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Rock County 4-H Cloverpatch

★ *Leadership* ★

Junior Council Meeting & Pizza Night

March 23 - 7:00 p.m.

Attention all 4-H members grade 7 and up! The March Jr. Council meeting is Pizza Night! Bring canned goods, that will be donated to a local food pantry and you can eat free! Join us for our committee meetings, regular business meeting and some social time with your friends.

Senior Council Meeting

All club chairs, co-chairs and any interested leaders are invited and encouraged to attend Senior Council meetings. The next meeting will be Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. Clubs will receive the Fair entry packets at this meeting, so please be sure your club is represented!

Attention All Adult Leaders!

In 2009, we will again be complying with the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Protection Program. Leaders who completed the Leaders Application form for the records check and attended a leader orientation session need only to re-enroll with their club this year. (Please note: All returning leaders MUST complete a Leader Re-Enrollment Form!)

Remaining Leader Orientation Dates for 2009: all sessions will be held at the Courthouse.

Saturday, March 7 - 10:00 a.m.

Monday, March 30 - 7:00 p.m.

You only need to attend one session and these are the ONLY orientation sessions that will be held in 2009, so please check your calendars NOW and select a session. A sign-up form can be found at the end of this newsletter. Pre-registration is not required but insures we will have enough materials for you!

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ALL adult leaders who work directly with youth in ANY capacity are required to complete the Youth Protection Program. Only leaders who have completed the 4-H Youth Protection Program are considered registered 4-H leaders in Rock County and receive the following benefits:

Covered by Leader's Council liability insurance;
Receive recognition at the end of the year; and
Are eligible for discounted leader passes to the Rock County 4-H Fair.

Volunteer Tax Deductions

A number of tax benefits are available for volunteers under the general charitable deduction of the Internal Revenue Code. Volunteers may deduct unreimbursed, out-of-pocket expenses directly related to a charitable organization such as 4-H if they itemize deductions for 2008. Detailed information is available in IRS Publication 526, or check out the IRS website at www.irs.gov/ Click on "More Forms and Publications" then "Publication number" then scroll down to Publication 526.

Are You a Project Leader?

Now is the time to get youth started in their projects! Tap into that early enthusiasm and get everyone off to a good start. Below is a list of reminders to help you have a successful year.

1. At one of the first meetings of the year, help members set their project goals.
2. Organize and conduct at least three project meetings per year. Remember that you can count trips, speakers, demonstrations and other project related activities.
3. Involve youth leaders in meaningful ways. They are capable of planning and teaching, not just being the helpers or clean-up crew.
4. Set an example in being prepared, organized and flexible in working with youth.
5. Seek out additional resources for project members.

6. Keep your club chairperson informed about the member's growth and progress throughout the year.

A Great Source for 4-H Project Information - the State 4-H Website!

The State 4-H Website is a GREAT source for information on all of the statewide 4-H project areas, and now is the PERFECT time to check it out!

Go to <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/index.cfm> and click on "Projects" on the left side of the home page. Then click on any of the project areas and you'll find:

- A description of each project
- Project literature numbers and titles, as well as a link to the Extension Publications website to purchase copies
- Related 4-H events and activities that support the project area
- Internet links to related websites
- Sources for more information related to the project area

The site also contains Activity Plans for many of the project areas. These activity plans can be downloaded and printed directly from the site, and they are excellent resources for project leaders! Check them out...they are almost like pre-planned project meetings!

The project information on the State 4-H Website is a valuable resource for members, leaders and parents in just about any project area. It can be used to supplement face-to-face project meetings, but it is not intended to replace those meetings! Member and parents, be sure to check with your club project leaders on the dates of their project meetings! It's time to start working on those 4-H projects, so check out the State 4-H Website and get a great start!

Club Fundraising Ideas

Are you in charge of fundraising for your 4-H club? The UW Extension Office at the Courthouse has a box full of information for you to look through with LOTS of different fundraising ideas! If you would like to browse through the box, call the office at 757-5690 or just stop in and take a look!

4-H Newsletter Information

The 4-H Cloverpatch is available on line at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/rock/4h/index.html>. We will be testing our new software email program soon that will notify you of the availability of the newsletter on our website. If you prefer to receive electronic notice when the newsletter is posted please contact Carol at the UWEX Office at 757-5690 or email her at carolj@co.rock.wi.us. We will still be mailing a hard copy to families that have not requested email notification.

If any families are receiving duplicate mailings of the 4-H newsletter, or if there are any families that are not yet receiving the newsletter, please contact Carol at 757-5690. If you change addresses and/or e-mail addresses during 2009, please contact Carol as soon as possible. We need your help to keep our records and mailing list current!

