



# 4-H HI-LIGHTS

## Dane County 4-H Family Newsletter

### Special points of interest:

- Camp Brochure
- Horse & Pony Clinics
- State Dog Show
- 4-H Lock-In
- Breakfast on the Farm

### A Note From Your Dane County 4-H Leaders Board

April was "Volunteer Appreciation Month". Dane County 4-H is very lucky to have many, many, eager and willing volunteers! Our 4-H calendar is really ramping up with activity, and that means your volunteer efforts are intensifying. We don't ever want our precious volunteers to forget how valuable you are to Dane County 4-H, and how much you are appreciated! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Over the next few months members of the Dane County 4-H Leaders Board will be writing articles for the Hi-Lights newsletter. Your Leaders Board is a very busy and hard working group of people! They are under the direction of Sandy Shotliff, who is serving as the current board President. Sandy is focused, very hard working, is always looking out for the best interest of Dane County 4-H, and above all a fantastic volunteer! Below are just a few of the important things that the Leaders Board has been doing, or is currently working on:

- Ongoing reviews and updates of by-laws and policies.
- Implemented a Conflict-of-Interest policy for board members.
- Updating the Organizational Leader Handbook.
- Meets with 4-H committees to learn about all the great things that are happening for Dane County 4-H'ers.
- Works with 4-H Staff to provide ongoing and improved 4-H programming.

Please take time to thank all of the volunteers that you work with in Dane County 4-H for all that they do. If you are currently not volunteering in Dane County 4-H and would like to, please call Jackie Gehin at 224-3728. She can help you fill out an "application". The pay is not great, but it sure is fun!

Thank You!  
 Lisa Schlimgen  
 Dane County 4-H Leaders Board - Past President

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## Club Doings - submitted by Club Secretaries

Cottage Grove 4-H: Learned about horse vaccinations; will be visiting a nursing home; had a demonstration with Cleo - a Bull Mastiff.

Oak Park 4-H: made kites, had a Valentine exchange, enjoyed Art Discovery Day

Paoli 4-H Fireballs: planning to blast rockets in Spring; Record Books were explained to new members

Blue Ribbon 4-H: Bowling in April; Book Drive at April meeting

Belleville Busy Beavers: Pizza fundraiser; making club clothing

West Questers: Opposite night meeting - starting outside by saying "goodbye" and finished by reading minutes and calling the meeting to order.

Cambridge 4-H: collecting for Humane Society; participated in Drama Fest

Rutland 4-H: Monster cookie demo; Food & Nutrition field trip to Pic-n-Save; planned Community Service projects

Diligent Doers: Made sun catchers and May Day door hangers for Badger Prairie Health Care Center

*News from the Clubs*

### Club Secretaries!



Let us know what your club is doing each month. Minutes can be sent to Kathy at [ottem@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:ottem@co.dane.wi.us).

# You're Terrific!

## Communication Arts/Music and Drama Festival Participants and Volunteers

On Sunday, March 29, 2009 Dane County 4-H held its very first combination Communication Arts and Music and Drama Festival. It was a fantastic day with many tremendous individual and group events! There were 20 Communication Arts entries, and 10 Music and Drama entries.



### Communication Arts Results:

**Cloverbuds:** Interpretive Reading - Robbie Ruth; Demonstration - Josie Ruth; Memorized Speech - Keltin Stakston

**3rd and 4th Grade:** Demonstrations - Gwen Pyeatt (Blue & Merit), Flaviana Ruth (Blue), Elly Craig (Blue & Trophy); Interpretive Reading - Flaviana Ruth (Blue); Memorized Speech - Janaya Stakston (Blue and Reserve)

**5th, 6th & 7th Grade:** Demonstration - Alex Pigarelli (Blue), Alex Campbell (Red), Francesca Ruth (Blue), Hannah Craig (Blue & State Fair); Illustrated Talk - Audrey Campbell (Blue & State Fair); Interpretive Reading - Francesca Ruth (Blue & Merit), Audrey Campbell (Blue & State Fair)

**8th Grade and Over:** Illustrated Talk - Emily Patwell (Blue), Sara Harn (Blue & Reserve); Memorized Speech - Robin Gee (Blue); Original Speech - Sara Harn (Blue), Hope Schlimgen (Blue & Trophy)

### Music & Drama Results:

#### State Fair Selections:

**Drama:** 1st - Brooklyn Mighty Mites; Alternate - High Flyers and Prairie Pioneers

**Mini Performance:** 1st - Audrey Campbell & DJ Curley; Alternate - The Energizers and Hannah Craig

**Demonstrations:** Audrey Campbell and Hannah Craig



**Music & Drama Participants:** The Energizers, High Flyers, Brooklyn Mighty Mites, Prairie Pioneers and Cambridge 4-H

A Huge Thank You goes out to our volunteers who spent so much time preparing, setting up and running the show!! Thank you Polly Craig & family, Lisa Schlimgen & family, Donna Gee and family, Sandy Shotliff, and Oregon High School for allowing us to use the space and supplying us with technical help.



