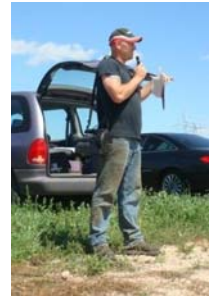


AGRICULTURAL PROFITABILITY



Manure Spill Response Demo – Paul Dyk

A key challenge to the dairy industry is the proper management of the nutrients that are a byproduct. Manure management is critical to the well being of the dairy industry. Part of this management is the safety of both humans and the environment. To assure this safety, a Manure Spill Response Demonstration was held in Fond du Lac County on August 18. UW Extension, DNR and Land & Water Conservation Department worked together to demonstrate responses to potential hazards. The educational demonstrations utilized trained personnel, vacuum tanks, and other manure handling equipment. More than 60 people from dairy farms, government agencies and agribusiness participated. Applying the techniques taught in the demonstrations will further assure the safety of both humans and environment. In addition, a poster was developed through the cooperation of the three agencies to be used by producers to respond to manure spills. Responding quickly and correctly to hazards is the key to minimizing damages.



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES



4-H Connects with Boys & Girls Club – Denise Retzleff

This summer, children at Boys and Girls Club had new opportunities through a variety of programming and activities offered by Fond du Lac County 4-H staff and members.

- 16 B&GC children simulated the study of space geologists by creating and measuring craters.
 - 10 children better understand the work of wildlife veterinarians through conducting a field test to determine the rate of brucellosis in a herd of elk.
 - An older 4-H member taught 17 B&GC youth how to use GPS units and how to find geocaches.
Photo: 4-H youth leader, Jake Bertram, demonstrates how to use a GPS unit for geocaching.
 - As part of their Go Green program, six 4-H youth leaders helped 48 B&GC members discover what percent of the earth's water is readily usable for human consumption, and learn how to protect and conserve our water supply.
 - Ten B&GC members attended the four day summer 4-H camp held near Valders, and participated in recreation, nature, crafts, music and science activities. Twelve 4-H camp counselors and nine 4-H adult volunteers planned and coordinated the camp.
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Fond du Lac County Celebrates Money Smart Week – Shelley Tidemann

Money Smart Week for October 10 - 17, 2009. Why should you be excited about Money Smart Week and reading about it here?

First, it is a collaborative effort of financial institutions, schools, non-profit organizations and government agencies joining together to provide a week of classes and events aimed to help consumers make informed choices when managing their personal finances. The activities and events are free, and open to the public with no selling of products/services. In the state there were roughly 600 free classes. The Fond du Lac County Money Smart Week effort had approximately 120 free sessions being offered on many different financial topics for people of all ages and walks of life. Thirty-two partners have been working together to plan and hold Money Smart Week in Fond du Lac County, as five of the county libraries, as well as Moraine Park Technical College, were the sites for the Money Smart Week classes. The Fond du Lac group kicked off the week with a Family Money Moolah event; 86 youth participated in a scavenger hunt, money bingo, and the Wheel of Money Facts. The Money Smart Youth contest found 95 youth from around the county entering, with 10 winners being recognized. State Treasurer Dawn Marie Sass attended the kickoff event to present a \$300.00 EdVest account to the top winner. (Continued on back page)



4-H Connects with Boys & Girls Club - continued

- 20 younger B&GC members went to 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp which had a science theme; sessions included robotics, veterinary work, insects, and rocketry. Nine 4-H youth and adult volunteers coordinated the program
- Four B&GC middle schoolers at the club learned techniques of how to be an effective judge and used this information to judge the work of younger club members and provide feedback on projects they had created throughout the summer.
- 4-H Junior Leaders sponsored a bus trip to Vilas Zoo in Madison with nine 4-H teens providing guidance to 35 B&GC members.

In addition, Denise Retzleff, 4-H Educator, conducted training for 14 B&GC staff prior to their fall session starting. The topic was “Transitioning”, which is helping to move children from one activity to another in a safe, effective and educational manner. B&GC and 4-H also co-wrote and received two grants. The Wal-Mart healthy living grant of \$4,000 will focus on incorporating more physical activities into a young person’s life. The JCPenney grant of \$21,500 will provide academic support and life-skill development for B&GC members in grades 6 to 9.

Fond du Lac County Celebrates Money Smart Week – continued

Second, Fond du Lac County was one of 15 local efforts in the state that had the heaviest concentration of activities. The Governor’s Council on Financial Literacy, Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions; plus the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago has provided resources for the effort. This is the third year Fond du Lac County has been involved with Money Smart Week. It is the fourth year for Money Smart Week in Wisconsin.

Finally, take a look at the calendar of events, on line at: www.moneysmartWI.org to see what all happened here in Fond du Lac County. Then... Mark your calendar – October, 2-9, 2010, for next year’s Money Smart Week - Fond du Lac County!

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