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NEW 4-H Club News Page!

Starting with the June Cloverpatch, watch for the NEW 4-H Club News page! We will print news from any Rock County 4-H clubs! 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!

★ *Leadership* ★

Junior Council Meeting

May 18 (note date change due to holiday on the 4th Monday)

7:00 p.m., Courthouse

Attention all 4-H members grade 7 and up! Challenge yourself, get involved in what's happening in 4-H on the county level. Plan to attend the next Jr. council meeting held at the Courthouse in Janesville. Hope to see you there.

Senior Council Meeting

The 4-H Senior Council will meet on Monday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse. All club chairs, co-chairs, advisory board members and other adult leaders are invited and encouraged to attend! Every club should be represented at Senior Council meetings. If your club is not represented, you're missing out on lots of great opportunities for your club members!

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4th Annual Youth Leadership Project Club & Member Contest

It's for YOU!

Are you one of the 104 members enrolled in the Youth Leadership Project? If you are then this is for you. The Club and Member Youth Leadership Project Contest was started to recognize members in this project and to let more people know about leadership roles that teens are taking within the 4-H Program and their communities.

The following is the information about the contest you'll need to know before you enter. Take advantage of this event to show off your entry for the fair.

The Club Contest

Listed below are the guidelines used to judge the club contest. Winners will be "the club that puts together the best program promoting 4-H Youth Leadership."

Club Contest guidelines are:

The exhibit must emphasize the Youth Leadership Project.

- It must be a visual; no less than a poster. It could include a skit, presentation, video, slideshow, diorama, etc. Be creative.
- It must be a colorful visual of your activity promoting the Youth Leadership Project.
- It must include a concise overview of your plan. Please limit to 100 words or less.
- It must have Youth Leadership in the title or description.
- It will be judged on creativity, neatness and effort.
- If presenting in person, please include a copy of the skit.
- Contest exhibit can also be a fair entry (club exhibits enter under one exhibitor number).
- Must show leadership by involving youth leaders. Please include a list of people involved.
- Limit 1 entry per club.

The Judging date and place will be announced.

Prizes: 1st place - \$75
2nd Place - \$50
3rd Place - \$25

The Youth Leadership Club Entry form is located at the end of the newsletter. Deadline for entry is June 12th.

The Member Contest

Listed below are the guidelines used to judge the Member Contest. The winners will be "the 4-H member who can come up with the best slogan or ad to promote the 4-H Youth Leadership Project."

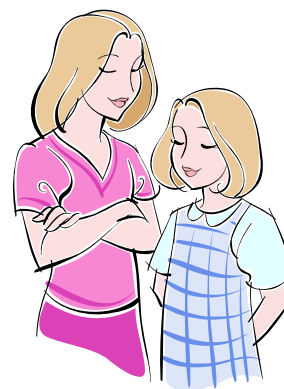
Contest guidelines are:

- The member must be in 6th grade or older.
- The exhibit must emphasize the Youth Leadership Project.
- It must have Youth Leadership in the title or description.
- It will be judged on creativity, neatness and effort.
- Contest exhibit can also be a fair entry.
- Judging for member and club contests will be announced at a later date.

Prizes: 1st place - \$75
2nd Place - \$50
3rd Place - \$25

The Youth Leadership Member Entry form is located at the end of the newsletter. Deadline for entry is June 12.

If you have questions about the contest or the project contact Julina Brown at 879-2213 or Sue Fredrich at the UWEX Office at 757-5690.



★ *Special Projects* *And Activities* ★

7th and 8th Grade 4-H Members **Special Opportunity...read on!**

Rock County UW-Extension is excited to offer the **4-H Gateway Academy**, an engineering day camp, where **current 7th and 8th grade students** will work in teams to design and build engineering projects and learn about careers in science and engineering. Our day camp will be held at **Clinton High School, July 13-17, 2009, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

This day camp is a partnership between UW-Extension, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and the Kern Family Foundation. These groups are interested in increasing student interest in Engineering and the program encourages students to continue their education with Project Lead the Way courses in high school. To determine this interest, students who enroll in the day camp, and their parents or guardians, will be asked to participate in an evaluation at the end of the camp.