### Culvers

For providing custard certificates for all participants in the Music and Drama/

Communications Arts Festival - AND for all of the leaders at our April Association Meeting.

### Congratulations to Sara Harn

She was chosen out of almost 200 youth at the 2009 Space Camp to receive the "Right Stuff" award for excellence in leadership, enthusiasm and learning! She even had family members surprise her by attending the closing graduation event. Way to go Sara!



# Large Animals

## Badger Livestock Judging Camp

June 16, 2009

10am - 4pm

Registrations due before June 8, 2009

Download a form from our website at <http://dane.uwex.edu/4h/LargeAnimalPage.html> or at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/badgerlvstkcamp.cfm> or you can leave a message at 224-3711 and mail you one.

## Green County 4-H Youth Goat Show

Saturday, May 19

Green County Fairgrounds, Monroe

*Complete the IRF* for more information or contact Kelly Gordee at [dusty\\_a\\_rose@yahoo.com](mailto:dusty_a_rose@yahoo.com)

## Market Lamb Identification

May 2, 9-11 am

Alliant Energy Center, Building 6

All county market lambs will be tagged. Cost \$1. State fair market lambs will be DNA tested and tagged. Cost: \$10 fee for each lamb identified. Questions, contact Romaine Ace at 835-5264.

## WLBA Spring Preview Show

June 5-7, 2009

Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Entry deadline is May 15. No late entries will be accepted. Entry forms and rules are available at [www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com](http://www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com)

## Reminder

Dairy Educational Forms are to be postmarked by June 1 and mailed to 1 Fen Oak Court, Madison, WI 53718 or hand delivered.

## Meat Animal Sale Consignment Forms

Deadline: June 15

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association Show Camp

June 12-14, 2009

Wisconsin State Fair Park

For more information and registration forms, go to

[www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com](http://www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com)

## State Fair Registration Meetings

Sunday, June 21 at Fen Oak

6:30-7:30 pm - Livestock registration

8:00-9:00 pm - Dairy registration

If you are planning to exhibit dairy, beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits or goats at the Wisconsin State Fair, plan to attend this **REQUIRED** meeting. It is necessary that all interested chaperones also attend the **MANDATORY** State Fair registration meeting at Fen Oak. Expectations and job descriptions will be made available at the meeting.

# Large Animals

## Meat Animal Sale

If you have an animal that you intend on consigning to the Meat Animal Sale, remember that the Meat Animal Sale Rules require all consignors to attend at least one authorized species project meeting (qualifying meeting) during the current project year. Have your species card signed by the check-in person at these events. Members must be at the meeting from beginning to end. If you come to the meeting late it will not count as a qualifying meeting. Parents may not sign in for youth. All consignment forms for the Dane County Meat Animal Sale were handed out at the Beef, Sheep and Swine Identification sites. If you did not receive one of the consignment forms, you need to get one from the Dane County 4-H website. Questions, call Don Barman or John Hornung. All forms must be postmarked by June 15 and mailed to the address listed on the form. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** NOTE: It is not the responsibility of the Meat Animal Sale Association to track down misdirected forms or to process forms that are late.

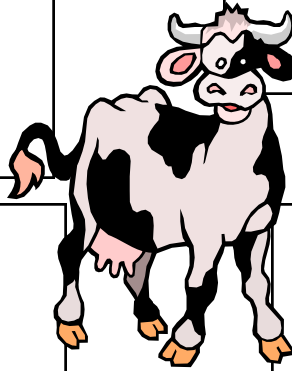
## State Fair Dairy Managerial Forms

If you are showing a Managerial Animal this year at the State Fair, you need to have a Managerial Form in the County Office no later than June 1. These forms can be obtained at the State Fair website <http://www.wistatefair.com/index.html>

## Dairy Qualifying Event

NASCO in Fort Atkinson qualifying event is Saturday, May 9 1:00 p.m.

