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Extension

WHAT IS YOUR CLUB DOING?

NEW 4-H Club News Page!

In the June Cloverpatch, we started a 4-H Club page. Clubs can publish an article about what they are doing. This is a great opportunity to spread ideas from one club to another. We will print news from any Rock County 4-H club. You can send us information on your club's community service activities, upcoming fundraising events or anything else that's newsworthy! Just e-mail newsletter-ready articles to donna.duerst@ces.uwex.edu or sue.fredrich@ces.uwex.edu by the 10th of the month. We reserve the right to edit the articles for space. Let's share what our 4-H clubs are doing!

Badger 4-H Music & Drama

Badger 4-H is proud to announce its Music and Drama Festival awards for our play: "Once Upon a Fairy Tale," about a gingerbread girl who doesn't want to go to the fair. We received Best Original Comedy and Best Musical. Also, Sarah Graves received a youth director award and Julia Kasprzak won the Best Supporting Actress award. Our play will be performed at the fair on Saturday August 1st at 5:00 on the Craig Avenue Stage. We will also be performing at the State Fair. Please come and watch!

-Lizzy Farrey, Badger 4-H Reporter/Photographer

LaPrairie 4-H Community Garden

The LaPrairie 4-H members have worked very hard to organize the community garden. The garden is now in and looking great! A few families volunteer each week to care for the garden. Their responsibilities include checking on the garden 2-3 times during their week. During the week they sign up and care for the garden. A list is posted of work to be done in the garden which includes mainly weeding, watering, and picking veggies as they ripen. No garden knowledge is required to keep up the garden. We want to help the community learn about gardening as well as help the needy through the produce donations.

-Savannah Waller and Rachel McDonald, Reporters

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★ Leadership ★

Junior Council Meeting

The next 4-H Junior Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. The agenda will include election of officers for the 2009-2010 year. Many additional important items of business, including the annual budget, will also be handled. Plan to attend! There will not be a July meeting.

Junior Council Officer Candidates Needed!

Have you enjoyed your job as a club officer? Do you like working with youth and adults? Would you like to help shape the future direction of the Rock County 4-H program? If you are a 4-H member who has been a Junior Council member for 1 year, please consider running for a Junior Council Office. Elections will be held at the August 24th Junior Council meeting.

Candidates may sign up in the Craig Center Office during the fair or call the UWEX Office at 757-5690. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor the night of elections. The following positions are available: President-Elect (2 year term), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Historian, 4-H Ambassador Liaisons (2 positions available) and Fair Board Representatives (2 positions available). Contact Sue at 757-5690 if you would like more information or a position description.

Jr. Council Historian Book

Just a reminder that Roxanne Reisem, Jr. Council Historian is looking for youth leader photos from county activities and events or from your club activities or events for the annual Jr. Council Historian Book. Please contact her at 882-6673 if you have taken photos and would like to have her include them in her book.

Senior Council Meeting

The next Senior Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. There will be no meeting in July. The agenda for the August meeting will include the 2009-10 budget

proposal and the election of officers for 2009-10. Anyone interested in running for an office should sign up in the Craig Center Office during the fair or contact the UWEX Office. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the August 24 meeting. Please be sure your club is represented at this important meeting!

Senior Council Executive Board Candidates Needed

Are you interested in helping to determine the direction of the Rock County 4-H program? Sign up as a candidate for Senior Council Executive Board position for 2009-10! Sign up in the Craig Center Office during the fair or call the UWEX Office at 757-5690. Position descriptions are available for the positions up for election in August: Vice President, Secretary, State Adult Leaders Council Alternate and Fair Board Representative. Don't miss this opportunity to play a key role in the Rock County 4-H program!

4-H Leaders Council Budget Requests for 2009-10

The 4-H Leaders Council Budget Committee will be meeting to develop the proposed budget for 2009-10. Budget requests can be submitted by project committees, activity committees or individuals. All requests must be in writing and are due to the UWEX Office by August 3rd.

Budget requests can also be e-mailed to Donna at donna.duerst@ces.uwex.edu, Sue at sue.fredrich@ces.uwex.edu or Linda at linda.marshall@ces.uwex.edu. E-mail requests are also due by August 3rd.

2009 North Central Region

4-H Volunteer Forum

October 1-4

Downtown Holiday Inn in Lincoln, Nebraska

WHY GO? Participants gain new leadership skills, ideas for strengthening the local 4-H club and program, teaching outlines for project and activity leaders, networking opportunities to learn what others are doing and above all, to have fun!

Registration is now open for the 2009 NCRV Forum. Go to the official website <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm> and read the promotional booklet, registration and hotel registration information. The early bird registration fee applicable through August 15. Scholarships will be available for Wisconsin delegates.

★ Special Projects And Activities ★

Something New for Rock County 4-H... A New Look for the 4-H Cloverpatch

We are currently working on changes for the September Cloverpatch. The format will be changing to meet new postal requirements. Be sure to check it out.

4-H Award Applications Available

The application forms for all 4-H awards are on the Rock County 4-H website, <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/rock/4h/awards.html>. The following award forms are available:

Rock County 4-H Clover Awards

The Clover Award is based solely on participation in 4-H. Everyone who meets the criteria receives the award!

Younger Member Awards

Members in 5th through 8th grade can apply for a number of awards and trips, such as Discover Milwaukee, Chicago Daze, Clover Adventure and State 4-H Youth Conference.

