



## December 2018

### Dear 4-H Families:

Tis the season to be jolly, I hope that you also took the time to reflect on the many blessings in your life. Thank you to those that came to celebrate with us, our 100 years of Extension in Marshall County, it was a great time to celebrate this milestone during this time of thanksgiving. December can be a time of year when family and friends get together. When this for many of us is a busy, happy time of the year, for some it can be a time of hardship, heartache and isolation.

As 4-H families, I ask that you remember individuals and or families in your communities that may need your special attention. Many of you have talents, strengths and gifts which can make life more enjoyable for these people. Sometimes these individuals are lonely and may just need someone to talk to. A visit, hand-made card, or a small basket of goodies would be a very special treat for people, this gesture could mean the world of difference to them.

I hope the Holiday Season finds you in good health and happiness and we at the Extension Office wish you a very Happy Holiday!

### Marshall County Extension Celebrates 100 Years

Thank you to those that came out and joined us in celebrating with Marshall County Extension on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> as we celebrated our 100th year. 4-H is just one part of the University of Minnesota Extension Services in Marshall County. 4-H has a strong history, we were able to discover and display some of that during the celebration. We are excited for what the future holds for our 4-H youth and families in Marshall County, grow the possibilities.

### Citizen Washington Focus

CWF this year is June 22-29, 2019. The total cost of the trip is estimated at \$2000.00. Transportation will be an airplane! Marshall County Federation will pay \$800 for 2 Marshall County 4-H youth to attend. Please contact the Extension Office for the county application that must be fill out prior to apply to Citizenship Washington Focus, the two Marshall County youth will be chosen from this application to represent Marshall County, this must be done before December 7<sup>th</sup> as the CWF application is due by December 10<sup>th</sup>. This is for youth in grades 9-13. **A \$100 registration fee is to be turned in with the application by December 10.** The conference is a yearly opportunity for 4-H members across the US to gather together and learn about becoming active citizens in their communities. Participants engage in workshops and hands-on activities to understand the legislative branch of the government, develop local action plans, tour DC landmarks, and visit with our elected members of Congress.



### **BLU**

This year BLU will be held in Detroit Lakes at the Castaway Club on February 9-10, 2019. The cost is yet to be determined. This leadership workshop is for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. This is a great opportunity to gain leadership skills and meet other youth from the area!

### **Federation Meeting**

The Marshall County 4-H Federation will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2019, 5:00 p.m. at the E Free Church in Newfalden. We encourage you to have a representative from your club at these meetings as we will be making decisions that will impact 4-H as a county and we want all clubs to have a voice.

### **Marshall County Fair 2018**

Dates for the Marshall County Fair are July 24 – 28, 2019

### **Winter Weather Announcement**

We are at the time of the year when stormy weather may occur at any time. For postponements and cancellations due to stormy weather, please listen to KTRF, KKAQ or KROX radio stations. If the weather is bad or the forecast is for worsening conditions stay home and assume the meeting or activity will be canceled or postponed.

### **STATE FAIR PREMIUMS**

For you who participated in project areas, there is a \$6.00 premium that can be picked up at your convenience. It is your responsibility to pick up your premium prior to January 2. After this deadline it will be placed in the general 4-H fund.

### **New 4-H Year Enrollment**

It's time for 4-Her's and adult leaders to re-enroll in 4-H for the 2018-2019 year. Our new year starts October 1 and we would like you to re-enroll as soon as possible. You can visit [4honline.com](http://4honline.com) and click on the state of Minnesota, type in your e-mail and password. If you do not remember your password you can click on get a new password and it will be sent to your email. If this doesn't work, please call the Extension Office to get a new password. **Please do not make a new family account.** This website is user friendly and has been working very well in past years. If you do not feel comfortable re-enrolling online, you may call or email me with your updated health info, changes and projects you would like to enroll in. You can re-enroll add or drop projects until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Livestock is different and those projects need to be finalized by the animal ID date in order to qualify for state fair.