All camp and field trip expenses, including snacks and lunch, will be covered by the grant. During the week, campers will work together in a fun, exciting environment using leading-edge technologies to sample such disciplines as robotics, aeronautics and computer design. Capacity at camp is limited to 20 participants according to the date registrations are received. If your 4-H member is interested in participating, please call Carol for a registration form, **registrations are due no later than May 20th**. Your own transportation is required; we can provide a list of participants if carpooling is desired.

Applicants should be:

- Interested in science, technology, engineering or math careers
- Comfortable working in a fast paced environment
- Curious about how things work
- Eager to have fun, learn something new and make new friends

Summer 4-H Camp Deadline

Just a reminder that registrations for Summer 4-H Camp are due to the UWEX Office by June 1st to avoid being put on a waiting list. 4-H Camp information and registration forms were in the April newsletter. Please note: the cost of camp has been REDUCED this year to \$90 per camper!

4-H Softball Information

Changes/additions to the 4-H Softball rosters can be made by calling the UWEX Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the third regular season game. After that deadline, absolutely no roster changes are allowed. Please note: first year 4-H members who joined 4-H after March 1st may play regular season games but are not eligible to play in the tournament.

4-H Filmmaking Studio & Workshop

Youth and adults who want to create their own films can go to the National 4-H Council site: "Virtual Filmmaking Studio and Workshop" (<http://projects.4-hcurriculum.org/curriculum/filmmaking/>). Here they will find workshop modules to help them make their own films. Youth can go through each module, practice and even upload their film when they are done. If you are interested we encourage you to check out this site today.

2009-10 High School Exchange Host Families Needed

Interested in a longer hosting a student for the school year? Here's a great opportunity! A 16-year-old girl from Kyrgyzstan is coming to Wisconsin 4-H for the 2009-2010 school year. Renata's hobbies include music in all forms - she plays violin, is in choir and loves listening to music. Other fun activities she enjoys are playing ultimate Frisbee, badminton and other sports, hiking, biking, and running. She also enjoys reading, chess, cooking, gardening, volunteering, playing with pets and taking care of her kitties. This student is excited to learn more about American culture and traditions and share her own culture.

Other students will soon be announced so if you'd like to host a student with other interests, that may become a possibility! Please consider hosting this Future Leaders Exchange student through the C.S.I.E.T. approved 4-H High School Exchange Program. Students arrive in August and depart in May or June.

Requirements are that families have a genuine interest in hosting, are flexible and willing to spend time with the student, and have an extra bed available (not necessarily an extra room). All adults in the family must be certified 4-H volunteers. Previous hosting experience is not required. A host brother or sister of high school age is not a prerequisite and young or retired couples involved as 4-H leaders are also urged to apply. Contact the 4-H International Programs office immediately for more information.

For additional information and applications check out Wisconsin 4-H International Programs website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm>. Questions? Contact your County 4-H Office staff or call WI 4-H International Programs at (608) 262-2491 or (608) 262-1557 (e-mail kay.hobler@ces.uwex.edu)

2009 Tractor & Farm Machinery Safety **Course Registration**

If you are interested in the Tractor & Farm Machinery Safety Course offered in Rock County read the flyer and registration form that is located at the end of the newsletter. If you have questions contact the UWEX Office at 757-5696.



★ *Communication and Cultural Arts* ★

4-H Music & Drama Festival

May 16

**Kirk Denmark Theatre in the Wells Cultural Center
UW Rock County Campus**

Mark your calendars for the annual Music & Drama Festival at the Kirk Denmark Theatre in the Wells Cultural Center on UW Rock County Campus. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the festival. Contact your club Music & Drama leader for the times of presentations. Schedules will be available after May 6.

Music & Drama Festival Help Needed (youth and adults)

**May 16 - UW Rock County Campus
Kirk Denmark Theatre in the Wells Cultural Center**

Would you like to help with the coordination of the Music & Drama Festival? We need help in several areas to answer questions, give directions and help move the show along. Specific help is needed with registration, back stage organization, greeters, door monitors and stage assistants to help with props. If you would like to help out contact Sue at 757-5690.

Photography Project Mat Board!

Please note, the fair office will distribute the mat board for the photography project to club chairs when they pick up their fair entry tags. It is your responsibility to inform your club chairs how many boards you need. There is a fee of \$1.00 per board that needs to be paid to your 4-H club prior to June 1. Do NOT purchase board elsewhere as we are trying this method to provide a uniform display. A BIG THANK YOU to Sally Churchill for assisting this project by

cutting mat boards. Any questions contact Daryl Hansen, Fair Superintendent at 362-5506.

