



# 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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September/October, 2009

Dear 4-H Family,

When new families contact the UW-Extension Office about joining 4-H, we send information about the Outagamie County 4-H program with a list of the clubs and where they meet. We encourage them to visit one or more clubs in their area and join a club that offers the best “fit” for the 4-H interests. I often wonder which club they will choose and how they will make that decision. What kind of experience will the new family have when they visit a club meeting? Will they have a positive impression?

With many new families joining 4-H each year, we all need to look at how WELCOMING we are as an organization. At your next club meeting, evaluate whether or not your club has a welcoming environment. Consider the following:

- What was your experience like when your family joined 4-H?
- What is it like for a new member and his/her family when joining your club?
- Are new members introduced at the first club meeting they attend?
- Do some of your members make it a point to talk with the member and their family after the club meeting?
- Does anyone follow-up after the first meeting and telephone the new family and answer any questions they may have before the next meeting?

Here are some suggestions to ensure that your club has a welcoming environment:

- Ask for experienced families to become “ambassadors” for your club. Their role would be to greet new families, make them feel welcome and answer questions throughout the year.
- Have name tags available for the first few meetings each year to help new families get to know your club.
- Start a mentor program for new members and their families. A seasoned 4-H family could volunteer to mentor a new family during their first year in 4-H. Understanding projects, 4-H club activities, county activities and the county fair can be a daunting task in the first year.

Spend some time at your next meeting discussing how your club can become more welcoming to new members. Remember, everyone was a new member at one time.

Sincerely,

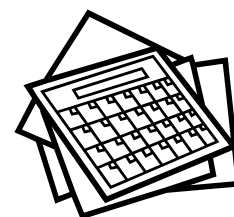
HEIDI DUSEK  
Youth & Family Coordinator

Special thanks to Kevin Palmer, Manitowoc County 4-H Youth Development Agent whose article was summarized for the newsletter.

## OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

### September

- Organizational Meeting of each 4-H Club
- Election of 4-H Club Officers
- Plan Annual Club Program and Calendar
- Promote the Extension 4-H Youth Program
- 12-13 - State 4-H Horse Gymkhana, State Fair Park, Milwaukee
- 16-20 - State 4-H Horse Expo, State Fair Park, Milwaukee
- 17 - Shawano County 4-H Leaders Evaluate Outagamie County 4-H Record Books, Shawano, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 - Registrations due in Extension Office for Leader Recognition Dinner
- 23 - Registrations due in Extension Office for Club/Officer Workshop
- 24 - OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H ADULT LEADERS AND FRIENDS OF 4-H RECOGNITION DINNER, Doxbee's, Seymour, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 - 4-H Youth Leaders Meeting, Center Community Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 - County 4-H Club Officer Workshop, Black Creek Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 - Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Evaluate Waupaca County 4-H Record Books, Black Creek Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.



### October

- 1-4 - North Central 4-H Leaders Forum, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 3-4 - State 4-H Arts Camp, Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
- 4-10 - NATIONAL 4-H WEEK – PROMOTE UW-EXTENSION 4-H
- 8 - County Big Pumpkin, Giant Sunflower Contest, Center Town Hall, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- 10 - County 4-H Resource Leader Dinner/Meeting, River Rail, Shiocton, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 - Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum
- 20 - OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H MEMBER AND CLUB RECOGNITION PROGRAM, Seymour High School Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 - 4-H Youth Leader Recognition Activity, Center Community Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 - 4-H Horse Association Board Meeting, Center Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.
- 27 - 4-H Horse Awards Program, Center Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

### **4-H CLUB OFFICER WORKSHOP**

Every club officer should plan to attend the workshop on Tuesday, September 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Black Creek Elementary School. 4-H club officers affect the success of club meetings and programs. You are responsible for planning club meetings with your main leader. The workshop will include club meetings, individual officer workshops, and setting goals for your club. Let your main leader know that you can attend. Registrations are due to Joan/Sherri by September 23.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Leaders around the Lake “Shake, Rattle & Roll with 4-H” will be held Saturday, January 23, 2010, 8:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the James P. Coughlin Center, Oshkosh. Registration information will be in the November/December 4-H newsletter.