Older Member Awards

Members in 9th grade and up can apply for scholarships, awards and such trips as State 4-H Youth Conference, Chicago Nights, Citizenship Washington Focus and National 4-H Congress.

4-H Project Awards

Awards are available in every project, as well as special awards for agricultural projects, woodworking, flowers/gardening and child development/home environment/foods and nutrition.

Outstanding Leader Awards

Members, leaders and/or parents can nominate 4-H leaders to receive recognition as an Outstanding 4-H Leader.

ALL award forms are due to the UWEX Office by September 30, 2009. Award recipients will be honored at the Rock County 4-H Achievement Program in January 2010.

4-H Bakery Tent/Awareness Center

The 4-H Bakery Tent and the 4-H Awareness Center Tent will be located right next to each other at this year's fair! Both tents will be open every day of the fair from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (except on Sunday when they close at 9:00 p.m.) The Bakery Tent will also be open on the pre-fair judging days so you can have plenty of éclairs, cream puffs and Pepsi products on those days!

Be sure to tell all your friends, relatives and anyone else you know to support Rock County 4-H by purchasing yummy bakery treats and Pepsi products at the 4-H Bakery Tent during the fair! Also, please tell them to stop by the 4-H Awareness Center to learn more about 4-H!

Face Painting at the Fair

The 4-H Ambassadors will once again be offering Face Painting in the 4-H Awareness Center Tent during the fair. The hours for Face Painting will be 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday and 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Any 4-H member **in grade 7 and up** is encouraged to sign up for a one-hour shift using the "Snip and Send" form at the end of this newsletter.

There will be a Face Painting Workshop this year on July 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse. If you are new to face painting you are required to attend this workshop. All previous face painting volunteers are encouraged to attend as well to refresh themselves about the different steps that are needed to do this activity. Face painting is fun and an excellent opportunity to promote 4-H. So if you're in 7th grade or older, sign up today!

4-H Dance at the Fair

Be a part of the fun with your friends at the annual 4-H Dance on Saturday night, August 1st from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Sales Arena on the fairgrounds. This dance is open to all 4-H Fair youth exhibitors and their families and is being co-sponsored by 4-H Junior Council and the Fair Board. Come and celebrate everything you've learned and achieved this year with your 4-H friends. Don't miss the fun! Plan to join us at the dance.

Chaperons Needed for the 4-H Dance. We need adults to provide supervision at the 4-H Fair Dance on August 1st at the Fairgrounds. If you can help for part or all of the evening, please call Sue at 757-5690. We'll see you at the dance!

4-H Camp Information

Information about 4-H Camp will be mailed to registered campers in early August. The mailing will include a health form, packing list and other relevant information. Campers and parents...watch your mail in early August!

Cloverbud Judges Needed

If you like younger youth and enjoy talking with them about their projects please see the application on the website www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/rock/ or pick one up at the courthouse. Judges should be 16, but younger members can serve as assistants! This is a great opportunity to serve your county. Past judges should also fill out an application. The deadline has been extended until July 13th.

Mark your calendars for **Monday, July 20th** for an orientation/scheduling meeting at **6:00 p.m.** held at the Janesville Courthouse. Any questions please call Linda at 757-5690.

Cloverbud Campers

A very BIG THANK YOU to all cloverbuds and their friends who came to our sixth day camp at Rotary Gardens! The day was just beautiful and all the campers were just super! Please see the Rock County website for the latest photo of 74 campers and their counselors. Thanks to our older youth for planning a great camp and parents who attended the event with their children.

★ Communication and Cultural Arts ★

4-H Music & Drama Festival Huge Success

Over 250 4-H members and leaders from 11 clubs participated in the Music & Drama Festival that was held in the Kirk Denmark Theater on the UW Rock Campus. A special thanks to Stacy Randall, UW Rock Continuing Education Coordinator and her staff for the hospitality shown to our groups for this event. Judges for the event were Jeff Kleist and Jenny Damaske.

All groups received blue ribbons on their performances. State Fair awards were given to Newark Pioneers, "Bus Stop" and Badger 4-H Clubs, "Once Upon a Fairy Tale." Congratulations to all youth participating in this year's festival.

Special thanks to Roxanne Reitem, Magnolia 4-H and Aaron Messier, Badger 4-H, who emceed the event, to the dedicated behind the scenes help, Daryl Hansen, Dennis, Barb & Grant Francis and Lauren Metcalf and to our own 4-H show choir, "HeatWave" who performed the finale.

If you missed the Music & Drama Festival, check the schedule for the Craig Avenue Tent at the fair because some of our clubs will be performing again.

For a detailed list of clubs and members that participated go to our website, <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/rock/4h/index.html>

Rock County 4-H Show Choir-HeatWave"

Your Rock County 4-H Show Choir, HeatWave, has a busy performance season again this year! Check out their website, <http://www.heatwave4hshowchoir.org/> for information about where they will be performing and what the group is all about. HeatWave hopes everyone can come out to see them at the various events throughout the summer.

★ Home and Family ★

Cake Decorating Judging Time Change

Please make a note that the cake decorating judging will take place on Tuesday, July 28 beginning with Class K at 6:00. Class K participants should begin to check-in at 5:45. Class L participants should begin to check-in at 6:45.

You may check-in your other foods items prior to the cake decorating judging. Classes A through I should be brought in between noon and 7 p.m. just like in the past. Please refer to your fair book and follow all rules and instructions carefully.