★ *Special Projects* *And Activities* ★

2009 4-H Volleyball Tournaments

The annual 4-H Volleyball Tournament planned & coordinated by Junior Council will be held on March 15 & 22 at Craig High School. The junior teams (age 8-13) will play on March 15 and senior teams (age 14 & up) will play March 22. Teams should report no later than 11:00 a.m. Playing will begin at 11:30 a.m. A team registration and a \$30.00 entry fee per team are due to the UWEX Office on February 23. Team rosters are due at check-in on game day. Club registration packets were handed out at the January Sr. Council Meeting and are available at the UWEX Office.

4-H Softball Leaders Meeting

Softball coaches, umpires and other leaders, plan on attending the 4-H Softball Leaders meeting on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse. Watch for signs with the specific meeting location. All dates and deadlines for 2009 will be set and several proposed rule changes will be discussed. Please mark your calendars for March 19!

4-H Softball Tournament

Mark your calendars for the 2009 4-H Softball Tournament! The tournament will be July 11 and 12 at the Parkview High School diamonds in Orfordville. Juniors will play on Saturday, July 11 and Seniors will play on Sunday, July 12. Schedules will be mailed directly to the softball coaches and will be on the Rock County 4-H website later this spring.

Youth Service Day

The National Youth Service Day event will be Saturday, April 18 in Rock County. The 4-H Ambassadors are working with the United Way to plan this event in which groups of youth select a local service project to work on that morning. Many 4-H clubs have participated in past years and it's a wonderful way to provide service to the community!

Again this year, there will be some service projects that will involve working at the fairgrounds, as well as projects throughout northern Rock County. If your club would like to participate, contact your club chairperson or Donna at the UW-Extension Office, 757-5690 for a registration form.

Set the date aside, April 18, and plan on participating in a service project that morning, then joining the celebration at the fairgrounds for lunch and door prizes! It's a great day...plan on being part of it!

2009 4-H Jr. & Sr. Basketball Tournament

April 19 & 26

Edgerton High School

Registration packets for the annual 4-H Jr. Council Basketball Tournament will be handed out at the February 4-H Senior Council meeting. Juniors teams will play on April 19 and Seniors will play on April 26. Be sure to get your club involved!

Clubs are required to provide one adult per 10 participants to serve as a team coach. Clubs with less than 10 participants are also required to provide one adult. More than one club may combine if there are not enough players (limit 3 clubs on one team unless ok'd by committee).

Web Site Basics

Is your club interested in having a website? If so, come to Intro to Web Design on Monday March 30, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Here you will learn how to design a basic website to let others know about your club. This class will be "hands on" and you will leave with the beginning of your club site. Information on free tools for creating the page and editing photos will be offered. Also, free and low cost hosting options will be discussed. The class will be held at St. Patrick's School at 305 Lincoln St, Janesville. Seating is limited so please RSVP to Mike Farrey by phone at 608-754-0139 or by email at mike@rockriverconsulting.com.

★ *Communication and Cultural Arts* ★

4-H Music and Drama County Festival May 16

**Wells Cultural Center, UW Rock Campus,
Janesville**

The Music & Drama Festival will again be held at UW Rock in the Wells Cultural Center on campus. Please mark your calendars and join all clubs and groups participating in this fun opportunity to share the many talents of our youth. Final information was handed out at the February Sr. Council meeting. The registration deadline is April 28th. If you have questions contact Sue at the UWEX Office, 757-5690.

2009 State 4-H Arts Camp Youth Staff Opportunity Camp dates October 3 & 4

Do you have a passion for drama, visual art, music, photography or communications? Do you enjoy teaching younger youth? Come be part of the staff! We're looking for 9th through 12th graders (in the fall of 2009) to be part of the Arts Camp State Staff.

The purpose of Arts Camp:

- * To foster expression and participation in the arts with middle school age youth.
- * To allow youth leaders in the arts teaching opportunities to a specific audience.
- * To increase awareness of the arts and participation in the arts at the club level.

We are looking for youth to teach sessions and to lead activities. Youth staff are required to plan with other arts camp staff members by mail, by phone, and to participate in on-site sessions, August 29-30 and Friday night, October 2 at Camp Upham Woods. Camp dates: Saturday, October 3 - Sunday, October 4.

There is a \$35.00 fee payable upon selection. Check with your county 4-H Agent for possible assistance with this fee. Additional assistance is available upon request. Your costs are minimal thanks to a grant from the 4-H Foundation.

