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**NOVEMBER, 2005 NEWSLETTER**

I ran into a stranger as he passed by,  
 "Oh excuse me please" was my reply.

He said, "Please excuse me too;  
 I wasn't watching for you."

We were very polite, this stranger and I.  
 We went on our way and we said good-bye.

But at home a different story is told,  
 How we treat our loved ones, young and old.

Later that day, cooking the evening meal,  
 My son stood beside me very still.

When I turned, I nearly knocked him down.  
 "Move out of the way," I said with a frown.

He walked away, his little heart broken.  
 I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.

While I lay awake in bed,  
 God's still small voice came to me and said,

"While dealing with a stranger,  
 common courtesy you use,  
 but the family you love, you seem to abuse.

Go and look on the kitchen floor,  
 You'll find some flowers there by the door.

Those are the flowers he brought for you.  
 He picked them himself: pink, yellow and blue.

He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise,  
 you never saw the tears that filled his little eyes."

Sincerely,

*Wally Hitt*

Wally Hitt  
 4-H Youth Development Agent  
 Marinette County UW Extension

By this time, I felt very small,  
 And now my tears began to fall.

I quietly went and knelt by his bed;  
 "Wake up, little one, wake up," I said.

"Are these the flowers you picked for me?"  
 He smiled, "I found 'em, out by the tree.

I picked 'em because they're pretty like you.  
 I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue."

I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today;  
 I shouldn't have yelled at you that way."  
 He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay.  
 I love you anyway."

I said, "Son, I love you too,  
 and I do like the flowers, especially the blue."

**FAMILY**

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company  
 that we are working for could easily replace us in  
 a matter of days.  
 But the family we left behind will feel the loss  
 for the rest of their lives.

And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more  
 into work than into our own family,  
 an unwise investment indeed,  
 don't you think?  
 So what is behind the story?

Do you know what the word FAMILY means?  
 FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I) (L)OVE (Y)OU

**NOTE:** There is not a newsletter for December, as we try to promote the family to slow down, turn off the television, and do something together.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



**November**

4	Fri.	4-H Leaders Banquet, St. Mary's Hall, Crivitz, 7 pm
11-13	Fri.-Sun.	Wisconsin 4-H Horse Leaders Conference, Oshkosh
15	Tues.	Marinette County Fair Board Meeting, Crivitz Village Hall, 6:30 pm

**December**

2-4	Fri.-Sun.	4-H Arts Leadership Lab, State Fair Park Youth Center, Milwaukee
3	Sat.	Holiday Parade, 2:30 pm; Ribbon Cutting for Interstate Bridge, 3:30 pm; Lighting of Stephenson Island, 4:30 pm, Marinette

**DUE DATES**

**November**

1	Tues.	Deadline to register for Arts Leadership Lab
1	Tues.	Deadline to register for 4-H Horse Leaders Conference

**December**

1	Thurs.	Club financial reports and re-enrollments due to the 4-H office
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**FINANCIAL REPORTS & RE-ENROLLMENTS**

Because 4-H is a public organization, it is not "owned" by individuals. It is owned by the public. WI 4-H Youth Development Policy states: "All clubs are required to submit a financial report and audit report to the county 4-H leader's association and the county 4-H Youth Development Agent once each year." The auditor should be an adult(s) not related to the treasurer and not directly involved with the club's finances. In order to be authorized to use the 4-H name and emblem (i.e., be considered a 4-H club), these reports MUST be turned in each year. Please fill out your club's financial report and return it to the 4-H office along with your re-enrollments forms by **December 1**. Also, please send any re-enrollment forms for people who are not re-enrolling back to the office so we can take them off of our mailing list.

**E-MAIL ADDRESS**

If any member of your family has an e-mail address and would like to be put on our e-mail list, please call or e-mail it to us at: [walter.hitt@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:walter.hitt@ces.uwex.edu). If you have

previously given us an e-mail address, and it has changed, please let us know. When we have information that pertains to any of the projects that you have signed up for or events that are coming up, we can then e-mail this information to you.