4-H Sewing Clinic

A special thanks to Jeanette Beard from HCE for coordinating the Sewing Clinic for beginning members and to the adult and youth leaders that taught sessions.

Home Environment and Visual Arts Exhibitors

Exciting Opportunity - Silent Auction

If you are in Home Environment or Visual Arts and your project is a quilted item or comforter, you are eligible to sell one in the Silent Auction that is held in the Craig Center during the fair.

Here are the points to remember:

Any exhibitor entering a quilted item or comforter in the Home Environment or Visual Arts department is eligible to sell one item in the silent auction. Lot numbers may vary, and are not limited to the quilt and comforter lot numbers. A quilted item or comforter must have a pieced top, batting and a backing that has been hand stitched, machine stitched or tied.

Registration will take place at project entry. Please notify the superintendent at the time of entry regarding your interest in participating in the silent auction. The silent auction will take place in the Craig Center where the items will be on display beginning Wednesday of the fair. The silent auction will be finalized at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday of the fair.

Exhibitors are encouraged to contact prospective buyers prior to the Fair.

A full list of the silent auction rules will be available for each exhibitor registering for the silent auction at the time of entry. If you would like these ahead of time or have any questions, please contact Deb Krausse, Co-Superintendent of Home Environment at 758-8900 or tdkrausse@wwdb.org

Make it With Wool Contest

WI Sheep & Wool Festival

September 11-13

Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds, Jefferson

Information about the Make it With Wool Contest is available at their website,

<http://www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com>.

★ Animal Science ★

Swine Project Member PQA Requirements

All swine project members are required to be PQA certified in order to show and exhibit at the Rock County 4-H Fair. Certification requirements differ by age of project members. Age is determined as of January 1, 2009.

The following are the PQA requirements by age division:

Beginner Division - Youth 8-11 years of age are required to attend a training program each year.

Intermediate Division - Youth 12-14 years of age can either attend a training program or test out using the intermediate level test. The test is a 20 question multi-choice test. A passing grade is 70%. A project member can take the test up to three times. If successful, intermediate level members do not need to complete another program or test until they turn 15 as of January 1.

Senior Division - Youth 15-19 years old can attend an annual PQA training or test out using the advanced level test. A 70% passing grade is required. If successful, senior age division members need not complete another program or test during their remaining youth showing career.

The final PQA Certification Program is scheduled:

Space is limited for each program so we are requiring advance registration by contacting the UWEX Office at 757-5699. We encourage intermediate and advanced members to take advantage of the 6:00 p.m. testing that is offered. If you have questions contact the UWEX Office

Tuesday, July 7th, 2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Room, Rock County Courthouse.

6:00 p.m. - Testing session for intermediate and advanced age members

7:00 p.m. - PQA Class

Intermediate and Senior Age Division project members may also arrange to take the test by contacting the UWEX Office at 757-5699. The Youth PQA Plus Manual is available on the web at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/rock/4h/projects.html> for study purposes prior to taking the exam. If you have questions contact Randy Thompson at 608-757-5699.

Horse and Pony Project Committee Meetings

The Horse and Pony Project Committee will meet on Thursday, July 2 and Thursday, August 6. All meetings will be held in the Janesville Courthouse and will begin at 7:00 p.m. All Horse and Pony project leaders and parents are invited to attend.

Rock County 4-H Fair Horse Show

The Rock County 4-H Fair Horse Show will be held Saturday, July 11 at the Rock County Fairgrounds. Gates will be open at 7:00 a.m. and the show will begin at 8:30 a.m. All horses must be checked in prior to your first class and check-in ends at 11:00 a.m. There will be a food stand on the grounds. Remember: You must show your original Coggins test results upon arrival and SEI-approved helmets must be worn when riding or driving on the grounds.

Rock County 4-H Fair Pony Show

The Rock County 4-H Fair Pony Show (for all ponies 56" and under) will be held Sunday, July 12 at the Rock County Fairgrounds. Gates will be open at 7:00 a.m. and the show will start at 8:30 a.m. All ponies must be checked in prior to your first class and check-in ends at 11:00 a.m. There will be a food stand on the grounds. Remember: you must show your original Coggins test results upon arrival and SEI-approved helmets must be worn when riding or driving on the grounds.

Horseless Horse Fair Exhibits

All Horseless Horse project fair exhibits must be brought to the 4-H Fair Horse Show on Saturday, July 11 at 11:00 a.m. They will be judged that day at noon, then kept and exhibited as part of the Pony display at the Rock County 4-H Fair. Exhibits will be released and can be taken home on Sunday, August 2. See page 28 in the Fair Premium Book for specific information and rules for exhibits.

State 4-H Horse Expo Exhibitors Meeting Wednesday, July 15 - 7:00 p.m.

There will be a mandatory meeting for all State 4-H Horse Expo exhibitors on Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse. ALL entry forms and fees will be due at this meeting, including entry forms for educational events. If you are exhibiting a horse or pony, please remember that a copy of a negative Coggins test within the 2009 calendar year will be required with your entry. PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT be able to make photocopies of Coggins tests at this meeting, so you MUST bring a copy with you! No exceptions!

Horse and Pony Project Trail Ride

Horse and Pony project members, mark your calendars for Saturday, August 29! Join us for our annual 4-H trail ride at Gibbs Lake County Park! Meet in the park's horse parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and get ready for a fun-filled trail ride, followed by lunch. Please remember that this trail ride is a 4-H sponsored event so everyone must wear an SEI-approved helmet while riding!