The application form for 4-H Arts Camp can be obtained at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm> or from your UWEX Office and is due on May 1.

★ *Home and Family* ★

Foods Revue 2009



Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 4th. Foods Revue will be held at the Craig Center at the 4-H Fairgrounds. All members enrolled in the food

project are eligible to enter. This is a fun way to design your menu, place setting and theme for a meal presentation. Registration information is at the end of this newsletter. Any questions about this event, contact Foods Revue Superintendents, Deb Bader, 608-882-6954 (home), 608-751-7952 (cell) or Michelle Bader, 608-751-7962.

Great Big Thanks!

The Food/Foods Revue Workshop held Saturday, January 31st was a huge success! Many leaders and members taught and assisted including Deb and Briana Bader, Carol Johnson, Hannah Delzer, Abby Ploegert, Lois Swanson with Foods Revue, Suzanne Daley and Jeanne Smith, Cake Decorating and Candy Making, Sally and Roxanne Reisem, Bread Making, Grace and Kathy vanVeldhuisen, Gingerbread Houses, and Katie Thomas (Garnishings) from Blackhawk Technical College and two students, one of which was a former 4-Her, Jolene Keller. Thanks to all for a very rewarding morning for all involved!

Rock County 4-H Fair Family Revue Date Correction

July 23 - Blackhawk Technical College

The date listed in the yearly calendar that was in the January Newsletter was incorrect. The correct date for Family Review is July 23.

Knitting & Crocheting Project Members & Leaders

If you have questions or need help with knitting or crocheting projects contact Jane Pennycook (knitting), 752-3274 or Charleta Affeldt (crocheting), 365-6423. Remember the winter months are the best time to work on these projects.

Home Environment Project Members & Leaders

The International Quilt Festival is taking place in Rosemont, Ill on April 17-19. This is a great opportunity, with over 1000 vendors to shop, get ideas from and dream about upcoming projects that include quilting, but offer a vast domain of other projects and crafts. Check your local quilt stores for day trips. This is a wonderful opportunity! This event is being held at Donald E Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, Ill. Check out their website, www.quilts.com for more information.

☆ *Animal Science* ☆

NASCO Showing and Grooming Demonstrations

NASCO will be presenting the 23rd Annual Showing and Grooming Demonstrations on May 9. Topics for discussion will include animal selection, proper clipping techniques, choice of grooming equipment and showmanship. Experienced showmen will conduct informational demonstrations for the sheep, beef and dairy projects.

Registration: Call the NASCO store at 920-568-5600 by May 4th. Please inform them at this time whether you plan to attend all or just part of the day's events and if your plans include the lunch provided.

Schedule of Events for May 9:

8:30-10:00 a.m. --- Sheep Demonstration
10:15-12:00 --- Beef Demonstration
12:00-1:00 p.m.--- Lunch and visit Nasco Store
1:15-3:00 - p.m. -- Dairy Demonstration

Additional Information:

NASCO will provide lunch. There is no charge for attending these informational demonstrations. It has been our observation from previous years that this event makes for an excellent low cost field trip. We invite any critiques the attendants may like to provide in a continuing effort to improve this event in the future.

Swine Carcass Contest

Individuals interested in participating in the 2009 Swine Carcass Contest held in conjunction with the Rock County 4-H Fair must participate in the initial carcass barrow weigh-in on Saturday, April 18th. Each exhibitor may identify and weigh up to 3 barrows for the carcass contest. The weigh-in will be held in the Sale Arena from 1:00-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 18th. The maximum weight limit will be 90 lbs. Contact Randy Thompson at 608-757-5699 if you have questions.

WPA Youth Pig Project

The Wisconsin Pork Association is offering a scholarship to assist in developing pork production projects for 4-H or FFA members with the intent of educating youth on developing life skills and career opportunities.

Youth between the ages of 9-19 are eligible to receive a \$50 scholarship to purchase a feeder pig for the 2009 show season. Five individuals will be selected based on their applications to receive the scholarship. WPA will contact the winners.

The application includes project goals, MAQA certification date, simple project budget, future goals and how they relate to the pork industry and "why should the WPA select you for the scholarship. The application is available at www.wppa.org and are due March 15 to WPA, PO Box 327, Lancaster, WI 53813. If you have questions contact WPA at 608-723-7551 or email wppa@wppa.org.

Rock County Beef Ambassador Position

The Rock County Beef Producers announce a beef ambassador position open to members in the beef project. Freshmen and older youth as of this year may apply. The ambassador will be highly encouraged to attend events, such as the Rock County Spring Preview Show, annual Rock County Beef Cookout, and the county and state fair promoting our county's beef industry. Applicants will also have the opportunity to present information regarding the beef industry to area citizens, 4-H groups, FFA members, and so forth. If interested, please contact Randy Thompson at 757-5696 for further information.