901 Janesville Avenue  
Ft. Atkinson



## Meat Animal Sale Qualifying Meetings

Just a reminder that a list of all qualifying meetings is listed on the Dane Co. 4-H Website

## Badger Dairy Camp June 14-16, 2009

If you are between the ages of 12 - 18, don't miss out on this great learning opportunity. Schedule of events and registration info can be found at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth/>

## Meat Animal Sale Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 18 - Fen Oak  
Species Meetings: 7 pm  
MAS: 7:30 pm

# Large Animals

## Deadline Extended on Horse and Pony Clinics

The deadline for pre-registration has passed, but there is still room for anyone that wants to attend the following clinics. The registration forms are on the website and if you want to attend the May 5th clinic, please call Judy Walker at 835-5427 after 5PM.

### Horsemanship Help

When: May 5, 2009 Time: 6-8 pm

Where: Alliant Center Arena

Clinician: Pat Fitzgerald

Contact: Judy Walker 835-5427

Pre-registration required.

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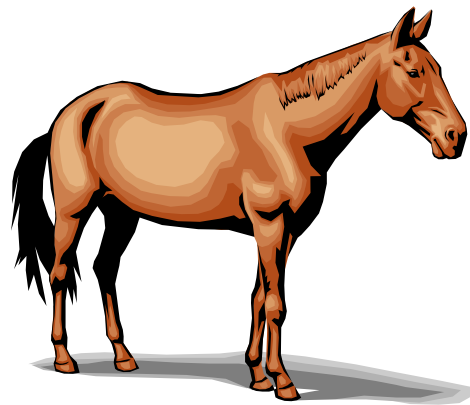
When: May 12, 2009 Time: 6-8 pm

Where: Alliant Center Arena

Clinician: Pat Fitzgerald

Contact: Judy Walker 835-5427

Pre-registration required



## Horse and Pony Express

To request a hard copy of the Horse and Pony Express Newsletter, please email [ottem@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:ottem@co.dane.wi.us) or call the 4-H Office at 224-3711 and leave a message letting us know.



## Forms Due

- Educational Requirement Form must be received or postmarked by June 15, 2009 - (please note that your form incorrectly says "2008" - it should be 2009)
- Horse Declaration Forms due to the Fair Office by May 20, 2009
- Entry forms must be turned in to the Fair Office by the Organizational Leader by June 15, 2009.

## Large Animals

### New Horse & Pony Clinics

**May 1, 2009**

Braiding Clinic for Hunt & Western

Audit Only

5-7pm

Place - Lisa Sharer Equestrian Stables

7685 County Road PD, Verona

Contact - Lisa Sharer 608-345-4567

Clinician - Madison Sity Slickers



**May 17, 2009**

Showmanship clinic

1-4pm

Pre-registration required - call Lisa to register

Limit 10 horses

Demonstration and Hands-On

Anyone can audit

Place - Lisa Sharer Equestrian Stables

7685 County Road PD, Verona

Contact - Lisa Sharer 608-345-4567

Clinician - Madison Sity Slickers

## Small Animals

### State Dog Show

August 28-30

Jefferson County Fair Park

Information will be available at the county-wide dog trainings or by contacting the 4-H Office at 224-3711 or email [ottem@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:ottem@co.dane.wi.us)



### Dog Training Pass

Some trainings will require participants to show a "pass" when coming on the Alliant Energy Grounds. The pass is available at trainings or by downloading from the 4-H website at: <http://dane.uwex.edu/4h/SmallAnimalPage.html>

### 20th Annual Purebred & Household Pet Spring Cat Show

May 30-31, 2009

Newman Middle School

Wausau, WI

For more information, go to the small animal page of the 4-H web site or contact Patti Day at 952-448-4933. Registration deadline is May 19, 2009.

### Small Animal Qualifying Meetings

**Monday, May 11**

7pm at Fen Oak

**Saturday, May 23**

10am at Fen Oak

If you are participating in the Dane County Small Animal Sale, you **MUST** attend one of these meetings. For more information, contact David Johnson at 608-516-8418.