Food Stand Volunteers
Needed August 8 and 9!

Join other Rock County 4-H Horse, Pony, Horseless Horse members and their parents by volunteering at the food stand at Bound's Show Time Arena in Deerfield on Saturday, August 8 for the Welsh Pony Show and Sunday, August 9 for the Open Horse Show. This is your chance to help us raise money for the project. You can also watch others show their horses and ponies, develop friendships with other project members, and earn Horse Bucks, too! Our food stand will be open from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm on Saturday, and 6:30 am until the end of the show on Sunday. If you would like to volunteer, share a ride, get more information, or would like to donate food, please contact Brenda Uhe at 608-876-6780, Shirley Henn at 262-473-5707, Jennifer Lesh at 262-408-9027 or Linda Brethauer at 897-4166.

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Check out all of the events and youth activities at this festival at their website,
<http://www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com>

Poultry Barn Set-Up
July 18 - 8:00 a.m.

Poultry Barn, Fairgrounds

We need your help for Poultry Barn set-up and to decorate the barn.

Rabbit Project Fair Set-up
July 18, 9:00 a.m.

Rabbit Barn, Fairgrounds

Project members & leaders plan to help with Rabbit Barn set-up for the fair and put up your club decorations at the same time, too. The more help we get the quicker we get done. If you have questions contact Donna Jones at 883-2837 or Robin Heath at 897-8499.

Cavy and Hamster Fair Judging

Cavy and Hamster fair judging will be on Sunday, August 2nd in the Sale Arena. Vet check will be 9:00-9:30 a.m.; there will be NO VET CHECKS AFTER 9:30 a.m.! Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m., starting with

showmanship. See page 34 - 35 of the Fair Premium Book for more information. Exhibitors plan to enter and exit Gate 4 with your animals. Call Mike or Sue Schimke at 676-4044, if you have questions.

★ Environmental
Education ★

4-H Competitive Shooting Events

Check out the state 4-H website,
www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm
for information on upcoming competitive shooting events throughout the state. Most events are open to any 4-H Shooting Sports members and registration forms are usually posted on that website. Check it out!

★ Mechanical
Science ★

4-H Fair Rocket Launch

The officially judged rocket launch and spot landing contest will be held on Saturday, July 18 at Thresheree Park. Registration will be from 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Judging and the spot landing contest will be from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. See page 54 of the Fair Premium Book for additional details. Please use the Cox Road entrance to Thresheree Park. The rain date (only in case of storms) is Sunday, July 19, 8:00 a.m. to noon at the same location.

Spot Landing Rockets For Sale!

This year's Spot Landing Contest rocket is the Wizard. Wizard rockets and A8-3 engines are for sale at the UWEX Office in the Courthouse. One rocket and 3 engines cost \$9.00...what a deal! So bring your money at get your rocket and engines while they last!

4-H Fair Small Engine Judging - NEW **DATE AND LOCATION!**

The Rock County 4-H Fair Small Engine judging will be held on Saturday, July 18th at 1:00 p.m. at Thresheree Park, the same location as the 4-H Fair Rocket Launch. PLEASE NOTE: All engines must be present and registered by 12:45 p.m. Please use the Cox Road entrance to Thresheree Park. Rain date is Sunday, July 19th, same time and location. The engines must be returned to the fairgrounds on Tuesday, July 28th for exhibit and can have no gasoline in them at that time. See page 54 of the Fair Premium Book for more information.

4-H Fair Bicycle Tour de 4-H

The 4-H Fair Bicycle Tour will be on Saturday, July 25 beginning at the Lions Beach Boat Landing in Janesville (next to Rotary Gardens). Registration is at 5:00 - 5:15 p.m. and all rides will leave at 5:30 p.m. (rain or shine). All riders must wear ANSA or Snell approved safety helmets. See page 54 of the Fair Premium Book for more information.

Mechanical Sciences Fair Judging and **Trophy Presentations**

All Mechanical Sciences projects not judged pre-fair will be face-to-face judged on Tuesday, July 28, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Blackhawk Building on the fairgrounds. Those entries must have an official fair entry tag in order to receive a premium.

The Mechanical Science Department trophies will be presented on Thursday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Craig Avenue Tent on the fairgrounds. We hope to see you there!



★ Fair Facts ★

Fair Office Access

Need to get to the Fair Office? If the main gate to the fairgrounds on Craig Avenue is closed, don't despair! Check the walk-in gate, also on Craig Avenue just behind the office. However, it is always a good idea to call the office before making the trip. The phone number at the Fair Office is 755-1470.

Exhibitor Wristbands

Every family received a purple sheet in the fair entry packet with wristband information and rules. Wristbands will be available at the fairgrounds on:
Friday, July 24—9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 26—10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, July 27—9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Attention Department

Superintendents/Assistant Superintendents

We would like to remind all Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents that a \$5.00 discount season pass will be available to those who will be helping in a department at the 2009 fair. You may pick up your pass at the fair office through July 27. We look forward to seeing all of you back.

Planter Decorating Contest

The Rock County 4-H Fair is sponsoring a Floral Planter Decorating Contest. The planter this year will be smaller and much more portable. Each club/chapter that participates will receive a donation of \$20.00 from the fair board.