Market Steer Identification Program

Rock County 4-H Fair is once again requiring market steers be pre-identified in order to be eligible for exhibit at the Rock County 4-H Fair. Beef project leaders and Vo-Ag Instructors are asked to assist with the identification as in past years. 4-H and FFA beef project members are encouraged to contact their project leader to make arrangements for identification.

Steer ID Guidelines:

Each exhibitor may identify up to 5 steers
Steers need to be pre-registered in the name of the exhibitor or immediate family member's name.

Steers will be identified with special tags provided by the UW Extension Office.

Deadline for identifying steers is April 1st.

Individuals who identified steers for State Fair or the County Rate of Gain Contest do not have to retag steers. Use the ID from these programs.

Market Lamb & Barrow Identification

The deadline for market lamb and barrow identification is Monday, May 4th, 2008. Each exhibitor may identify up to 8 lambs and 8 barrows. As with the beef project, project leaders and Vo-Ag Instructors will be asked to assist with the identification process. Further information will be available in the April newsletter.

State Fair Market Animal Identification

Rock County will host State Fair lamb and barrow identification for the 2009 WI State Fair. Animals will be identified in the Sales Arena at the Rock County Fairgrounds.

Lambs will be identified April 18 from 9-11 a.m.

Barrows will be identified May 2 from 9-11 a.m.

Check the WSF website for further information, http://www.wistatefair.com/2009_wsf/index.html

Congratulations to Rock County Dairy Quiz Bowl Participants.

Congratulations to the members of the 2009 Dairy Quiz Bowl members that competed in the state competition. They are Amanda Janes, Hannah Gerbitz, Sarah Gerbitz, Rachel Gerbitz, Dane Trustem, Brock Trustem, Erica Ballmer, Ciera Ballmer, Abigail Martin, Kristin Broegee

Coaches: Craig O'Leary, Randy Thompson and Sandy Trustem

Badger Dairy Camp June 14-16

Check the Dairy Youth website for further information about the camp at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth/index.html>

ATTENTION: Horse & Pony Project Members - Important Rule!

All 1st and 2nd year Horse and Pony Project members must participate in two (2) Rock County 4-H Horse and Pony Project approved educational events, at least one of which must be with your horse or pony, in order to participate in the Rock County 4-H Fair Horse Show or Pony Show. Members in their 3rd year and up must participate in one such event, with or without your horse or pony.

The Horse and Pony Project Steering Committee would like to bring the attention of each and every one of you the availability and importance of our upcoming county level meetings and activities. All members, parents and leaders in these projects are invited to attend ALL EVENTS. Please make note of the rule stated above and don't wait until the last event...start attending NOW!

Attention, PARENTS of Horse & Pony Project Members!

The 4-H Horse and Pony Project Committee is concerned that members may be dropped off at county events with their animals and left there unsupervised. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE! It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians of these members to remain at these events to provide supervision and assistance to the members and animals. This guideline applies to ALL county 4-H Horse and Pony project events!

Open Arena Practice and Coggins Testing

Open Arena Practices will begin Sunday, March 8, 1:00-4:00 pm at the Multi Purpose Building at the fairgrounds. There will be instruction offered in Showmanship. Also at this first practice, veterinarian Kathy Cantrell will be there to do **COGGINS TESTING FOR THE 2009 YEAR**. For this

practice, you **MUST** bring your 2008 Coggins results (unless you already have a 2009 Coggins.) After the first practice, you **MUST** have a 2009 negative Coggins test to participate.

Mark your calendars for future Open Arena Practices:

- Sunday, March 22 - instruction offered in Horsemanship
- Saturday, April 4 - instruction offered in Western and Hunt Pleasure
- Sunday, April 26 - instruction offered in Trail and Driving

All Open Arenas will be held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Requirements for participation:

Current Coggins test results (original and one copy)
SEI approved safety helmet and boots with heels.

Follow-up Coggins/Vaccination Clinic

If you are unable to bring your horse or pony to the March 8 Open Arena Practice, or if you get the Coggins test done that day but still need to have your animal vaccinated, there will be follow-up clinic at the March 22 Open Arena Practice. Badger Veterinary Hospital will be at that event from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and will offer spring vaccinations (EWT/WNV, Influenza/Rhino), a fecal egg count and a Coggins test (if still needed) for a 4-H discounted package price. The price is the same with or without the Coggins.

Horseless Horse Project Members - Meetings Just For YOU!