# Fair Information

## Fair Dates

Stoughton Fair - June 30 thru July 6  
<http://www.stoughtonfair.com/>  
 Questions, contact Beth Weisensel at  
 608-884-8549

Lodi Fair - July 9-12  
[www.lodiagfair.com](http://www.lodiagfair.com)

Dane County Fair - July 15-19  
<http://www.danecountyfair.com/home.cfm>  
 WI State Fair - August 6-16  
<http://www.wistatefair.com/>

## Potato/Yogurt Stand Sign-Up



Sign-up forms for the Dane County 4-H Leaders Association Potato/Yogurt Stands at the Dane County Fair were included in the handouts to clubs at the Leaders Association Meeting on April 21. Slots are filled on a first-come basis, so return your forms to Gale as soon as possible. If you have questions, you can contact him at 846-9746.

## Media Training Workshop

Monday, July 6, 2009  
 6-7pm

Dane County Extension (4-H) Office

This is a free training workshop led by Lisa Behnke and Liz Matzke from the Dane County Fair Office. It's free and no previous training is necessary. Call 224-0500 or email [lbehnke@wdexpo.com](mailto:lbehnke@wdexpo.com) to register and learn all about interviewing for newspaper, tv and radio.



## Youth Stage at the Dane County Fair

If you or your club would like to perform a talent act, skit, or other demonstration at the fair, please call Jackie at 224-3728 to reserve a time slot. If you know of a group that might be interested in this opportunity, please have them call. They do not need to be members of 4-H to perform.

## Youth Day and AGRI-Versity at the Dane County Fair

Friday, July 17 10AM—2PM

If you are interested in organizing a hands on activity station, helping work at one of the stations, or have any questions, please contact Mark at 224-3713 or [busian@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:busian@co.dane.wi.us). We are looking for as many ways to showcase all of our 4-H project areas as possible!

## Foods Revue

Monday, July 13  
 Check-in starts at 4pm  
 Exhibition Hall



Help is needed during Foods Review again this year. Please contact Jackie at

224-3728 if you are able to help out that night.



# Camp

## 2009 Dane County 4-H Camp Dates

July 26 - 29 Grades 3-5

July 29 - August 1 Grades 6-8

Registration information is included in this newsletter and posted on the 4-H web site.

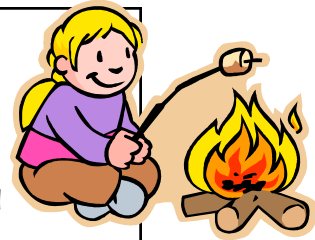
Deadline for registration is June 12, 2009.

The theme for the 2009 Dane County Camp at Upham Woods this year is:

"Shipwrecked at Upham Woods"

## Sponsor a Child to go to Dane County 4-H Camp

The Dane County 4-H Camp Committee feels that the experience of attending 4-H Camp is invaluable and provides youth with the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, develop leadership skills, work together as a team, and meet new friends. Not all youth can afford this opportunity. Membership in 4-H is not a requirement for participation in this program. If you know someone in your community who could benefit from a sponsor, please forward their contact information to the 4-H Office. If you, your club or someone you know would be willing to sponsor a child (or children) to go to 4-H camp this year, please call the 4-H line at 224-3711 to request a sponsorship form. The cost for a complete camp sponsorship is \$95. However, any amount is appreciated. Your donation is tax deductible. Please help spread the word to community members, 4-H alumni, and others who might be interested.



## Outpost Opportunity



The Dane County 4-H Camp Committee will be offering Outpost as part of this year's older youth camping program. Seventh and 8th graders are encouraged to try a new adventure! Sleep in a tent under the stars! Be a part of an exciting outdoor experience! Cook over an open fire! Enjoy crafts, hiking, swimming, games, leadership building, and learn outdoor skills. Sign up on the camp brochure. The Outpost experience this year will be a two-night stay. Preference will be given to older campers.

## Committees

### Awards Committee

The next Awards Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 14 at 7pm. Please email [ottem@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:ottem@co.dane.wi.us) if you plan to join/attend this meeting. Think about joining this committee and help assure that we can keep the awards and scholarships going to the youth in the 4-H program!

### Committee Reports

The Dane County 4-H Leader's Board wants to hear from all of the committees on an annual basis. Keep them informed of all of the great things you do! There is a schedule on the web site at <http://dane.uwex.edu/4h/news.html>. Let us know the month(s) that your committee would like to report.