Please review the guidelines below, as some changes have been made.

Planter Guidelines

Planters will be provided and available for pickup at the Fair Secretary's Office starting May 19th.

Planter decorations will need to be in the planter with the flowers and please be sure that planter is identified with your club/chapter name. We hope to

reuse the containers for a few years; therefore, no permanent decorations or paint should be on the planter itself, only something that can be removed from the dirt or outside of planter that will not damage the planter.

Decorated floral planters containing planted flowers must be delivered back to the fairgrounds between July 23 and noon on July 27. Be sure to check in at the fair secretary's office. Late arrivals can be displayed but will not be judged and will not receive a club/chapter donation.

Each planter will be judged on creativity. Your club/chapter name must appear in each container.

Judging will take place prior to the opening of the fair.

Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second, Third and Fourth place in each category.

Each club or chapter will receive a \$20.00 donation from the fair board for their participation. This donation is not per planter. Every year we receive MANY great compliments on the decorated planters. Thank you for your hard work, we appreciate it.

ATTENTION ALL 4-H ALUMNI

The Rock County 4-H Fair Museum is located on the fair grounds and is open during fair week. The Museum committee is looking for Alumni to volunteer for 2-hour shifts at the Museum. It is a great trip down memory lane and who better to answer questions about the fair than former exhibitors. If you would like to volunteer for a shift, please call Dolores Barlass 868-6364. The Museum hours are Tuesday, July 28-Sunday, August 2 from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm.

The Rock County Fair Museum Committee is always looking for additional items to put on display. We are looking for old 4-H projects that were exhibited at the Rock County Fair, the older the better. Please check your closets, attic's and garages for any projects. I am sure some of you have an old Clothing or Style Revue project, or maybe even a Woodworking or Home Furnishings project that you would like displayed in the 2009 Fair Museum. Please

share this request with any family and friends or former 4-Hers that might not get this newsletter. If you have any questions or have any projects, just call the fair office at 755-1470 or drop the items off at the office on the fairgrounds

Purchase Shavings at the Fair

Farm and Fleet of Janesville will be providing wood shavings for the 2009 Rock County 4-H Fair exhibitors. The Farm & Fleet truck will be located by Gate 5 at the end of the Swine Barn. The cost for each bale of shavings will be \$4.75. The shavings will be on sale the following hours during fair week.

Sunday, July 26 - 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, July 27 - 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28 - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday -

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 1 - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

ATTENTION ALL MEAT ANIMAL SALE EXHIBITORS AND FUR AND FEATHER EXHIBITORS

Please remember that before you can receive your sale check on clean up day, August 5, you must bring your completed buyer thank you notes to clean-up day. This rule is in the premium book on pages 18 and 32.

Pre-Printed Entry Tags

Your pre-printed entry tags are available from your Chairperson or FFA Chapter Advisor. All exhibitors must use your pre-printed entry tags for all your exhibits. If your pre-printed entry tags are lost or damaged, please call ahead to the Fair Secretary's Office to have replacement tags printed for you to pick up at the office. Handwritten entry tags will not be accepted. Any request made at the Secretary's Office to reprint your entry tags will cost \$1.00 per sheet of tags.

process is listed on page 13 of the 2009 premium book. Listed below is how the judging will be done.

Attention, Fair Animal Exhibitors!

The Fair Board must comply with Wisconsin Food Code legal requirements to keep animals away from the food vendors, and they need YOUR help! During the fair, all animals will be restricted to the barns, wash racks and show arenas. You CANNOT walk your animal near any food vendors for any reason! It's VERY important for ALL exhibitors to help keep animals away from the food vendors. If you see another exhibitor walking an animal near the vendors, please ask that exhibitor to take the animal back to the barn. If everyone works together, it will be easier to comply with the code!

Dress an Animal Contest

Want to have a good time dreaming up a costume for an animal? That is if the animal is one of the following species: Beef, Dairy, Goat, Pony or Sheep.

Join in the fun of this unique contest! See the Snip and Send at the end of this newsletter for specific details. Let your imagination bloom!

Parade Float Judging

The judging for the 4-H and FFA floats will be held on Sunday, July 5, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The judging is open to the public.

Exhibit Release

ALL youth exhibitors will be released on Sunday, August 2 from 7:00—9:00 p.m. Non-animal exhibits left on the fairgrounds after 9:00 p.m. Sunday will eventually be transported to the basement of the Fair Secretary's Office and will not be available to be picked up until Wednesday, August 5 after clean-up is complete.

PLEASE NOTE: The Fair Association will not be responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits left on the fairgrounds, after 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 2.

2009 Herdsmanship Awards

The following is the procedure for the 2009 Herdsmanship Awards for Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep Dairy Goats and Rabbits. The categories and score

- Decorations will be judged on Tuesday afternoon only and will be done by a group of volunteer adults.
- The judging in each species will be done by the 4-H Club and FFA Chapter members and that are exhibiting in that species.
- Judging will be done 3 times a day in each department, 9 am-12 noon, 1 pm-4 pm and 6 pm-9 pm.
- Clubs and Chapters will be assigned a date and time slot to do the herdsmanship judging. This schedule will be posted in the Stock Pavilion.
- On judging days no herdsmanship judging will be done. (i.e. on Wednesday, no herdsmanship judging will be done in the Swine or Sheep departments).
- Clubs/chapters will need to check-in at the fair office at their assigned judging time and pick up the score sheets.
- Top four clubs/chapters in each department will receive a premium. All other clubs/chapter will receive a ribbon placing.
- Those clubs/chapters not judging at their designated time will be dropped one placing in their final score for that species.



