



Members of the New Prague Boosters 4-H Club hosted about 60 guests from Magnifying Abilities at their annual Valentine's Day dance.

4-Hers host service project

As one of the oldest clubs in Scott County, the New Prague Boosters have been pledging their allegiance to the community for over 100 years. Besides the state and county fairs, one of our club's highlight events is the Valentine dance held each year for adults with unique learning abilities. Starting back in the '80-'90s, the New Prague Boosters club held a Halloween dance for similar guests with mental and physical disabilities. There were a few years where no dance was held; however, about 16 years ago, the New Prague Boosters got their dancing shoes back on and organized the Valentine dance with the help of Magnifying Abilities.

Magnifying Abilities is a social/recreational program for persons with cognitive and physical disabilities. Adults who participate in the program are generally from Carver and Scott County, but may include individuals from surrounding areas. This year's Valentine's

dance was a great success with around 60 guests and 35 volunteers. The dance was extra special this year since it was held on Valentine's Day. Falcon Ridge Elementary School in New Prague graciously opened its door for the festivities. Music and dancing were the main focus, but there were also snacks, crafts, and games like face painting, bingo, bowling, and a photo booth. The club worked hard to prepare and decorate. They also greeted, took turns running the games, and engaged with the guests to ensure everyone was having fun and felt included. Each year it is a very rewarding experience and a great opportunity for us to reach out to our community and learn how to care for and love others. As a club, we are already looking forward to next year's Valentine's fun.

Submitted by Nora Rosemeier, 10th grade, Member of New Prague Boosters 4-H Club

4-H training focuses on raising quality livestock, animal ethics

Quality animal care is an important aspect of agriculture and food safety. This March, 37 4-H members gathered at a local Scott County Farm for Livestock Quality Assurance & Ethics (LQA&E) training. The training, which enhances youth knowledge about how to properly care for their livestock animals and ensure food safety, supports youth who participate in Animal Science projects and show livestock at fairs.

Youth gathered from Scott, Carver, and Waseca Counties for the training. The youth, who ranged from 6th graders to college freshmen, worked in large and small groups to learn more about biosecurity, ethical animal care, feed and medication labels, and environmental stewardship in agriculture. The half-day training kicked off with hands-on activities in the classroom taught by

local 4-H volunteers; with the help of the Steinhagen family, who hosted the training on their farm, youth were also able to step outside and tour a working dairy operation.

4-H members can participate in Animal Science projects either through owning livestock or by leasing livestock from community members. LQA&E training helps give both experienced and new 4-H members to the project an opportunity to enhance their knowledge on animal care topics. Members repeat the training every three years to stay up to date.

If you'd like to know more about Animal Science projects or 4-H membership, contact Sarah Odendahl, Extension Educator, at (952) 492-5384 or sodendahl@umn.edu.



Youth from Scott, Carver, and Waseca Counties participated in the the Livestock Quality Assurance & Ethics Training.

Plan exhibits, visits to the 2020 Scott County Fair

Summer is just around the corner, and so is the Scott County Fair. Many of us have spent many a happy day at the Scott County Fair in Jordan, but it is not the same Fair that it used to be. The Fair has grown considerably in recent years, and there are so many entertainment and event options available. So whether you have been there every year, not for years, or have never been, you will want to plan ahead to make the most of your time at the Fair.

Check out the Scott County Fair website for the list of entertainment, events, and times. There are also daily schedules given out and posted around the Fair: <https://scottcountyfair.org/schedule/>.

Exhibits. You don't want to miss seeing all the wonderful things people have grown, sewn, and shown. Check out exhibits in the creative arts and 4-H buildings. Consider entering some things yourself: <https://scottcountyfair.org/forms/creative-arts-education-horticulture-registration/>

Buy a season parking pass, as you will want to come often. (There is no admission to the Fair!)

Welcome Booth: Be sure to stop by the welcome booth to register to win bikes, grandstand passes, and ride tickets that are given out regularly each day.

Animals: Be sure to stroll through all eight barns to see the gentle giant draft horses, 4-H and other animals, and to witness the Miracle of Birth. Somewhere near the barns this year, there will be a display coming all the way from Texas to do milking demonstrations five times a day.

Grandstand Shows: This year, there will be grandstand shows Tuesday night through Sunday. Get your tickets early, as some are sure to sell out as usual.

Commercial and food vendors. There are many new vendors this year, and of course, most of Fairgoers' favorites will be back too! Take a walk through the two large commercial buildings and visit with the businesses and non-profits there.

Consider joining the fun and volunteering! It takes a lot of volunteers to run the Fair. Volunteering is a great way to experience the Fair and get connected, and volunteers even get in free on the day/s they volunteer.

Once you get to the Fair, you'll be glad you came -- and glad that you planned ahead for **FUN APLENTY IN 2020.**

2020 Scott County Fair

ADVANCED CARNIVAL TICKETS AVAILABLE

Miracle of Birth Center

Horse Shows:

Draft Horse Shows
Fri. 4 PM, Sat. 4 PM
& Sun. 1 PM

Ranch Rodeo
Fri. 6 PM

Open Class Shows
Sat. & Sun.

KID'S DAY - THURSDAY
SR/VETERAN'S DAY-FRIDAY

GREAT ENTERTAINMENT	Main Stage Bands:	Grandstand Events:
Aussie Kingdom Gold Star Amusements Kent Family Circus Magic Shows Comic Stunt Juggler Teddy Bear Band (Thur-Sun)	Wed: Rhino Thurs: Mason Dixon/GB Leighton Fri: Charlie Sticha/Red Dirt Road/Tripwire Sat: Church of Cash/Up South/32 Below Sun: Old Country Boys/Lady Luck	Tues: Motokazie--7 PM Wed: NTPA Truck & Tractor Pull--7 PM Thurs: Truck & Tractor Pull--7 PM Fri: Friday Night of Destruction--7 PM Sat: Demolition Derby--7 PM Sun: Gopher St. Tractor Pull--FREE 1 PM Monster Truck Show--4 PM

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