women's shoes, and kid's shoes. Shoes may include all wearable leather and leather look-alike tennis shoes, sports shoes, casual shoes and dress shoes. *They must be in mated pairs with rubber bands. We do not purchase canvas, winter boots, or any shoe with metal cleats.*

We pay according to the following formula:
60 lbs. and up per box = $0.55 per pound
40-59 lbs. per box = $0.45 per pound
0-39 lbs. per box = $0.00 per pound
Via UPS, we will ship you three flat shoe boxes measuring 18"x18"x30" with return shipping labels.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to partner with you. Please call or email us at Joy.Gilbert@worldwearproject.com if you would like to begin this program today. Thank you!

PROJECT DAY WORKSHOPS

This is the last call for presenters for Spring Project Day. This day is only as awesome as the projects and sessions that you teach. Please call Merry Klemme 893-9679 TODAY to offer to lead a session. Please write a brief description and include a picture of your project ASAP for the registration materials and send to merryklemme1@gmail.com

LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFO

The latest livestock project information is now available at: http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/beef-sheep-swine-projects/ Please check out the latest here.

PLEASE REVIEW THE LAST CRIER

Articles from the full issue of the December and January Crier were not included in this update. Please check out the items in last month's crier http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/cloverleaf-crier/ . Also as a reminder all articles for the February Crier are due to Ann Herzog ann.herzog@sheboygancounty.com by January 15th! Do not delay, we especially are looking for committees, project leaders and other countywide announcement to be sent timely and completely! Thank you for everything you do for our great program!