Drawing and Painting Needs Volunteers

If you are interested in assisting on Monday, July 27th, WE NEED YOU! You could assist the judges, check in the youth and their exhibits, assist youth in hanging their pictures, attach ribbons etc; so many projects for just a few good volunteers to do. We need youth and adult volunteers. Please give us a couple hours of your time to assist in making an enjoyable and fun judging day for all. Contact Jimmy Plasky at 364-4135, if you are able to assist.

Arts Camp

October 3-4

Upham Woods

If you're in Middle School, grades 6-8, don't miss 4-H Arts Camp! Where else can you go to one place to learn about music, drama, visual arts, photography, communications, and juggling! You'll rotate through the different Arts tracks each day, participate in a group Arts experience Saturday evening, and close with a ceremony for parents and families, celebrating the results of your group Arts Camp experiences. You'll also meet new friends, participate in camp games, and enjoy the great natural setting of Upham Woods, a 300 acre environmental education center on the Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells.



4-H Arts Camp is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Extension and is funded through registrations and a grant from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. The program is planned and led by a talented group of 4-H high school youth, assisted by UW-Extension specialists, 4-H staff and key adult volunteers. You'll learn lots of creative ideas to take home to share with your family and friends. If you haven't been a part of the Arts Camp experience, come and see what you've been missing! Space is limited. Call your county 4-H Youth Development Agent for more information about camper, counselor, and/or chaperone opportunities now!

Dates: Oct. 4 at 9:30 a.m. to Oct. 5 at 2:30 p.m.

Cost: Campers, \$60.00 which includes a camp T-shirt; Adult Chaperones, \$30.00.

Registration Deadline: September 1

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm>

★ *Home and Family* ★

Beginning Sewing Members Workshop

Home Community Educators (HCE) is offering a sewing clinic for beginners on May 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the Craig Center at the Rock County Fair Grounds. This is an excellent opportunity for beginners to learn sewing tips, review and extend their knowledge of sewing skills. Plan to attend and participate in small interactive groups to help you prepare for the clothing project and fashion revues. There will be a \$2 charge per member for the clinic to cover clinic expenses.

Complete the pre-registration form at the end of the newsletter and return it to the UWEX Office by May 12. If you have questions contact Jeanette Beard at 868-4240.

Foods Revue Results

Foods Revue was held on Saturday, April 4. Congratulations to all the exhibitors for a fine job. The following exhibitors received trophies for Foods Revue: Junior: Marie Kasprzak, Intermediate: Kerya Jewett and Senior: Aleda Johnson. The following was the merit winner for the day: Briana Bader. Teen Choice went to: Stephanie Farrey, Katie Manna, Ciera Ballmer, and Abigail Millard. Exhibitors receiving blues were: Morgan Darr, Hunter Ziese, Alexander Borneman, Dane Trustem, Stephanie Farrey, Marie Kasprzak, Jeryn Strouse, Morgan Lietz, Katie Manna, Brooke Trustem, Caitlin McCrory, Kerya Jewett, Zach Wells, Elizabeth Farrey, Ciera Ballmer, Laura Prentice, Aleda Johnson, Abigail Millard and Briana Bader.

A big thank you to all who helped during the day; setting up, taste table, taking pictures and clean up. All your help was truly appreciated.

Hope to see you all next year. Again congratulations to all. Those receiving a trophy or merit are invited to bring their place settings to fair to be on display in the foods department. Contact Linda Marshall at 757-5690 for more information.

Deb and Michelle Bader
co-superintendents

WI Butter & Honey Bake Off

Youth and adults are invited to participate in this annual contest. Recipes must contain butter and honey. Judging is based on appearance, flavor, uniqueness, texture, ease of preparation, quantity of primary ingredients, nutritional value, and presentation. First, second, and third place winners receive \$100, \$75, and \$50 savings bonds. Entry forms are available by contacting Sharon Pufahl, W6432 HWY O, Mauston 53948 or call: 608.847.4407. The contest is held at the Reedsburg Butterfest on June 20.