**ADULT CHAPERONES NEEDED**

Adult chaperones are needed for the following:

- National 4-H Congress in Atlanta for 10th-12th graders, **November 24-28, 2006**.
- Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington, D.C. for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, **June or July**, four adults needed per bus.
- WI 4-H and Youth Conference, Madison, **June 19-22, 2006**.
- U.S. Space Camp in Alabama, for grades 6-8, **April 27-May 1, 2006 (tntv)**. Four adults needed per bus.
- National Dairy Conference in Madison for 15-18 year olds (10th-12th grade), **Oct. 1-4, 2006**.

Anyone interested in helping out with these, please call the UW Extension office.

#### **4-H WEB SITES**

Check out the 4-H websites...both state and national. They have a lot of information about 4-H regarding project help and much more. Refer to the front cover for our website.

Did you know that you can access the National 4-H Supply Catalog online through the National Mall 4-H website link? Without even leaving your home, you can do your shopping. Visit [www.4hmall.org](http://www.4hmall.org) to find all the great items available to promote 4-H.

Are you looking for sample project ideas for fair entries? If so, click on: <http://www.n4hccs.org/online/index.shtml>

Did you happen to forget the date of your state event or trip that you are attending. You may be able to find the date and other calendar information at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/index.cfm>

<http://gocybercamp.org> offers some twists and turns into its newest environment. The website continues to develop new areas of camp and new interactive games and activities for kids to explore throughout the school year; also new curricular materials for caregivers to use in their afterschool programs.

#### **RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

With so many choices, here's some tips from WI State 4-H specialists on how to choose a 4-H project:

- Make a list of the things you really like to do or want to know about.
- Talk over your list with your parents, leaders, and friends. They may recognize some special things you are good at that you don't even realize you do well.
- Compare your list with the projects offered.
- Ask yourself if you have the equipment, money and time to do the projects that sound interesting.

With some projects, you'll have a choice of signing up for beginning, intermediate or advanced levels. If you've had a lot of experience with the subject matter, you may want to skip the first or beginning level of a project. Some projects also have grade recommendations. These are only recommendations, except for Cloverbud members.

Interested Cloverbuds should sign up for the Cloverbud project. They can, however, use other suitable project material though they do not enroll in those projects. Leaders may also choose to use project literature with their Cloverbuds.

If this is your first year in 4-H, chose only one to three projects to concentrate on.

#### **ATTENTION: ALL RE-ENROLLING LEADERS!!**

The state 4-H program is requiring that all continuing 4-H volunteers complete the "Volunteer Behavior Expectations for WI 4-H Youth Development." The expectation form must be signed and submitted to the UW-Extension office every year by each volunteer. Club project leaders, these forms will be available from your general leaders with your enrollment forms. The UW Extension office will retain one copy and the volunteer will keep the duplicate. Enrollment cannot be processed without this form. The state 4-H program now requires that all leaders have a background check every four years. An additional volunteer application (blue form) is not necessary.

#### **WI 4-H FOUNDATION SEEKING HOLIDAY DRAWINGS**

The WI 4-H Foundation is encouraging all interested 4-H youth to submit a holiday sketch in pencil or black ink. If selected, your sketch will be made into a holiday card to be sent to the Foundation's major donors in December as a thank you for their support of 4-H. Your name, age, and club will appear on the card. Please note:

- The artwork must be original.
- The artwork needs to be reproducible in black and white (no color drawings PLEASE!).
- If possible, make your sketch a half page or smaller in size, and remember that it will need to fit into a business envelope for mailing to donors.
- Include your name, address, county, age, telephone number and e-mail address (if available) with your sketch.
- Your drawing MUST be received by **Dec. 1, 2005**.
- Mail your drawing to: Donna Faulkner, WI 4-H Foundation, 428 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

There is a scholarship file you may borrow...to check out college scholarships. Ask Wally or Nancy.