### All Committees!

- Please remember to send your minutes to the 4-H Office.
- Send us a list of people on your committee (and their title) so we have all of this on file and can also enter it into the database.
- Keep us updated when new people join your committee

The above can be sent to us via snail mail or email Kathy at [ottem@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:ottem@co.dane.wi.us)

### Cultural Arts Committee

This committee is also looking for members! This is a fun group of people who do a LOT with the 4-H Program. Over the last couple of years they have made decorations for the Governor's Sale at State Fair, and they're looking for help with that again this year. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Claire Nagel at 846-4185 or [woodfood@juno.com](mailto:woodfood@juno.com)

## Older Youth

### Ambassador's Meetings

May 19, 7:30 pm  
June 16, 7:30 pm  
Fen Oak

Get to know other teens in Dane County 4-H. Participate in community service events. If you want more information, contact Mark at 224-3713.

### Dane County 4-H Lock-In

June 13-14, 2009 West Madison YMCA

If you were unable to attend the previously scheduled Lock-In, you are in luck! It has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 13 from 10pm - 6am, Sunday June 14. Registration forms can be found on the Dane County 4-H Web-site. Don't miss out on this GREAT time!

## Older Youth

### 4-H Arts Camp

October 3-4, 2009

If you're in Middle School, grades 6-8, don't miss 4-H Arts Camp! Where else can you go to one place to learn about music, drama, visual arts, photography, communications, and juggling! You'll rotate through the different arts tracks each day, participate in a group arts experience Saturday evening, and close with a ceremony for parents and families, celebrating the results of your group Arts Camp experiences. You'll also meet new friends, participate in camp games, and enjoy the great natural setting of Upham Woods, a 300-acre environmental education center on the Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells. Camp is \$60 which includes a camp T-shirt. Chaperones may attend for \$30. Registration deadline is September 1, but **SPACE IS LIMITED, SO DON'T DELAY!** For more information and registration forms, go to <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/artscamp/index.cfm>

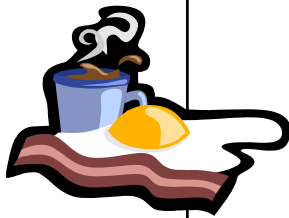
## General/Miscellaneous

### Youth Protection Training

If any leader has not gone through the Youth Protection Training, please contact Jackie at 608-224-3728 as soon as possible. The 4-H office will be sending out termination notices to those that have not gone through this process, which will result in these leaders being unable to enroll/participate in the 4-H Program until they do complete the training.

### Leader Organizational Handbooks

The committee is re-vamping the Organizational Leader Handbook. All leaders will need to turn in their handbook to the Fen Oak Office. Bring them to meetings, collect them as a club, or drop them off when you come into the 4-H Office.



### Dane County Breakfast on the Farm

June 13, 2009

7am - 11am

Duane/Tina Hinchley Farm

2844 Hwy 73

Cambridge, WI

More information to follow on web site. If your club would like to volunteer to help, please contact Tina or Duane at 608-764-5090.

## Scholarships

### Scholarship for Swine Members

The Dane County Pork Producers are offering a scholarship to a graduating senior who is a current swine project member. Contact Mary Olson at 873-9705 for an application.

### Meat Animal Sale Scholarship

**What:** Three \$750 scholarships

**Who:** High school seniors graduating in 2009, or students age 21 or under.

**Due:** June 15, 2009

For an application check the 4-H web site or email Kathy at ottem@co.dane.wi.us

### Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association Scholarship

The WLBA is again offering the Master Stockman Scholarship Program. The first place winner in each species will be awarded \$750. Three runners-up will receive \$500 scholarships. For more information, including applications, go to [www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com](http://www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com)

### Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction Scholarship

The Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction Committee is sponsoring five \$1000 scholarships and five \$500 scholarships. These scholarships will recognize the achievements of Wisconsin State Fair Junior Livestock exhibitors and assist them with their educational expenses. **For an application and more information, go to <http://www.gbrrla.com/index.php>**

## Home & Family

### State Fair Sewing Project

Each year our State Fair Clothing Revue delegates are asked to bring community service items to State Fair to distribute. While specifics are not available yet for this year, lap quilts, tied fleece blankets, pillowcases, hats & scarves & mittens, chemo hats/scarves are always needed and appreciated. These items are given to children's hospitals, domestic violence and homeless shelters around the state. The chemo hats/scarves have been going to the American Cancer Society and the UW-Hospital cancer unit. If your club wishes to make any of these items, they can be dropped off at 1 Fen Oak Court.

### Dane County Fair Clothing Revue & Knitting/Crocheting Revue

Monday, June 29, 2009, at Dane County Extension Office (1 Fen Oak Court) **NOT** Alliant Energy Center as listed in the Fair Premium Book

**See the fair book for times.**