## MEMBERSHIP

- 4-H grade is determined as of September
- Cloverbuds – youth in 5 year old kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Cloverbuds must enroll in the cloverbud project. They do not participate as members in other 4-H projects. Cloverbuds may not exhibit animals.
- Members – youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through one year beyond high school graduation (grade 13).
- Graduation – youth may graduate following high school graduation or one year after high school graduation.
- Home-schooling – Children who are home schooled will participate in 4-H in their declared grade.
- Enrollment is made through the local clubs. Enrollment forms must be submitted to main leaders by club deadlines.
  - Re-enrollment forms are due the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of November to the Extension Office
  - New enrollment forms are due the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday after January 1 to exhibit at the county fair of that year; however, new memberships are accepted at any time.
  - Once enrollment forms are turned in to the Extension Office, a project cannot be added or changed without a fee of \$20 per project.
- Enrollment fees will be \$2 per project.
- Youth may only exhibit at the county fair in projects enrolled in for the current year. All 4-H members are expected to exhibit a minimum of one article at the county fair
- 2010 Outagamie County project guides with project code numbers have been distributed to 4-H club main leaders. All members and leaders must use the correct project code numbers when completing the enrollment form for next year. EACH CODE NUMBER IS CONSIDERED A SEPARATE PROJECT.
- Outagamie County 4-H Youth Leader Association membership is youth in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up and enrolled in youth leadership. You must sign up for the project youth leadership (#10203) on your 4-H member enrollment form.
- PARENTS/GUARDIANS should double-check all information on the member enrollment form before signing it and submitting the form to your club main leader to be sure that all information is accurate and complete. Read the 2010 project enrollment information before completing the enrollment form.
- To achieve, a member must make a public exhibit and complete a 4-H Record Book.

## ATTENTION ADULT LEADERS

All first year 4-H leaders must complete the 4-H volunteer application form, which is necessary for the required youth protection leader orientation certification program that was implemented in 1995. Forms are due with the leader enrollment form by club deadlines. First year leaders must attend a 2-hour orientation meeting. The meeting schedule for the 2010 program year will be announced in our November newsletter. All leaders must be certified by 3/1/2010. Forms are available from your 4-H club main leader.

The state 4-H program requires that all leaders have a background check every four years. An additional volunteer application (blue form) is not necessary.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### 4-H PROGRAM COMMITTEES

We are still in need of adult and teen leaders to be on county 4-H program committees for 2010. The list of the various committees was included on the back page of your July/August newsletter. Please send in that reply to Vicki as soon as possible. Most program committees will meet the evening of November 12 at the Black Creek Elementary School. We need your ideas and views for 2010.

### 4-H ADULT LEADER RECOGNITION

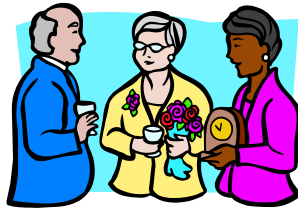
Outagamie County 4-H adult leader and friends of 4-H recognition dinner and program is Thursday, September 24, 7:30 p.m. at Doxbee's at Seymour. Dinner reservation letters will be mailed to all 4-H leaders in early September. Reservations are due September 17.

Speaker Bill Collar will be the motivational speaker. Election of officers for the 2010-2011 adult leader executive committee will take place.

Dinner sponsors confirmed and the amount to be contributed will be as follows:

- ❖ Outagamie County Soil Improvement - \$250
- ❖ GreenStone Farm Credit Services - \$200
- ❖ Hansen Livestock Trucking - \$150
- ❖ Scenic Valley Co-op - \$100
- ❖ **Great WI Cheese Festival - \$200**
- ❖ **Baylake Bank - \$100**

We truly appreciate these sponsors. Mark September 24 on your calendar. Join us for an evening of fun and recognition.



