



Thanks & Congrats

TAKE THE TIME TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOLKS FOR HELPING WITH 4-H...

- Keri, Kevin and Kelsi Retallick, Alicia, Cody and Jake Adams, Janet, Jaron, Jordan, Jeff Frederick, Dick Keene, Reed Trefz, Becca Schwer, Jessica Schaefer, Marland, LeeAnn, Tyler and Katlyn Bode and Megan Cooley for helping weigh-in steers for the Grant County and State Fair.
- Jim Murray for his help and the use of his equipment for weighing in steers.
- Alicia Adams and Ann Vosberg for helping with the bowling party.
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- Rob & Jeanette Campbell and Cindy Arndt for helping with the Home Environment Workshop.
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TAKE THE TIME TO CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING FOLKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE:

- Betsy Olson for being hired as the new Grant County Youth Development Agent.
- Mara Weber, Cameron Allen, Kyle Reed, Jesssica McDermott, Becca Craugh and Jacob Udelhoven for winning Walmart gift certificates at the county bowling party.
- Brian Patterson, Kelli Cliff, Hannah VanNatta, Shelby Schramm, Alyssa Campbell, Liz White, Megan Donar, JJ Donar for attending 4-H Officer Training.

Welcome Betsy, we look forward
to working with you!



**COME JOIN THE FUN
AT THE**

**4-H JUNIOR LEADER
DANCE & LOCK-IN**

(Junior Leader Lock-in for all Junior
Leaders after the dance.)

**February 28,
7:00—10:00 pm.
Youth & Ag Center
Open to everyone**

\$5 at the door OR
\$4 if you bring a canned good



4-H Club Reports

BOSCOBEL BIG GREEN 4-H CLUB by Joelle Bohringer

- Enjoying Christmas party at Happy Joe's, receiving gifts from our leader, Ron.
- Handing out 4-H Award plaques to Joelle Bohringer and discs to Alicia Brisbois and Michalea Boughton.
- Discussing field trip to Majestic View Dairy farms and 4-H float.
- Having our next meeting February 15, 5:00 pm, downstairs at Boscobel Hildebrand Memorial Library.

BUSY BADGERS by Shelby Schramm

- Making our drums for project day.
- Discussing Merry Mixers would like us to help at rodeo lunch stand again on June 5, 6 & 7.
- Discussing Officer and Leader training and Have a Heart Quilting Bee.
- Learning from Ruby Kwallek demonstration. Going to her grandpa's house to see their lambs.
- Going roller skating on February 21, 1 - 4 pm, at Fennimore with other Lancaster 4-H clubs.
- Next meeting is February 8 at 6 pm. We will make Valentines.

CASSVILLE RIVERSIDE by Tamara Dilley

- Having a bake sale at Eagle Days January 24, bringing 3 dozen cookies or baked goods.
- Going sleigh riding.

DAIRYLAND DIAMONDS by Emily Reuter

- Baking for Orchard Manor as part of our community service project.
- Discussing 2009 club calendar.
- Honoring 4-H graduate Bethany Keuter and 4-H co-leader Ann Vosberg who stepped down.
- Enjoying a holiday party and gift exchange.

HAZEL GREEN CLEVER CLOVERS by Dustin Kilburg

- Congratulating Club for County Achievement awards.
- Voting to continue on with club dances and choosing dates.
- Voting to change club name back to "Hazel Green Clever Clovers."
- Christmas foodstand a great success. Club will donate part of earnings to Hazel Green Food Pantry.
- Voting to go see "Globe-Trotters" play in January.
- Setting a goal of 100% record book completion.
- Congratulating Dan Frank and Jamie Bell for completing and graduating out of the 4-H Program. Good job guys!!!
- Having our next meeting January 11, 1:00 pm, meeting at upper level of Town Hall, Hazel Green.
- Talked about playing bingo with area residents, and prizes.
- Making suggestions for winter activities.
- Planning a safety meeting for March at Hazel Green Firehouse.
- Receiving gift cards for completing 4-H record books. Good job everyone!
- Discussing County Project Day at Lancaster.
- Youth Leaders planning a Club Project Day.
- Making Valentine cards for Nursing home residents.
- Having next meeting February 8 at 1:00 pm, in the Hazel Green Middle School gym.

PLATTEVILLE WOODCHUCKS by Brady Vaassen

- Decorating Christmas cookies and giving them to Platteville Family Advocates.
- Having our Christmas Party - we enjoyed pizza and did a gift exchange.
- Planning our hockey trip to see the Thunderbirds in Dubuque at the Five Flags.

WINGVILLE CLOVERS by Chanel Harwick

- Teaching the younger members of what 4-H is all about. Also during this brief separation the older children started "Shadowing". This is where the officers get one-on-one time with a younger member to teach them about their duties as officers. We do this as an attempt to prepare the younger kids for their future roles in 4-H.
- Discussing all of our goals during this last meeting and came up with: Everyone does a demonstration; Shadow for younger members; Make sure everyone talks and understands what's going on.
- Signing up for the Speaking Contest at our next meeting which is February 8.



Special Messages

Hi Everyone!

My name is Betsy Olson and I am honored and excited to be the new 4-H Youth Development Agent for Grant County. I grew up in northwestern Wisconsin, in Shell Lake, where I was an active member of 4-H and High School Rodeo.