## **4-H Project Day**

Marshall County 4-H will host a county wide project day on Sunday January 13. The project day will be held at the Marshall County Court House and will begin at 1 pm. Youth will participate in 3 project areas by the end of the project day, they will be able to showcase these projects at the county fair or take home more information on how to improve upon their skills for demonstrations or public speaking, how to run a club meeting or build leadership skills depending on what they elect to participate in. We will have multiple project areas to choose from, but if you have interest in certain project or would like to host a project talk or project activity please contact the Extension office at 218-745-5232. There will be a light snack provided as part of the day. Registration will be required, \$10.00 (non-refundable) fee to cover materials will be due upon registration, light snacks will be provided. Please what for more information and registration forms soon.

## **Training for volunteers: “Keeping Youth Safe” webinar on Dec. 6**

**Keeping Youth Safe: Risk Management Expectations for Volunteers**  
**Dec. 6, 7- 8 p.m.**

This webinar offers staff a great opportunity to provide volunteers, individually or as a group, with the training needed to put to use risk management planning and practices. The webinar can be accessed by anyone at <https://umnnextcyd.adobeconnect.com/risk/>.

## **Clovermart Winter Sale!**

The Clovermart Winter Sale is here! Visit [z.umn.edu/clovermartwintersale](https://z.umn.edu/clovermartwintersale) to order. The sale is live now and we will be taking orders until **Dec. 14**. Orders will be shipped on Dec. 17. Please promote this sale to your circles. Proceeds from Clovermart winter sale are used by the State Ambassadors to plan and implement youth leadership retreats across the state.

We thank you for your support!

## **4-H Outdoor Wilderness Leadership & Service (OWLS) Program**

**deepen your knowledge. be inspired. serve.**

The 4-H Outdoor Wilderness Leadership & Service (OWLS) Program is an adventure-based program designed to provide 9-11<sup>th</sup> grade youth with intensive hands-on exploration of an area of interest associated with the outdoors.



**In 4-H OWLS, youth will:**

1. Deepen their knowledge in an area of interest
2. Explore career opportunities in the outdoor industry
3. Learn outdoor leadership and wilderness skills
4. Be able to plan and lead conservation efforts at a local level

**The 2019 4-H OWLS offerings are:**

- Game Birds and Their Habitat – youth will focus on Minnesota game birds such as turkey, grouse, and pheasants and their habitats.
- Wildlife Photography and Telling Your Story – youth will be instructed on basic photography elements, capturing wildlife and natural settings, and the art of telling a story in pictures and word.
- Forestry and Land Management – youth will learn tree identification, basic forestry concepts and land conservation.

**Who can apply?**

- Applicants must currently be in grades 9th, 10th or 11th at the time of application. NEW and existing 4-H members are highly encouraged to apply! Youth will be enrolled in 4-H after apply.
- Cost for the program is \$75 for the entire 2 year experience. Costs are being offset by a generous grant from Compeer and additional funders.
- **Applications and payments are due December 21, 2018.**
- For questions, contact Nicole Pokorney at 507-536-6304 or [pokorney@umn.edu](mailto:pokorney@umn.edu).

**Dr. Temple Grandin to speak at UMC**



Temple Grandin, American autism spokesperson, professor of animal science, and consultant to the livestock industry, will speak at the University of Minnesota Crookston on Monday, January 14, 2019 in Lysaker Gymnasium at 7 p.m. All are welcome to this FREE and much anticipated event.



## Calendar

### December

- 10 CWF applications due
- 24 Offices Close at Noon – Christmas Eve Holiday
- 25 Christmas Holiday Office Closed

### January

- 1 Office Closed
- 2 State Fair Premium pickup deadline
- 13 Marshall County 4-H Project Day- Marshall County Courthouse
- 21 Extension Office Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observed

### February

- 9-10 BLU @ Detroit Lakes
- 17 Federation Meeting-E Free Church Newfolden
- 18 Office Closed President's Day

### July

- July 17-21, 2019 Pennington County Fair
- July 24-28, 2019 Marshall County Fair**