**Remember our Bucket Raffle** - Items are still needed. Please contact committee members Angie Hintz, 749-9227; Rose Rynish, 757-6824; Marcia Spaulding 595-0856.

## **NORTH CENTRAL REGION VOLUNTEER FORUM**

October 1-4, Lincoln, Nebraska. Registration information is available at <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm>. Registration fee is \$250 for the full forum or \$125 per day, due September 15. Wisconsin and Outagamie County will have scholarships available for all who attend the 2009 NCRF. For more information contact Vicki at 832-5123.

## **FOTO FOLLIES 2009**

A statewide training workshop for WI 4-H youth and adult photo leaders and county fair judges wishing to learn more photography tips, and discover more resources and fun activities that you can use to teach. Dates are October 10-11 at Upham Woods. Cost is \$40 and includes sessions, evening activities, dorm, lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, and all materials. Youth leaders must be in high school and accompanied by an adult. You can find information and registration materials at [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/FotoFollies2009.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/FotoFollies2009.cfm).

## **NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 4-10**

National 4-H Week is to be observed October 4-10. Let's promote and recruit 4-H members and leaders. Every 4-H Club should appoint a special committee to plan promotion activities in your community.

Some ideas include:

- ✎ School visits
- ✎ Radio
- ✎ Newspapers
- ✎ Window displays
- ✎ Church bulletins
- ✎ Posters
- ✎ Tell 2 friends
- ✎ School newsletters
- ✎ Community club program
- ✎ Invite a family to join

4-H promotional information was at the August leaders meeting. We hope to organize new clubs to increase our county enrollment and keep club membership at an easy size to manage. We hope that you can assist us in getting new clientele to organize new clubs in your communities. Please contact Heidi for additional assistance if needed. We have many marketing and promotional materials available for you to use.

Ask banks, stores, gas stations etc, if you can use their marquees to promote National 4-H

Week. Please list the Extension Office telephone number 832-5123 or you can have a poster contest with club members and display them at local businesses.

#### 4-H YOUTH LEADER INFORMATION

If you are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up, sign up for youth leadership on your member enrollment form. This automatically makes you a member of the Outagamie County Youth Leader Association, a great place to meet people and have lots of fun. To learn more, attend the next meeting on Monday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. at Center Community Hall. This will be an organizational meeting to help everyone get acquainted and a fun educational program. We'll also nominate officers, develop plans for fall activities, have a team building program and "build your own sundaes." Come with a friend and leave with at least 3 new friends.

#### COUNTY YOUTH LEADER RECOGNITION

The 2009 Youth Leader Recognition Activity will be held Monday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. at the Center Community Hall. Youth leaders who held offices, were counselors, served on program committees, and are graduating from 4-H will be recognized. Letters will be sent to youth leaders in early October.

#### 4-H WASHINGTON FOCUS APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 15

Participants must be in grades 10-12. Delegates travel by bus with other WI 4-H members to Washington DC for about 9 days in the summer of 2010. Applications are on the Outagamie County 4-H website. For more information, call the UW-Extension Office at 832-5122.

#### YOUTH LEADER TRAINING

The 4-H Afterschool program is offering training for any high school students interested in learning techniques for tutoring effectively and working with elementary school aged youth. The training will be on Saturday, October 17, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Appleton North High School. Everyone who attends will receive free pizza lunch and a fun 4-H Afterschool Volunteer Kit. Whether you are a tutor at your school or just enjoy working with kids, this could be a great training for you! Please contact Heidi at 832-5122 or [heidi.dusek@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:heidi.dusek@ces.uwex.edu) for more information and to reserve your spot.

#### CONGRATULATIONS to

McKenzie Gonnering for having her photo selected for the State 4-H Photo Display. Her photo was selected as the 10<sup>th</sup> best from over 150 photos from 54 counties.



#### 4-H MEMBER/CLUB RECOGNITION

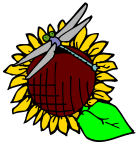
County 4-H member and club recognition program is Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m. at the Seymour High School Auditorium. This recognition is based on member records submitted to the Extension Office.