Snip and Send

Dress an Animal Contest Entry Form

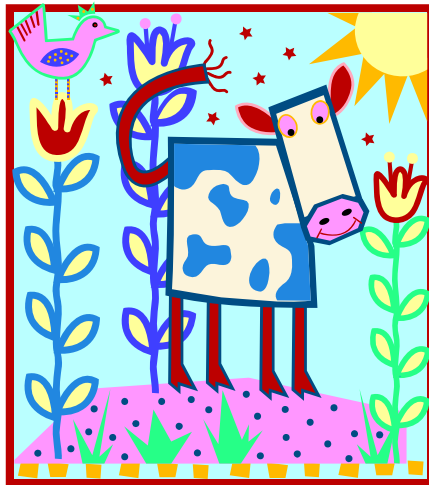
The Dress an Animal Contest will take place on Saturday, August 1st following the dairy show in the Stock Pavilion. This contest is open to any exhibitor. Animals can be of any of the following species: Beef, Dairy, Goat, Pony or Sheep. If you have any questions, call the Fair Office at 755-1470.

Name (s) _____

Age (s) _____ Club _____

Animal (check one) Beef Dairy Goat Pony Sheep

Entry deadline is Saturday, August 2 at 2:00 p.m. Entries are due to the Secretary's Office at the Fairgrounds, or mail to Rock County 4-H Fair, Dress an Animal Contest, PO Box 170, Janesville, WI 53547.



FACE PAINTING AT THE 4-H FAIR

For members in 7th grade and up

Name: _____

Club: _____ Phone: _____

Sign up for the time(s) you would like to work by checking the appropriate shift(s).

Wednesday, July 29:

_____ 11:00 a.m. – noon _____ noon – 1:00 p.m. _____ 1:00–2:00 p.m.
_____ 4:00-5:00 p.m. _____ 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 30:

_____ 11:00 a.m. – noon _____ noon – 1:00 p.m. _____ 1:00–2:00 p.m.
_____ 4:00-5:00 p.m. _____ 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 31:

_____ 11:00 a.m. – noon _____ noon – 1:00 p.m. _____ 1:00–2:00 p.m.
_____ 4:00-5:00 p.m. _____ 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 1:

_____ 11:00 a.m. – noon _____ noon – 1:00 p.m. _____ 1:00–2:00 p.m.
_____ 4:00-5:00 p.m. _____ 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 2 :

_____ 11:00 a.m. – noon _____ noon – 1:00 p.m. _____ 1:00–2:00 p.m.

_____ I will be attending the training session on July 20, 2009 at the courthouse at 6:30 p.m.

Please return your completed form ASAP to: Face Painting, Rock County UWEX Office, 51 South Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545 OR call in your preferences to Carol at 757-5690. Thank you! Remember anyone who has not face painted before is required to attend a training session on July 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse. Previous face painting volunteers are encouraged to attend.

DESCRIPTION OF JUDGING METHODS

Danish Judging Method

This judging method is the traditional system whereby all exhibits of the same lot number are presented simultaneously to the judge. The judge evaluates each exhibit but is permitted to give a maximum 25% ribbons within each group (blue, red, white and pink.) Exhibitors do not need to be present for this type of judging.

Conference Judging Method

All exhibits within a lot number are presented simultaneously, evaluated and awarded ribbons as in Danish judging, but the exhibitor or their representative must be available to present the exhibit. The judge asks questions pertaining to the exhibit and awards ribbons accordingly, without regard to Danish system percentages.

Face-to-Face Judging Method

This type of judging allows for more flexibility on the part of the judge and the exhibitor. Exhibitors bring all their exhibits in that department to be judged at one time and talk to the judge about the exhibits. Exhibits are not compared with other exhibits in the same lot number, but judged on their own merit. The judge may award the ribbon and premium which he/she believes is appropriate without regard to Danish system percentages.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FACE-TO-FACE/CONFERENCE JUDGING

What if an exhibitor can't be present at their face-to-face or conference judging?

Exhibitors who cannot be present for their judging **must** contact the department superintendent **ahead of time**. It is preferred that another exhibitor sit in for that person's discussion with the judge; however, a leader or parent may sit in if necessary. There is no automatic penalty for exhibitors who are not present for their judging. It is up to each judge to determine how the exhibitor's absence will affect the placing awarded.

What happens to the exhibits after they are judged?

All exhibits remain at the fair after pre-fair judging so the department displays can be prepared prior to the first day of the fair.

When are State Fair and Merit Award selections made?

During pre-fair judging, judges will set aside some of the blue ribbon exhibits for further consideration. After all exhibits have been judged, the judges will select the State Fair and Merit Awards from those exhibits that have been set aside.