Our new county Horseless Horse project leader, Brenda Uhe, has scheduled a series of meetings for our Horseless Horse project members! The first meeting will be Sunday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Open Arena in the Multi-purpose Barn at the fairgrounds. You will learn about Showmanship and also about Coggins testing and vaccinations. Wear warm clothes, boots and gloves! Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Plan on attending Horseless Horse project meetings at the following events, too:

Equine Extravaganza on March 21 (see next article) at 11:00 a.m. - Johnstown Community Center
Horse Judging Clinic and Contest on April 4 at 9:00 a.m. - fairgrounds. Description sheets and Horseless Horse contracts will be discussed.

Equine Extravaganza!

You won't need a horse to win ribbons at this event! Plus, it's free!

Join us for the Extravaganza!

Saturday, March 21 at the Johnstown Community Center, 9937 E. Cty A, Janesville

Enter in any of the following contests: art, drawing, demonstrations, posters, photography, magazine photos, and/or public speaking. 4-Hers must be signed in or have projects turned in by 10:00 am to compete. But don't forget about the model horse show!

The Rock County 4-H Members Only Model Horse Show will start at 10:00 am and run in conjunction with the Open Model Horse Show. Remember, even if you don't want to compete, you can still come and get horsebucks for volunteering! Volunteers are always welcome and needed! For more information, call Jennifer at 262-408-9027.

The First Ever Rock County 4-H Open Model Horse Show

Want to watch history unfold? Join us for our first NAMHSA approved open model horse show at the Extravaganza. Doors will open at 7:15 am and show starts at 8:30 am at the Johnstown Community Center. This will be our first fundraiser for the year-keep your fingers crossed that we have lots of model show-ers! This show will run all day, right alongside all of the Extravaganza events. 4-H members can show in this event, however there is a fee. Visit <http://rhorseandpony.webs.com> for more information, or call Jennifer at 262-408-9027.



Extravaganza Foodstand

Want to help out? We can always use help at the Extravaganza--especially in the Foodstand. Food donations are greatly needed to help us keep our costs down and our profits up! Feel free to bring cookies, brownies, soda, water, etc. to donate to the Foodstand. And, if you're not a good cook, we could use your help serving the food! Questions? Contact Jennifer at 262-408-9027.

Horse and Pony Project Committee

The Horse and Pony Project Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse. The next meetings are Thursday, March 5 and Thursday, April 2. All Horse & Pony project and Horseless Horse project leaders and parents are invited to attend all Project Committee meetings.

Horse & Pony Description Sheets and Coggins Results

All description sheets and Coggins test results are due to the UW Extension Office at the Courthouse by April 15. You must staple a copy of your animal's Coggins test results to the description sheet, which can be found in the Informational Packet. You still have to bring the original test results to the clinics and shows. Failure to meet the April 15th deadline will result in placing penalties at the Fair Horse Show or Pony Show. Don't miss this deadline! Please contact the UW Extension Office at 757-5690 if you need an Informational Packet.



Poultry Project Member & Leader Meetings

March 14 - 10:00 a.m. Courthouse - Project member, parent and leader meeting with guest speaker, Ron Kean to talk about "Keeping Poultry Healthy." Bring questions to learn more about your project animals.

June 27 - 10:00 a.m. - Sales Arena, Fairgrounds - Discussion on Pullorum testing and State forms that you must have for the fair. We will also discuss fair week and preparing poultry for the fair. **MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDER AND PLAN TO ATTEND.**

July 18 - 8:00 a.m. - Poultry Barn set-up and decorate barn at the fairgrounds

Poultry Project Photography Contest

If you are a 4-H or FFA poultry project member and are interested in photography... here's a contest for you. The 1st Annual Rock County Poultry Project Photography Contest is planned and organized by Jordan DeLong, Bradford 4-H. Check out the flyer in the February newsletter or contact Jordan at 676-4907.

RABBIT FUN DAY-JUNE 13

Mark your calendars, bring your rabbits and join us for a fun-filled **ROCK COUNTY RABBIT FUN DAY** on Saturday, June 13 for 4-H (including cloverbuds) and FFA members at the Craig Center at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Janesville, Wisconsin.

AGENDA FOR RABBIT FUN DAY:

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Classes will be provided on grooming, toe nail cutting, tattooing, handling your rabbit and showmanship; and entries taken for rabbit fun show and breed identification and showmanship contests.
11 a.m.: Rabbit Fun Show, Showmanship Contest and Breed Identification Contest start.