Letters to award recipients will be mailed around October 9. Each member receiving a county award will get a plaque (unless they already received one) and a project disc. The project awards given are based on at least 20% of project enrollment by grade group. If a member's first plaque is filled they need to show their completed plaque to their main leader along with a \$5 payment to request a second plaque. Main leaders will notify the Extension Office with request and payment.

#### PUMPKIN/SUNFLOWER CONTEST



Youth that obtained seeds for the Big Pumpkin and Giant Sunflower contest sponsored by Tim Sassman, and Pioneer Hi-Bred are to have their largest pumpkin weighed and largest sunflower measured at the 2009 contest on Thursday, October 8, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the Center Town Hall. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Wichman (733-6402) contest chairperson.



**THANK YOU** to the following for sponsoring our educational trips:  
Greenville Cooperative Gas Company  
Weyers Equipment Inc.  
Black Creek Lions Club  
Valley Veterinary Clinic SC  
Outagamie County Pork Producers  
Glenn & Linda Lemmers  
Fox Cities Builders  
Simpson Auto  
Sue Erdmann (Thrivent Matching Funds)

### **YOUTH AS PARTNERS IN CIVIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Adults and high school youth are again forming teams to share decision-making roles in communities, schools, and organizations at this year's YPCL Conference. Sessions covering topics of Promoting Healthy Relationships, Entrepreneurial Environmental Change, and Diversity will be presented, among others. The Conference will be held November 13-15, 2009 at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt. A registration fee of \$85 includes meals and two nights lodging. For further information and registration details, see <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/yig/2009YPCLConferenceInformation.cfm> or call Heidi Dusek at 832-5122.

### **MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR OCTOBER 7 4-H NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY**

Youth will get a chance to examine one of the most important issues facing our nation today – energy – and will discover, learn and have a blast exploring alternative fuels through Biofuel Blast, the National Science Experiment. Everything you need to participate can be found at [www.4-H.org/NYSD](http://www.4-H.org/NYSD).

## **ANIMAL SCIENCE**

### **HORSE INFORMATION**

Sept 12-13 – State Gymkhana, State Fair Park  
Sept 16-20 – State Horse Expo, State Fair Park  
Oct 1 - Distance Riding Logs due to Kathy Filer  
Oct 27 – Board meeting 6:00 p.m., Awards program 7:00 p.m., Center Town Hall

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

Dairy Bowl is a quiz competition with all questions about dairy topics. Teams compete in double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions. Outagamie County plans to participate in the state competition in late January. All 4-H members are welcome. For more information contact Dean Seitz at 830-3206.

### **MEUER FARM CORN MAZE 4-H WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 26-27**

Wear anything 4-H (shirt, hat, pin, etc.) and receive a \$2 discount on admission to the corn maze located 9 miles west of Chilton at N2564 Hwy 151. Check [www.cornfieldmaze.com](http://www.cornfieldmaze.com) for more information.

### **4-H FALL HARVEST DANCE**

The Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association fall harvest dance will be held November 6, 7:30 -11:30 p.m. at Romy's, Black Creek. All family members and friends are invited.

4-H club members and families will be selling advance tickets. Ticket price includes dance admission and raffle drawing of prizes. **ALL PROCEEDS ARE FOR OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH PROGRAMS.**

4-H club main leaders received tickets at the August leaders meeting. Additional tickets can be obtained from Tom & Debbie Kozak, - 997-1534; Angie Hintz – 749-9227; Mary Lom – 739-4565; Sharon Reynolds – 766-7032; Marcia Spaulding – 595-0856. Tickets are **NOT AVAILABLE** from the Extension Office and money and stubs cannot be turned in to the office. Return your money and stubs to any member listed above prior to 7:00 p.m. the night of the dance.