**FACE-TO-FACE JUDGING SCHEDULE
2009 ROCK COUNTY 4-H FAIR**

Date	Time	Department	Location
Friday, July 24	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Visual Arts	Blackhawk Bldg.
Friday, July 24	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Photography	Craig Center
Friday, July 24	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Child Development	Craig Center
Friday, July 24	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Exploring	Craig Center
Friday, July 24	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Natural Resource Science (includes Shooting Sports posters)	Block Bldg.
Monday, July 27	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Woodworking	Blackhawk Bldg.
Monday, July 27	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Drawing & Painting	Craig Center
Tuesday, July 28	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Cloverbuds	Craig Ave. Tent
Tuesday, July 28	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Floral Division of Home Environment	Craig Center
Tuesday, July 28	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Knitting & Crocheting	Craig Center
Tuesday, July 28	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Mechanical Sciences	Blackhawk Bldg.
Tuesday, July 28	1:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Electricity	Blackhawk Bldg.

**GENERAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY BE ASKED
DURING FACE-TO-FACE JUDGING**

- What do you like most about this project?
- What do you like least about this project?
- What have you learned in this project?
- What would you like to learn more about in this project?

- Where did you get the idea for this exhibit?
- Where/how did you learn to make this exhibit? Who helped you?
- What was the easiest part of making this exhibit?
- What was the most difficult or challenging part of making this exhibit?
- What would you do differently if you were to make a similar exhibit again?


The Child Development Department lists specific information the exhibitor will need to know about his/her exhibit. If you are exhibiting in this department, check page 70 of the Fair Premium Book for this information.


OTHER FACE-TO-FACE JUDGING TIPS FOR EXHIBITORS

- When talking with the judge, sit up straight and speak with confidence. You are talking about yourself and your exhibit, so you should know your stuff!
- Look the judge in the eye when talking with him/her. Eye contact is a very important part of effective communication.
- If you don't know the answer to a judge's question, it's better to admit it than to make up an answer.
- Face-to-face judging is meant to be an educational experience, so don't be afraid to ask the judge some questions about the exhibit or project if you want to.
- Be courteous and polite at all times. At the end of your discussion with the judge, be sure to thank him/her for their comments.

2009 Rock County 4-H Fair Judging Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sat., June 6	Archery Shoot	Custom Arrow Lanes, Janesville	8:30 a.m.
Sat., June 13	Gun Shoot	Beloit Rifle Club	10:00 a.m.
Sat., June 13	Mountain Bike/Hill Climb	Rockport Park, Janesville	8:00 a.m.
Mon., June 15	Bicycle Time Trials/Rodeo	Fairgrounds	5:00 p.m.
Sat., June 20	Model Aircraft	Parker High School	10:00 am
Wed., June 24	Jr./Sr. Style Revue	Blackhawk Technical College	9:00 a.m.
Sat., June 27	Dog Obedience	Craig Center	9:00 a.m.
Sun., July 5	Parade	Fairgrounds Grandstand	1:00 p.m.
Sat., July 11	Horses/Horseless Horse	Fairgrounds	8:30 a.m. /12 Noon
Sun., July 12	Pony Show	Fairgrounds	8:00 a.m.
Tues., July 14	Education	Blackhawk Building	8:00 a.m.
Wed., July 15	Education	Blackhawk Building	8:00 a.m.
Sat., July 18	Rocket Launch/Spot Landing	Thresherman's Park	7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Sat., July 18	Small Engine Contest	Thresherman's Park	1:00 p.m.
Thurs., July 23	Family Style Revue	Blackhawk Technical College	9:00 a.m.
Thurs., July 23	Sheep Carcass	Sorg Farm Packing Inc.	6:00 p.m.
Fri., July 24	Exploring	Craig Center	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Fri., July 24	Naturespace	Block Building	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Fri., July 24	Visual Arts	Blackhawk Building	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Fri., July 24	Photography	Craig Center	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Fri., July 24	Family & Child Development	Craig Center	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sat., July 25	Bicycle Tour	Lyon's Beach	5:30 p.m.
Mon., July 27	Drawing and Painting	Blackhawk Building	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Mon., July 27	Woodworking	Blackhawk Building	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Mon., July 27	Swine – Breeding Animals	Sale Arena	9:00 a.m.
Mon., July 27	Swine – Carcass	Sale Arena	7:00 p.m.
Tues., July 28	Cloverbuds	Craig Avenue Tent	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tues., July 28	Electricity	Blackhawk Building	1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tues., July 28	Mechanical Sciences	Blackhawk Building	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tues., July 28	Home Environment	Craig Center	9:00 a.m.
Tues., July 28	Home Environment, Floral	Craig Center	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tues., July 28	Knitting/Crocheting	Craig Center	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tues., July 28	Garden and Fruit	Block Building	12:00 p.m.
Tues., July 28	Swine Showmanship	Sale Arena	5:00 p.m.
Tues., July 28	Foods-Cake Decorating	Craig Center	6:00 p.m.
Wed., July 29	Computers	Blackhawk Building	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wed., July 29	Swine – Barrows	Sale Arena	8:00 a.m.
Wed., July 29	Sheep – Market, Showmanship	Stock Pavilion	8:00 a.m.
Wed., July 29	Sheep – Breeding Stock	Stock Pavilion	Following Showmanship
Wed., July 29	Foods & Nutrition	Craig Center	8:30 a.m.
Wed., July 29	Baking With Honey	Craig Center	8:30 a.m.
Wed., July 29	Clothing Construction	Craig Center	8:30 a.m.
Wed., July 29	Rabbit Showmanship	Rabbit Tent	8:30 a.m.
Wed., July 29	Field Crops	Block Building	1:00 p.m.
Wed., July 29	Flowers & Home Grounds	Block Building	1:00 p.m.
Wed., July 29	Youth Leadership	Craig Center	1:00 p.m.
Wed., July 29	Rabbits	Stock Pavilion	5:00 p.m.
Thurs., July 30	Beef – Steers	Stock Pavilion	8:30 a.m.
Thurs., July 30	Beef – Breeding	Stock Pavilion	Following Steer Judging
Thurs., July 30	Poultry	Poultry Barn	8:30 a.m.
Thurs., July 30	Food Preservation	Craig Center	8:30 a.m.
Thurs., July 30	Dairy Goats	Sale Arena	9:00 a.m.
Thurs., July 30	Veterinary Science	Block Building	8:30 a.m.
Thurs., July 30	Houseplants	Block Building	9:00 a.m.
Thurs., July 30	Demonstrations	Craig Center	1:00 p.m.
Thurs., July 30	Swine Carcass Results	Sorg Farm Packing Inc.	7:00 p.m.
Fri., July 31	Meat Animal Sale	Sale Arena	8:30 a.m.
Fri., July 31	Dairy – All Breeds (Calves-Yrlgs)	Stock Pavilion	9:00 a.m.
Fri., July 31	Dairy Goat Showmanship	Stock Pavilion	5:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 1	Dairy – All Breeds (Cow Classes)	Stock Pavilion	9:00 a.m.
Sat., Aug. 1	Tractor Operators Contest	Grandstand	8:00 a.m.
Sat., Aug. 1	Dairy Showmanship	Stock Pavilion	12:30 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 1	Dog Showmanship	Craig Avenue Tent	9:00 a.m.
Sat., Aug. 1	Fur and Feather Sale	Sale Arena	10:00 a.m.
Sat., Aug. 1	Sheep – Junior Lead Class	Stock Pavilion	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 1	Family Style Revue Fashion Show	Craig Avenue Tent	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 1	Beef Showmanship	Stock Pavilion	6:00 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 2	Cavy and Hamsters	Sale Arena	9:30 a.m.
Sun., Aug. 2	Style Revue Fashion Shows	Craig Avenue Tent	1:00 p.m.