Rabbit Fun Show Details: The cost to enter the rabbit show is \$2.00 per rabbit. At the time of entry, each exhibitor will complete a show entry form and remark cards. Assistance will be provided to exhibitors to assist in this process. The breeds of rabbits eligible to be shown are those breeds

recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association. This is a non-cooped show. Exhibitors must furnish their own carrier/cage, and each cage/carrier must have a solid leak proof bottom. All animals must be permanently earmarked in the left ear. Awards will be given out for Best in Show, Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, and class placings from first to third; and participation ribbons.

Showmanship and Breed Identification Contest Details: These contests are free. Awards will be given out to the winners.

A food counter will be available throughout the day. All proceeds will be used to fund future rabbit fun day events. For further information, please contact Lynn Galbraith-Wilson at 608-758-0866.

52nd Annual Badger Breeders Show

What: Open and Youth Rabbit Shows
Where: Jefferson, WI
(County Fairgrounds)
Dates: March 7 & 8

March 7-13 breeds of rabbits only: Netherland Dwarf, Rex, Holland Lop, Satin, Silver Marten, New Zealand, Mini Rex, Angora, Dutch, Mini Lop, Fuzzy Lop, Havana and American Chinchilla.

March 8-All breeds of Rabbits, with 12 Judges placing the animals.

Please Come: All interested youth are encouraged to attend. Youth may enter animals in the Youth Division the morning of the show. It is a great learning experience for them. Badger Club members will be available to answer questions. There will be equipment and breeding stock of top quality for the youth to look at and buy if they wish.

For A Badger Catalog—send to: Sue Dietzman, 15416 W. Butts Corner Road, Evansville, WI 53536 - Phone: 608-882-5853 or email: brabbitman@jvlnet.com

Dog Project Members

If you were unable to attend the Dog Project Orientation contact Ann Sellnow at 882-6578 or 290-2453. She will provide you with the information you will need to participate in the weekly clinics that start in March.

2009 State Dog Show August 28-30 Jefferson County

Cat Project Meeting March 17 - 7 p.m.

Craig Center, Fairgrounds

Project members and parents are encouraged to attend the county wide project meetings to learn more about their animals and expectations of the Pre-Fair and Fair Shows. Be sure to check your Cat project packet for additional information. This packet is also available at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/rock/4h/projects.html> or at the UWEX Office. If you have questions contact Judy Karstaedt at 365-2441 or Sondra Austin at 754-0134 or Bonnie Wehrle at 365-2938.

Important Cat Project Deadlines

Your cat's shots must be current by March 7 if you want to show your cat in the Pre-Fair Cat Show on March 28. Shots must be current by April 3 for you to show your cat at the Fair Cat Show on April 25. Be aware of these important deadlines!

Pre-Fair Cat Show

March 28, Craig Center, Fairgrounds

The Rock County 4-H Pre-Fair Cat Show will be held in the Craig Center at the fairgrounds. Check-in time is 8-9:30 a.m. and the show starts at 10:00 a.m. The entry fee \$10 for one cat and \$15 for two cats, and entries are limited to 2 cats per member. ALL 4-H members, including Cloverbuds, are welcome to participate. You need not be a member of the cat project to show your cat in this show! You can also enter the Cage Decorating Contest and Dress Your

Cat Contest, as well as the Poster Contest, Photo Contest and Showmanship!

To enter, please complete the entry form at the end of this newsletter and return it to Rock County UWEX, Attn. Cat Project, 51 S. Main St. Janesville, WI 53545, the entry deadline is March 17-don't miss it! If you have questions contact Judy Karstaedt, 365-2441, Sondra Austin, 754-0134 or Bonnie Wehrle, 365-2938.

Volunteers Needed For Pre-Fair Cat Show!

Volunteers are needed Friday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Craig Center on the fairgrounds to help set-up for the Pre-Fair Cat Show. All those who help will also be able to decorate their cages at this time. In addition, members can earn BONUS Cat Cash by helping with set-up OR clean up on March 28th!

★ Environmental Education ★

4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshops - NEW THIS YEAR FOR NEW LEADERS!!!

NEW 4-H Shooting Sports leaders in any discipline (archery, air pistol, air rifle, .22 rifle, shotgun, muzzleloading, hunting) must now participate in 12 hours of training in order to teach 4-H youth. They must obtain that training at an approved 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop. They must also complete the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Protection Program (see article in the "Leadership" section of this newsletter.) Upcoming 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshops for 2009 are:
March 21-22 in Lincoln County (Tomahawk)
April 17-18 in Washington County (West Bend)

Registration forms and other information can be found at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm.

NOTE: This new certification process is ONLY for shooting sports leaders who are new to 4-H in 2009 or those who have not been active for over 3 years.