#### **VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL LEADERS!**

Members who are NOT REGISTERED at the office, ARE NOT covered by insurance. Check with all your members to be sure. The Club Enrollment Coordinator should keep a member list.

#### **MARINETTE CHRISTMAS PARADE**

**Sat., Dec. 3.**, Holiday Parade, 2:30 pm; Ribbon Cutting for Interstate Bridge, 3:30 pm; Lighting of Stephenson Island, 4:30 pm, Marinette. Call the 4-H office for more information.

## **FAMILY WEEK**

Celebrate National Family Week *November 20-26*. For more information, visit:

<http://www.nationalfamilyweek.org/>

## **4-H DRAMA AND SHOWCASE SINGERS**

Auditions for the State 4-H Drama Company and Showcase Singers is *Dec. 3*, at 7 pm, at WI State Fair Park or *Jan. 14*, at 2 pm, at Camp Upham Woods, WI Dells. A video or DVD are accepted in place of a live audition. Call Wally for more details.

## **2006 4-H WINTER LEADERSHIP CAMP**

The Northeast District 4-H Winter Leadership Camp will kick off on Friday, *February 3*, at 7 p.m., and conclude Saturday, *February 4*, at 7:30 pm. It will be held at Camp TaPaWingo, near Mishicot, in Manitowoc County. Each county may send four youth (grades 6-8), who haven't attended previously, and one adult chaperone. You will develop leadership skills to use in your 4-H club or other 4-H experiences. You will also be able to enjoy indoor and outdoor fun. Cost: \$40 and can be partly paid for by the 4-H Association, if requested. Applications are available at the Extension office and are due no later than *December 9*.

## **WISCONSIN 4-H COMPETES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL - AND INTERNATIONAL, TOO!**

We're all familiar with 4-H at the local, county, and even state levels. But did you know that Wisconsin sends more than a dozen teams to national 4-H competitions? And that those national trips are more than just a fun reward, but also a great learning experience?

Wisconsin's 4-H teams, selected at state competitions, include livestock, dairy, meats, and plant judging teams, quiz bowl competitors, and mechanical science skills contestants.

## **4-H MERCHANDISE**

You can purchase merchandise from the National 4-H Source Book. It has a wide variety of items in all price ranges. There are great items to promote 4-H and to recognize those that are involved. Source Books are available from the Extension Office.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

In the Dairy Promotion Contest, first prize (a \$60 gift certificate) went to Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club. Golden Opportunity, Kountry Kids, Country Spirits and Pike River 4-H Clubs will each receive a \$35 gift certificate. It is simple to do ... just ask Wally.

## **REMINDER**

You will not receive the January or future newsletters if you did not return your re-enrollment form.

## **HELP WELCOME NEW FAMILIES**

When new families come to your club meetings, they'll benefit from the same types of opportunities and experiences that you have had. Now that you won't be the newest kid on the block, you can play an important part in welcoming the new families. Introduce yourself. Try to get to know the new member(s) by including them in your discussions and activities. Ask them about their interests. During the year, explain upcoming events and how they can get involved. Everyone in the club has a role in being a mentor to new families. Since you have just finished your first year in 4-H you have the best vantage point to relate to the types of questions these members and families have. Have fun in helping to make another person's 4-H experience memorable!

## **DOES YOUR CLUB HAVE "FRIENDS"??**

### **...DON'T FORGET TO SAY "THANKS"!!**

Have you ever done something nice for someone and they somehow "forgot" to say a simple thank you? You might not be as eager to help out next time, right? On the other hand, a heartfelt thank you just insured your efforts were appreciated, and you'll most likely to be there the next time you're needed.

If a person, organization or business has made an important contribution to your club, either in goods, time or money, we have certificates available to recognize them. Stop by the UW-Extension office and pick some up.

Thank Farmers and Merchants Bank!