### **G.E.M.S. (Girls, Engineering, Math and Science)**

G.E.M.S. will take place on October 3, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at UW-Fox for girls in grades 6-8, which helps them explore careers in engineering, chemistry, physiology, geometry, health and more. Workshops will be offered where girls can analyze a crime scene...study what makes an orange, orange...get a close-up view of their own DNA necklace. As the girls have fun learning about future career options, they'll be interacting with other girls who share similar interests and aspirations. Cost is \$25. For more information contact Heidi Dusek at 832-5122.

The 4-H Youth Fund - Outagamie County was established to enhance and create educational opportunities for 4-H youth in Outagamie County by funding youth activities and scholarships. Thank you to the following for their donations from August 15, 2008-August 15, 2009.

Crystal Print  
4-H Leaders Association (penny war)

### Donations made In Memory Of:

Lorraine Schroth  
Mary Paltzer  
Renee Huettl

### Donation in Honor of Marcia Spaulding: B-Square 4-H Club

### Donations Made in Honor of Jeanne Baum:

Cynthia Chase Whitely  
John Cumicek  
Jenny Neumann  
Dave and Deb Muench  
Nile Beck  
Sue Erdmann  
Lucy Valitchka  
John and Agnes Biese  
Sheila and Duane VanderZanden  
Rene Mehlberg  
Norbert and Ruth Theobald  
Eilene Thormodsgard  
Country Slickers 4-H Club  
Deb and Tom Kozak  
Bruce and Faye Wichman  
Marion Wichman  
Judy Knudsen  
Russ and Edna Luckow  
Rosann Baum Milius  
Doug and Diane Enter  
Chris Kniep  
B-Square 4-H Club

## **4-H ENDOWMENT UPDATE**

## COUNTY FAIR NEWS

### 4-H CLUB COUNTY FAIR PROMOTION

We had five clubs promote county fair in their local community prior to the fair. Results are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Liberty Local-Motions, 2<sup>nd</sup> Crystal Star, 3<sup>rd</sup> On The Go, 4<sup>th</sup> Bent Arrow, 5<sup>th</sup> Fast Trackers.

### 4-H COUNTY FAIR EDUCATIONAL BOOTHS

We had 12 clubs construct excellent educational booths for the county fair. These booths really help promote 4-H at the county fair. Thanks to the members, leaders and parents of the following clubs: B-Square, Buchanan Badgers, Busy Badgers, Country Slickers, Crystal Star, Fairview, Fast Trackers, On The Go, Smile Awhile, Valley, Wild Grove and Wolf River Beavers.

### 4-H PLANTERS AT COUNTY FAIR

Thank you to the clubs who designed and planted the planters. There were lots of great comments on the creative planters and sprucing up the fairgrounds. Placings included: 1<sup>st</sup> New Horizons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shooting Stars, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dream Catchers, 4<sup>th</sup> Crystal Star, 5<sup>th</sup> Bent Arrow, 6<sup>th</sup> Wolf River Beavers, 7<sup>th</sup> Fast Trackers, 8<sup>th</sup> North Star, 9<sup>th</sup> Dairyland; participation included B-Square, Buchanan Badgers, Busy Badgers, Country Slickers, Fairview, Goal Getters, Liberty Local-Motions, Lucky Horseshoes, Mighty Mustangs, On The Go, Sly Foxes, Smile Awhile, Valley, Wide Awake Forward, Wild Grove and Woodlawn.