★ *Mechanical Science* ★

Project Meetings for Rocketry, Models, Small Engines and Aircraft

There will be project meeting for all members, parents and leaders in the Rocketry, Models, Small Engines and Aircraft projects on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse. Signs will be posted with the specific meeting room locations. Mark your calendars NOW and don't miss these important meetings!

Attention Rocketry Project Members!

This year's Spot Landing Contest rocket is the Wizard. Wizard rockets and A8-3 engines will be for sale at the March 26th meeting.

One Wizard rocket and 3 engines will cost \$9.00...what a deal! So bring your money and get your rockets and engines while they last!

★ *Fair Facts* ★

Attention Club Chairpersons!

Pick Up Entry Packets!

The 2009 Rock County 4-H Fair Entry Packets will be available at the Monday, March 23, 2009 Senior Council Meeting at the Courthouse. Please pick up your club's packets at this time. If you absolutely cannot pick up your packets on March 23rd call Mary Check at 755-1470 to arrange a time to pick up the packets at the fair office.

Attention Club Chairpersons!

Rock County 4-H Fair

Royalty Candidate Information

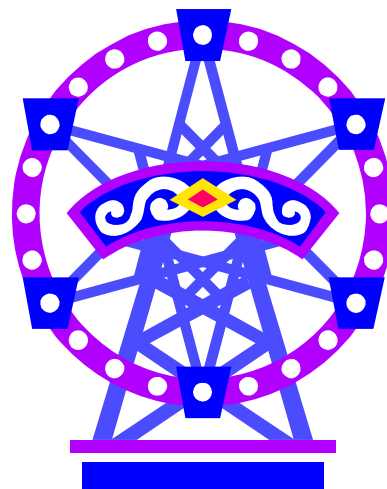
The following dates are firm deadlines for Club Royalty Candidates:

February 23, 2009 - Information packets will be mailed out to club chairpersons and chapter advisors.

April 10, 2009 - Due date for Club Royalty Information to be turned in to Mary at the Fair Office.

April 24, 2009 - Due date for Candidate applications due to Mary at the Fair Office.

May 16, 2009 - King and Queen interviews at the Rock County 4-H Fair Office.





MARCH 2009 CALENDAR

5	Horse & Pony Project Committee Meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
7	Youth Protection Program Leader Orientation, Courthouse - 10:00 a.m. DEADLINE: Cat vaccinations must be current in order to show at Pre-Fair Cat Show
7-8	52 nd Annual Badger Breeders Show, Jefferson
8	Horse & Pony Project Open Arena and Vet Coggins Day, Fairgrounds - 1:00-4:00 p.m. Horseless Horse project meeting, Fairgrounds - 1:00 p.m.
14	Poultry Project Meeting, Courthouse - 10:00 a.m.
15	Jr. Volleyball Tournament, Craig High School, Janesville DEADLINE: Wisconsin Pork Association Scholarship Applications due
16	Jr. & Sr. Council Executive Board Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
17	DEADLINE: 4-H Pre-Fair Cat Show Entries due to UWEX Office Cat Project Meeting, Craig Center - 7:00 p.m.
19	4-H Softball Leaders meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m. "Chicago Nights" trip planning meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
20	DEADLINE: Foods Revue Registrations due to Rock County 4-H Fair Office
21	Open Model Horse Show, Johnstown Community Center - 8:30 a.m. Equine Extravaganza, Johnstown Community Center - 10:00 a.m. Horseless Horse project meeting, Johnstown Community Center - 11:00 a.m.
21-22	4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop, Tomahawk
22	Horse & Pony Project Open Arena Practice, Fairgrounds - 1:00-4:00 p.m. Sr. Volleyball Tournament, Craig High School, Janesville
23	4-H Ambassador Team meeting, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. Junior & Senior Council Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
24	4-H Camp Staff Training, Craig Center - 6:30 p.m.
26	Rocketry, Models, Small Engine and Aircraft Project Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
27	Pre-Fair Cat Show set-up, Craig Center, Fairgrounds - 6:00 p.m.
27-28	4-H Art Beat (3-5th grade), Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
28	Pre-fair Cat Show, Craig Center, Fairgrounds
30	Youth Protection Program Leader Orientation, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m. Web Site Basics Meeting, St. Patrick's School, Janesville - 6:30 p.m.