I have participated in 4-H as a member, youth leader and club leader. I am excited to meet all the 4-H members, youth leaders, project leaders and club leaders for the 4-H program here in Grant County.

4-H is collaboration and each 4-H member and leader is a part of the 4-H team in Grant County. As one of the newer members of this team I will be learning many of the plays from my team mates. Learning what has been working well, what you would like to see working better, what are the strengths of the program, how can we capitalize better on those strengths, and where we should be headed. As a team, we will only be successful if we all are doing our best. I promise to do my best and I also promise that I will expect the best from all of you.

This is going to be a great year for Grant County 4-H. It will be a year of new beginnings. I will begin by making sure that 4-H is working to engage current members while making sure that young people not involved in 4-H realize all the great opportunities available in the program. I know that in order to engage members it is important to support and engage 4-H leaders. 4-H leaders have a difficult job and making sure they know about the resources and support systems that are available to them is a top priority.

Betsy, 4-H Youth Development Agent

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

The way we are printing the ECHO has changed. This printing change has inspired us to look for ways to make the ECHO better and reduce costs. One easy way to reduce costs is to provide the ECHO to more families electronically. Sending electronic notifications of the ECHO will allow us to continue to provide everyone with the information about 4-H in Grant County at the same time saving money and resources.

In addition, we will be working to condense the information you receive in the ECHO. We want to provide abundant information without wasting time and resources with redundant or unnecessary words. We respect the time of ECHO readers and hope to make the ECHO an efficient resource for readers. In the next few months you will see changes made to provide a more streamlined ECHO.

Top Five reasons to receive the ECHO via Email:

1. **You can access it from almost anywhere. You can access it from the coffee shop, school, work, the library, or maybe even your cell phone (if you have email access on your phone).**
2. Less wasted paper. You only need to print out the things that are important to you. So you will have less clutter and less paper to sort through.
3. More money for 4-H to spend on activities and awards. The lower the shipping costs the more money the 4-H Leaders Association has to spend on its members.
4. You can forward the information to anyone you think might be interested. Leaders can forward information to club members to highlight certain events. Club members can forward the information to friends. Parents can forward information anywhere.
5. You want to help Grant County 4-H be efficient and resourceful.

Help us save time and money! Our goal is to provide the ECHO to at least 100 families via email. Please return this form via mail or email to cathy.mcphail@ces.uwex.edu to let us know you want to receive the ECHO via email notification (If you complete this form, you will no longer receive a hardcopy of the ECHO):

My name: _____

My email address is: _____ Additional email addresses if more than one person at this mailing address would like to receive the electronic version: _____



Leader News

JUNIOR LEADER MINUTES (Dec. 14 Jr. Leader's Meeting)

Old Business—

- Winter Dance/Lock-in—February 28 7-10:00 pm is dance & lock in directly after
- Food/Snacks sign up sheet went around
- Activities/Entertainment—Tyler Bode to DJ. Small package for entertainment \$40/per hour
 - Chaperones—sign up sheet went around. Still need one male chaperone. Checking into a police officer?
 - Clean up crew—everyone will stay to clean up
 - BJ said he will contact Queen B to promote and advertise dance/lock-in
 - Cost—\$5 at door with \$1 off if kids bring in a canned food item. If you stay for dance and lock-in you do not need to pay for both
- Operation Easter Bunny—Mrs. Frank will contact Thompson's IGA in Cuba City for donations. Instant potatoes instead of real? Becca Frank to contact 4-H Foundation for grants
- Vet Scholarship Winner -- Tammy Wiedebeck
- Pizza Fundraiser sheet due next meeting

New Business—

- Winter/Activities—sledding, bowling, skiing, roller skating?
- Book Entertainment for 2009 Halloween Party—tabled until next meeting.

Next meeting—February 28, 5:00 pm, Y & Ag

Did you know you can find the ECHO and all the record book forms, registration forms, & so much more on the 4-H web site at: <http://grant.uwex.edu>

4-H CAMP COUNSELORS/ADULT ADVISORS NEEDED...

Counselor applications deadline has been extended to February 13.

Another fantastic way to participate in 4-H camp is to be a Youth Counselor or an Adult Counselor. Youth Counselors need to be in the 9th grade or above and a current Grant County 4-H member. Adult Counselors need to be 18 years of age or older and either certified as a 4-H leader or a 4-H member. Adult Counselors work closely with Youth Counselors to guide their leadership.

Also needed are Adult Advisors to ensure a strong camp experience by providing guidance and oversight to camp. Adult Advisors must be at least 21 years of age and certified as a 4-H leader. Upham Woods requires a ratio of the adults to youth to be 1:10... so we need your time and commitment to make this an educational, challenging and fun camp.

There will be a Counselor Training Camp on April 4 & 5, at Upham Woods for all first time Youth and Adult counselors to learn the skills and knowledge necessary to be an effective camp counselor.

Youth and Adult Counselor and Adult Advisor applications are due to the Extension Office by February 13. There will be more details in future ECHO's or you may call the Extension Office at 723-2125 with any questions or for an application. Applications are also available on the web at: <http://grant.uwex.edu>