### THANK YOU TO...

- 4-H Action Center youth leaders for leading fun hands-on activities: Courtney and Kendra Gonnering, and Jonah Gibbin.
- Demonstrators: John, Emily, Jim and Zack Stille.
- Buchanan Badgers 4-H club for performing their music festival performance.
- Jeremy Trost for organizing the crowing contest.
- Dog project leaders and members for their agility and obedience demonstration.
- The volunteers for assisting at county fair with writing of educational comments, placing ribbons, etc: Terry Rebholz, Bill Shaw, Helen Johnson, Carolyn Nackers, Donna Langner, Elizabeth Stille, Lisa Jabas, Ashley Voight, Diane Schaumberg, Tammy Stille, Sonya Voight, Rosie Hertzfeld, Rich Stanelle, Judy Asman, Gary VerVoort.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bake-Off contest had 9 teams.  
1<sup>st</sup> place - Emily Stille and Marcia Carlson;  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Mickayla and Chuck George; 3<sup>rd</sup> place -John Stille and Gary Frieling. Others participating include: Angela and Kaitlyn Peters, Thomas and LuAnn Peters, Jim Stille and Joan Frieling, Brooke and Sarah Kaufert, Laurel and Darryl Peterson, and Chantal and Cameron George. Thanks to Mary Schaumberg & Tammy Stille for planning and the judges Karen Dickrell, Rick Pruski and Sue Otto.

A big Thank You to everyone who helped work in the Dairy Bar. It's fun to see 4-H families working together for a good cause – to raise funds to help 4-H. 100% of the profit goes to the Leaders Association to help pay for project learning events, project literature and other 4-H related expenses to help our 4-H members. Thanks for supporting the dairy bar by eating there and working there. Thank you especially to those people who worked more than one shift to help fill the short shifts so the Dairy Bar could stay open during fair week.

Kay Otto and Faye Wichman  
Dairy Bar Superintendents

## POP TAB CHALLENGE RESULTS

Fifteen 4-H clubs weighed in pop tabs at the county fair with 775.42 lbs being collected. Thank you to all participating 4-H clubs in helping the Ronald McDonald House. The tabs raised \$205.50. Thank you to Betty & Joe Lehrer for organizing & hauling the tabs and Therese Schroeder for the scale.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
Fast Trackers	176.00
B-Square	128.50
Buchanan Badgers	123.62
Fairview	121.25
Shooting Stars	38.75
Smile Awhile	38.75
Wide Awake Forward	30.90
Valley	27.75
Mighty Mustangs	20.89
Country Slickers	20.50
Crystal Star	19.50
Goal Getters	10.13
On The Go	7.00
Liberty Local Motions	6.25
Wolf River Beavers	5.63

### Bubble Recipe

- 1 Cup (8 ounces) DAWN or JOY Dishwashing Detergent
- 2-3 Tablespoons of Glycerin
- 1 Gallon Warm Water
- Container to store Liquid



Measure water and pour into container  
 Measure detergent and pour into container  
 Measure glycerin and pour into container  
 Carefully mix water, detergent and glycerin together trying to avoid excessive foam.

NOTE: The older the bubble solution, the better the bubble solution will work.

## ENDOWMENT FUND PENNY WAR

The penny war raised \$1258.39 for the county 4-H endowment fund. Special thanks to First National Bank in Shiocton for counting the coins and currency.



CLUB	ACTUAL TOTAL	WAR TOTAL
Buchanan Badgers	252.38	203.28
Wide Awake Forward	100.14	82.14
Country Slickers	81.61	65.81
Fast Trackers	255.67	60.67
Fairview	69.35	59.15
On The Go	41.28	38.18
Bent Arrow	35.88	28.68
B-Square	67.18	26.18
Liberty Local Motions	78.40	25.80
Valley	26.13	22.23
Shooting Stars	27.46	20.76
Wild Grove	20.71	17.11
Wolf River Beavers	19.89	16.89
Goal Getters	34.19	16.19
Wolf River Shadows	11.91	10.61
Smile Awhile	19.57	10.07
Dream Catchers	16.16	9.36
Crystal Star	37.03	8.23
Busy Badgers	9.46	6.76
New Horizons	12.85	4.35
Dairyland	3.79	2.59
Fair Weather	8.33	1.93
Woodlawn	3.51	1.91
Mighty Mustangs	6.72	1.62
Le Best	3.28	1.38
North Star	1.37	0.97
Lucky Horseshoes	1.70	0.70
Country Pals	2.05	0.55
Sly Foxes	0.78	(0.42)
Oneida Falling Leaves	1.71	(1.29)
Busy Bears	5.52	(2.18)

## WHAT IS NEW IN 4-H?

By Karen Dickrell,  
Department Head

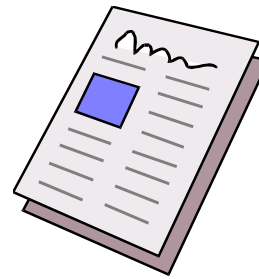


The Outagamie County Cooperative Extension staff appreciates the help and assistance all of the 4-H program leaders that have given to the 4-H program since Jeanne's retirement. I'll try to update with the information I know.