★ *Animal Science* ★

Rock County Dairy Breakfast

Saturday, June 6

6:30 - 11:00 a.m.

This year's host farm is Funk's Farview Acres, David & Julie Funk & family and Wayne & Ruth Funk. There farm is located at 1910 South County Road J, Janesville.

We need your help! If any 4-H members would like to help in the dining room they should contact Phyllis Broege before June 1st at 756-9766. Each member that signs in and works the entire shift will receive 5 dairy dollars that can be used in the dairy trailer the week of the fair. Parents are also invited to help and need to call in as well. Thank you for your continued support of the Rock County Dairy Breakfast.

June Dairy Month Window Display Contest

In honor of the Wisconsin dairy industry, the Rock County Dairy Promotion Council is extending an invitation to local 4-H clubs to participate in a "June Dairy Month Window Display Contest."

Wisconsin boasts a rich heritage of more than 150 years of dairy quality and craftsmanship handed down from generation to generation.

To participate in the contest, simply find a window at a local business and obtain the owner's permission to decorate it. Then, you can use your creativity to promote Wisconsin's dairy products and alert the public to the importance of the dairy industry!

Windows can be decorated any time after June 1st, but must be in place by June 5th. Windows will be judged and must remain in place until June 30th. They will be judged on neatness, originality, creative design, message conveyed and overall effectiveness. Please note, all displays must be on an outside window so it can be seen from the outside sidewalk or street. The 4-H club selected as the top winner will receive a cash award of \$50.00. Second Place will receive \$30.00. All 4-H clubs participating will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Country Quality Dairy for dairy products for their club meeting. Winners will be announced in the Cloverpatch and checks will be mailed to "window contact persons".

To participate: Call the UWEX Office at 757-5696 by Friday, June 5th with:

Name of Club
Name and address of contact person
Location of Window Display
Directions on how to get to display

Dairy Poster Contest

Area Animal Science Day

Members interested in promoting the dairy industry are encouraged to enter this year's AASD Dairy Poster Contest to be held on June 26 at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds in Weyauwega.

Poster contest participants are to develop their own artwork and dairy slogan. Awards will be based on originality and creativity. Posters may be either

horizontal or vertical and must be 14"x22". Please be sure to print your name, address, phone number, county and grade on the back of the poster. Posters are due to the UWEX Office on June 15. Contact Donna at 757-5690 for more information. PLEASE NOTE: You must be in at least 3rd grade to enter; there is not a division for Cloverbuds.

Dairy Youth Recognition Auction Scholarship Program

A portion of the proceeds from the Dairy Youth Recognition Auction are set aside to fund educational scholarships and dairy youth programs. Several scholarships totaling up to \$3000 will be awarded at the 2009 Rock County 4-H Fair. A scholarship application form is available from the UWEX Office and is due by July 1.

Eligibility for these scholarships includes:
Youth must be or have been a member of a Rock County 4-H or FFA Chapter.
Youth must have been enrolled in the dairy project for at least one year.
Youth who will enroll in (Fall 2009) or currently enrolled as a student in a two or four year University, Vocational/Technical School or University Shortcourse.

Eligibility is not limited to students pursuing an agricultural degree.

For further information contact Randy Thompson, Rock County UWEX at 757-5696.
Please pass this information on to former dairy project members enrolled in college.

Dairy Project—Wisconsin State Fair

Rock County will have a Dairy Quota of 27 head for the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Dairy exhibit. Participation is limited to dairy project members and FFA members 12-19 years of age as of January 1, exhibiting registered dairy cattle. Individuals must participate in one of the District Shows in order to be considered for the State Fair dairy exhibit. Upcoming district shows include:

June 23-District Holstein Show, Green County Fairgrounds, Monroe

June 20-Combined Colored Breed District Show- Jersey, Guernsey, Brown Swiss at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn

Dairy project members interested in being considered for Wisconsin State Fair must contact the UWEX Office by June 1st.

Badger Dairy Camp June 14-16

UW Madison Campus

This camp is open to youth between the ages of 12-18 and offers award winning judging, fitting and showing strategies in hands-on Dairy Science workshops.

Registration information is available at www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth/index.html

Attention Swine Project Families

The Rock County Pork Producers will be hosting its annual Porkfest at the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds on Wednesday, June 17th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Pork Producers would like to invite swine project members to volunteer to work at this year's Porkfest. Plans are underway to serve in excess of 6,000 people.