APRIL 2009 CALENDAR

1	DEADLINE: Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarships due DEADLINE: Market Steer Identification forms due to UWEX Office DEADLINE: Rock County Agriculture Scholarships due to UWEX Office
2	Horse & Pony Project Committee Meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
3	DEADLINE: Cat vaccinations must be current to exhibit at 4-H Fair Cat Show

4	Horse & Pony Judging Clinic & Contest, Fairgrounds - 9:00 a.m. Horseless Horse project meeting, Fairgrounds - 9:00 a.m. Horse & Pony Project Open Arena Practice, Fairgrounds - 1:00-4:00 p.m. 4-H Fair Foods Revue, Craig Center, Fairgrounds
10	DEADLINE: 4-H Fair Cat Show Entries DEADLINE: Royalty Information due to Rock County 4-H Fair Office
15	DEADLINE: Horse & Pony Description Sheets & Coggins due to UWEX Office
17-18	4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop, West Bend
17-19	International Quilt Festival, Rosemont, Illinois
18	Youth Service Day Carcass Barrow Weigh In , Rock County Fairgrounds - 1:00-2:30 p.m. State Fair Market Lamb Identification, Rock Co. Fairgrounds - 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
19	Jr. Basketball Tournament, Edgerton High School
20	Jr. & Sr. Council Executive Board Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
21	Cat Project Meeting, Craig Center - 7:00 p.m.
24	4-H Fair Cat Show Set up, Craig Center, Fairgrounds DEADLINE: Fair Royalty Candidate Applications due to Rock Co. 4-H Fair Office
25	4-H Fair Cat Show, Craig Center, Fairgrounds
26	Horse & Pony Project Open Arena Practice, Fairgrounds - 1:00-4:00 p.m. Sr. Basketball Tournament, Edgerton High School
27	4-H Ambassador Team meeting, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. Junior & Senior Council Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
28	4-H Camp Staff Training, Craig Center - 6:30 p.m. DEADLINE: Music and Drama Festival registration due to UWEX Office

Foods Revue Registration
Firm Deadline - March 20

4-H Member _____ Phone _____

Address, City and Zip Code _____

Club _____ Age _____

Class _____ Lot No. _____ Grade _____ Exhibitor No. _____

I can help: set up take photos of exhibitors work at registration table

kitchen hostess (with equipment) work at taste/refreshment table

Return to: 4-H Fair Office/Foods Revue, Post Office Box 170, Janesville, WI 53547

Rock County 4-H Youth Protection Program

Registration

Name: _____

Club: _____

I will attend the Volunteer Orientation on (please check one):

Saturday, March 7 - 10:00 a.m., Courthouse

Monday, March 30 - 7:00 p.m., Courthouse

Please mark your calendar as confirmation notices will **NOT** be sent!

***Please bring \$2.00 for the required Department of Justice records check
with you to the orientation. ***

NOTE: These are the **ONLY** orientation sessions that will be held in 2009!

Please return this form to 4-H Youth Protection Program, Rock County UWEX Office, 51 S. Main Street,
Janesville, WI 53545 or e-mail your response to carolj@co.rock.wi.us.

ROCK COUNTY 4-H PRE FAIR CAT SHOW
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009
Craig Center, Rock County Fairgrounds, Janesville

Vet-In 8:00 – 9:30 AM

Show starts at 10:00 AM

Showmanship written test before show starts

You need only to be a member of 4-H to enter this show. Cloverbuds welcome.

Entry fees are **\$10.00** for one cat or **\$15.00** for two cats. Entries limited to 2 cats per member.

Exhibitor's name _____ Exhibitor's grade _____
(as of Jan. 1, current year)

Address _____
_____ Phone _____

Club _____ County _____

Please check if entering the following:

____ Sixth annual cage decoration contest ____ Dress -A - Cat *(with your cat's permission)*

____ Poster Contest ____ Photo Contest ____ Showmanship ____ Drawing/Painting

Cat Name _____ Cat's Age _____

Please check ALL correct information.

__ Female ____ Male ____ Spay ____ Neuter

__ Short-hair ____ Long-hair

__ White ____ Black ____ Blue (Gray) ____ Red (Orange)
__ Tabby (Tiger) ____ Bi-Color ____ Calico ____ Tortoiseshell/no white
__ Siamese ____ Tortoiseshell w/White ____ Other _____

Shots are required for the Pre-Fair Cat Show no later than March 7, 2009
Please include a copy of your cat's shot record with your entry form.
If you have questions contact Judy Karstaedt, 365-2441, Sondra Austin, 754-0134 or
Bonnie Wehrle, 365-2938.

All entries and fees are due by March 17, 2009 to:
Rock County UWEX, Attn: Cat Project, 51 S. Main, Janesville, WI 53545

ONE ENTRY PER FORM
(Please feel free to copy this form)