## **"CONNECT FOR KIDS" WEBSITE**

Each year, about 5,000 youngsters are taken to the emergency room because of injuries from carrying heavy backpacks. For more information on this and other teen-related issues, click on:

<http://www.connectforkids.org>

## **2006 STATE FAIR DAIRY**

Even though the *2006 State Fair (Aug. 3-13)* is almost a year away, it isn't too soon to think about showing dairy at the State Fair. There are certain managerial and ownership requirements. All animals that are two years or older must be registered only in the exhibitor's name on/or before January 1 of the Fair year. For more information, call the office.

#### **4-H DAIRY BOWL REMINDER**

If you want to participate in the 2006 UW-Extension Dairy Bowl, please contact Marne Watson at 715-732-0335 by **November 15, 2005**. It is a question/answer format...you need to read and learn about dairy. We have an electric buzzer system available for practice.

#### **COLLEGE OF AG VISITATION**

Students who are interested in visiting UW-Madison's College of Ag should call the UW-Extension office for an invitation form and the dates (several) or click on the website at:

<http://www.cals.wisc.edu/students/prospectiveStudents/visitday.php>

Persons with a farm background are in great demand for hundreds of different ag-related jobs.

#### **ACTIVITY INSURANCE**

If you have a program which is attended by non-4-H youth, American Income Life has coverage for 15¢, 20¢ or 23¢ per day. Horse project and winter sports are covered, but at the lower benefit amounts.

#### **FIBER ARTS PROJECT MEETING**

The fiber arts project meeting will be Tuesday, **November 22**, at 6:30 PM at Karen DeGroot's. Six youth and six leaders sewed, crocheted, and knitted at the October meeting. It was decided to concentrate on knitting for the November meeting. Everyone is welcome—beginners to advanced levels—bring knitting needles and worsted weight yarn or a project you are currently knitting. If you have finished an item bring it for "show & tell". There will be needles and yarn available to those who want to knit but don't have the supplies.

#### **4-H ASSOCIATION MINUTES - OCTOBER 17**

Dorothy Kaminski called the meeting to order. Pledges were said. The secretary's report was approved as printed in the newsletter. Lindy T/Steve C. The treasurer's report was approved, Tara L/Darlene E.

Cindy M reported on Music Fest. Good turn out, only one was a no show. Achievement Day issues were discussed. Good turn out. Motion to have another plaque made, by Ann B/Laura R.

Bridget will cook for the Leaders Banquet at St Mary's Hall, Nov 4. Leaders, youth leaders and guests must sign up. \$2 for leaders and \$7.50 for non-leaders. The officers will be sworn in that night. Each family should bring at least one dessert.

To get money for trips, teens must sell raffle tickets & work an additional shift at the food stand. All shifts were

covered this year but some could have had more help. Suggestion to post a sign at food stand noting which shift would need extra help.

Dorothy K & her husband will audit the books. Should take approx. 1-1/2 hours.

The Leader Conference in Green Bay will be Sat., Nov. 12th. Wally will drive if anyone interested in car pooling. The conference is \$5 which will be returned when you get there.

The same weekend there is a Horse Leader training at UW Oshkosh. Preregistration is also needed.

Isabelle Phillips and Ethel Lund are retiring from the Fair. Suggestion to invite them to the Leaders Banquet.

The Fair Board meeting will be Oct. 18, 6:30, at the Peshtigo Town Hall. Elections will be held.

Motion to adjourn by Carry L/Y Gabriel.

Attending were: Anne Biernasz, Suz Deschane, Steve & Kim Coble, Darlene, Justin, Charlotte, Amanda, Rick Elfering, Rick Patenaude, Yvette & Bailey Gabriel, Carry, Tara & Teia Lea, Noel Hoffeller, Laura, Alex & Theresa Rohde, Cindy & Crystal Metzler, Dorothy Kaminski, Anna Cisar, Kyle, Kayla & Vicki Johnson, Ashley, Kristin & Julia Lepinski.



## **BASKET OF CLOVERS**

**THANK YOU TO...**

Cindy Metzler and Dorothy Kaminski who organized the Music Fest.



**Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Program**

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Sincerely,  
Wally Hitt