- Congratulations to all for a wonderful county fair!
- We hope to fill the 4-H Youth Development position in early 2010. It is a valued position in both the county and state that plays a key leadership role in outreach to both youth and their families. There never seems to be a good time for someone to retire – and our present state budget situation is not helping us!
- We are working on the details of hiring a back-fill person to fill the gap between now and when the new 4-H Youth Development Agent is hired.
- In the meantime, our staff is trying to fill the gaps and do what we can. We are working with the 4-H Leader's Board and many other volunteers to make sure we continue to have the wonderful programs Outagamie County Cooperative Extension is known for.
- If you should have any questions, please contact Karen Dickrell, Department Head at 832-5121 or [karen.dickrell@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:karen.dickrell@ces.uwex.edu)

## NEXT 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

The next 4-H family newsletter will be mailed about October 27. If we have your email address you will receive an email notification telling you how to access the 4-H newsletter on the Outagamie County website in an effort to



improve service, speed, accessibility, and reduce cost. We would like to improve readership yet deliver the contents in the best possible way for each family.

Upside, it comes quick, no paper or mailing cost, you can store it in your computer for future reference. Downside, you have to print if you want a hard copy, formatting may not be the same with different computers and software, if you have dial up this might take a while, your inbox may need to have a certain size to receive the newsletter.

Of course you can always go to our website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/outagamie> and look at all the program areas and the information listed there. You will find a wide variety of information, calendars, links to other information and tools to help you make decisions that affect your business and family. Thanks for working with us on this optional newsletter delivery. We hope to provide helpful timely information in a convenient, quick format that fits your operation and lifestyle.

**NOW IN OUR 4-H CLUB** will no longer be printed in the 4-H Family Newsletter starting in November/December due to space limitations and change in format. In the future we will be posting it on the Outagamie County 4-H website.

**Bent Arrow – (July)** We collected baby items to give to needy families. John & Emily gave demonstrations. We played our own version of Amazing Race. (Aug) Jessica Franklin gave a speech. We took nominations for club officers. We then went biking on the CE Trail.

**B-Square – (July)** We had a potluck at the Plamann Farm. Justin and Brandon Earll, Kayla DeMars, Sara Harrmann, Sawyer & Madison Thorne gave demonstrations. (Aug) We had our meeting at Greenville Lion's Park. Leaders had hands on items about their project area. Officer nominations were made.

**Buchanan Badgers – (Aug)** We discussed the success of the county fair. Our club did a music performance at the State Fair.

**Fairview – (July)** We played relay games. County fair was discussed. (Aug) We had a potluck supper before our meeting.

**Fast Trackers – (July)** Reports were given by Jacob Plamann, Ashley Hart, Andrew Westphal, Paige Schroeder. County fair was discussed. (Aug) Our meeting was held at Badger Sports Park. Results of county fair were discussed.

**Wide Awake Forward – (July)** Our meeting was at Tidy View Dairy Farm. We played Ag Olympics. Members reported on county trips they went on. (Aug) County fair was a great success. We had a project parade. We will collect school supplies for the Mexican orphanage.

**Wild Grove – (July)** Our community service project for July is Golden House. County fair was discussed. (Aug) We handed in record books and went rafting. Next month's community service will be the food pantry.

**Wolf River Beavers – (July)** We are collecting baby items to put together a basket for new moms in need. (Aug) Our club meeting was held at T & T Lanes where we went bowling. We discussed having a brat fry for a fund raiser.

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