	<p style="text-align: center;">JULY 2009 CALENDAR</p>
1	DEADLINE: Dairy Youth Scholarship Application Six Flags Great America Trip, Courthouse Upper Parking Lot - 8:00 a.m.
2	Horse & Pony Project Committee Meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m. 4-H Promotional Display, Janesville Youth Sports Complex, Janesville
2,9,16,23	Dog Project Clinics, Fairgrounds
3	UWEX Office Closed - Holiday
5	4-H/FFA Parade Float Judging, Rock County Fairgrounds - 1:00 p.m.
7	PQA Testing, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. PQA Class, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
11	4-H Fair Horse Show, Fairgrounds - 8:30 a.m. 4-H Fair Horseless Horse exhibit judging, Fairgrounds - noon 4-H Junior Softball Tournament, Parkview High School, Orfordville
12	4-H Fair Pony Show, Fairgrounds - 8:30 a.m. 4-H Senior Softball Tournament, Parkview High School, Orfordville
13	Cloverbud Judges applications due
15	State 4-H Horse Expo exhibitors meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
18	4-H Fair Rocket Launch, Thresheree Park, Edgerton - 7:30 a.m. 4-H Fair Small Engines Judging, Thresheree Park, Edgerton - 1:00 p.m. Poultry Barn Set-up, Fairgrounds - 8:00 a.m. Rabbit Barn Set-up, Fairgrounds - 9:00 a.m.
20	Cloverbud Judges orientation/meeting, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. Face Painting Workshop, Courthouse - 6:30 p.m. Youth Leadership Contest, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
23	Rock County 4-H Fair Family Fashion Review, Blackhawk Technical College
25	4-H Fair Bicycle Tour de 4-H, Lions Beach Boat Landing in Janesville - 5:00 p.m.
28	Mechanical Sciences Fair Judging, Blackhawk Building, Fairgrounds - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
28- Aug 2	Rock County Fair

	<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST 2009 CALENDAR</p>
1	4-H Dance, Sale Arena, Rock County Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
2	DEADLINE: Dress an Animal Contest due to Fair Office Cavy and Hamster Fair Judging, Sales Arena, Rock County Fairgrounds - 9:00 a.m.
3	Budget Request due to UWEX Office
4	4-H Camp Staff Training, Craig Center - 6:30 p.m.
5	Fairgrounds Clean-up
6	Horse & Pony Project Committee Meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
15	2009 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum Registration due

15-18	Rock County 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells
6-16	Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis
17	Jr. & Sr. Council Executive Board Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
20	Rock County Beef Producers Cook-out, Fairgrounds - 5:00-8:00 p.m.
22	4-H Horse & Pony Fun Show, Fairgrounds - 9:30 a.m.
24	4-H Ambassador Team meeting, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. Junior & Senior Council Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
29	Horse & Pony Project Trail Ride, Gibbs Lake County Park, 10:00 a.m.
28-30	State 4-H Dog Show, West Bend, Jefferson
	SEPTEMBER 2009 CALENDAR
3	Horse & Pony Project Committee Meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
7	UWEX Office Closed-Holiday
10	DEADLINE: Registration for Arts Camp to State 4-H Office
11-13	Make It With Wool Contest and Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival, Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds
21	Jr. & Sr. Council Executive Board Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
28	4-H Ambassador Team meeting, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. Junior & Senior Council Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
30	All 4-H Award Forms due to UWEX Office