The Pork Producers are strong supporters of 4-H and FFA youth swine programs. Show your appreciation for that support by volunteering to help at the Porkfest!

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 following PQA Certification Programs have been 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

Thursday, May 21st, 2nd Floor Courthouse
Conference Room, Rock County Courthouse
6:00 p.m. - Testing session for intermediate and advanced age members
7:00 p.m. - Beginner class only for project members 8-11 years old as of January 1.

Thursday, June 25th, 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

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 will be 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.

Badger 500 Swine Show Scheduled

The third annual Badger 500 Swine Show is scheduled for Sunday, May 24 at the Rock County Fairgrounds. Arrival and weigh-in is from 8-11:00 a.m. with showmanship beginning at noon and the show at 1:00 p.m..

The show offers barrow and gilt classes for each breed represented with cash prizes. It is open to youth ages 5-21 and is a Wisconsin Show Pig sanctioned show (WSPA). Entry fee is \$15 per head and registration papers are required for animals showing in purebred classes. For additional information go to www.watsonfamilyfarms.com and click on Badger 500 or call Jeff Morris at 815-262-8018 or Curt Watson at 608-201-1859

Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Announce

2009 Youth Events

WI Jr. Livestock Camp

Gaining knowledge of the livestock industry, learning management skills and techniques, as well as fitting, showmanship, and evaluation strategies, make the Wisconsin Junior Livestock Camp a great experience for any junior livestock exhibitor. The camp is scheduled for June 12-14th and will be held at Wisconsin State Fair Park. Cost per camper is \$125. Registration deadline is May 1st. Application forms can be found at www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com

Spring Preview Show

The WLBA 29th Annual Spring Preview Show will be held June 6-7th at the Jefferson Fair Park, Jefferson, WI. Entries are due May 15th.

WI Summer Spectacular

WLBA's newest event the "Wisconsin Summer Spectacular" will be held in Wausau on August 21-22nd at the Marathon County Fairgrounds. Similar in format to the popular Spring Preview Show, the Summer Spectacular will offer youth one last chance before the start of school to exhibit their livestock projects as well as participate in educational quiz bowl and judging contests. Entries for this show are due August 1st.

Entry information and applications for all events as well as 2009 Master Stockman Scholarships can be found on the new WLBA website at www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com or by contacting Executive Director Jill Alf at 608/868-2505 or wlba@centurytel.net.

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!

Rock County Beef Preview Show

The Rock County Beef Producers are sponsoring an Open Steer and Heifer Show on Saturday, May 16th at the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds, Janesville. This is an opportunity to show your project animals in advance of the County Fair. There will be Showmanship and Fitting Clinics in conjunction with the show. Prize money will be awarded in each class.

For entry and additional information, contact show chair Rob McConnell at 608-676-4624. This is an excellent opportunity for younger beef project members or those who don't have a chance to show at other shows besides the County Fair.

Schedule:

Check In Dates: May 15 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm & May 16 - 6:00 - 9:00 am

May 16:

- 9-11:30 a.m. - Educational Programming: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

- Noon - Beef Preview Show
- Following the show - Showmanship

The Rock County Beef Producers have a new website at www.rockcountybeefproducers.com. Check the site for additional information on the Preview show and much more.

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!

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, May 7 and Thursday, June 4. All Horse and Pony project and Horseless Horse project leaders and parents are invited to attend all Project Committee meetings.

Horse and Pony Project Clinic/Mini-Show

The annual clinic/mini-show is Saturday, May 9 at the fairgrounds. The clinic begins at 9:00 a.m. after arena set-up at 8:00 a.m. (see article below.) The mini-show will begin at 1:00 p.m. There will be a food stand on the grounds.

We have many clinicians to help you with a variety of disciplines including showmanship, performance and driving. Please plan on attending this free clinic...it's great experience and a great way to learn! You must bring your original Coggins test results with you.

Arena Set-Up for Clinic/Mini-Show

The portable arenas need to be set up prior to the Clinic/Mini-Show. We need HELP to complete this task! Please join us at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 9 prior to the event at the fairgrounds for arena set up. PLEASE NOTE: if we do not have enough help, the clinic will be DELAYED until the arenas are set up. In addition, please plan on staying after the show on Saturday to help take the arenas down and clean up the grounds. The Horse and Pony Project is YOUR project, so we need YOUR help.

Horseless Horse Project Members - Meetings Just For YOU!

There will be a Horseless Horse project meeting held in conjunction with the May 9 clinic at 9:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Don't miss this great opportunity! The next Horseless Horse project meeting will be Thursday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the courthouse, immediately preceding the Horse and Pony Project Committee meeting. Please plan on attending these important project meetings!

Members Can Earn Entry Fees for June 4-H Open Horse Show!

Attention, 4-H Horse and Pony project members! You can earn entry fees for yourself by getting sponsorships for the 4-H Open Horse Show in June! For every \$25 sponsorship you collect, you get 1 paid entry fee for the June show. If you collect 4 sponsorships, you get your entry fees paid all day! (Note: the Jackpot classes are not included - you still have to pay the entry fee for Jackpot classes.) What a great deal! So get out there and start collecting sponsorships! The sponsorship form can be found in the Rock County 4-H Horse and Pony Informational packet.

Horse Events at Area Animal Science Day

Area Animal Science Day is a GREAT opportunity to learn about horses and have fun participating in Horse and Pony Project-related contests! This year's event will be held at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds

in Cedarburg. The date is Tuesday, June 23 at 8:00 a.m., and EVERY Rock County 4-H Horse and Pony Project or Horseless Horse Project member is invited to participate!

The following contests will be held this year: Horse Judging, Horse Poster Contest and Hippology. Additional contests are still pending. If you are interested in participating, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the UWEX Office at the courthouse. Please do NOT send any money with your registration form, and be sure to check all the events in which you want to participate. Don't miss this opportunity!

★ Environmental Education ★

4-H Shooting Sports/Gun Safety Leaders Meeting

ALL Rock County 4-H Leaders in ANY Gun Safety discipline, mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a planning meeting at the courthouse to discuss the county 4-H shooting sports/gun competition and the state 4-H shooting sports event. We need all leaders to attend this meeting and volunteer to help at these events so we can continue our high quality 4-H shooting sports program going! If you have questions, please contact Lee Peich at 676-5692.

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* ★

Practice Rocket Launch

A practice launch will be held on Saturday, May 9 at 8:00 a.m. at Thresheree Park, north of Janesville on Highway 51 and Cox Road. Launch safety and use of launch equipment will be highlighted. All Rocketry project members, parents and leaders are encouraged to attend. Please use the entrance on Cox Road.

Attention Rocketry Project Members!

This year's Spot Landing Contest rocket is the Wizard. Wizard rockets and A8-3 engines are for sale at the UW-Extension Office in the courthouse.

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* ★

Pre-Fair Event Entries

Remember: All pre-fair judged events **must** be included on the fair entry forms that are due to the **Fair Office** by June 1. Fair premiums for those entries will **not** be awarded unless they are properly entered. These events include:

- Foods Revue
- Cat Show
- Bicycle Rodeo
- Bicycle Time Trials
- Archery Shoot
- Gun Shoot

Fair Entries Due June 1

All Fair Entries are due to the Fair Office at the Fairgrounds by **June 1, 2009**. Entries **MUST** be submitted through your club chairperson and **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**.

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.

Fair Entry Questions

Please address all questions regarding fair entries (anything in the Fair Premium Book) to the Fair Office, 755-1470. Please do not call the Extension Office with Fair questions, you will be referred to the Fair Office, so save yourself a phone call and call directly!

Also, please call the Fair Office if you need additional Fair Premium Books, entry forms or entry tags.

The Rock County 4-H Fair STAR

The Rock County 4-H Fair Board is pleased to announce The Rock County 4-H Fair STAR Contest that will take place at the 2009 Rock County 4-H Fair. For more information and changes to this year's contest, see the Rock County 4-H Fair website at www.rockcounty4hfair.com. Entry forms and contest rules are available on the website and at the Fair Office. The entry deadline is June 1, 2009. Please call Mary at 755-1470 if you have any questions.

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

Once again we would like to remind all Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents that a \$5.00 discount season pass will be available to those who help in a department at the fair.

You may pick up your pass at the fair office from May 22 through July 27. We look forward to seeing all of you back.

Fair Design Contest

The Rock County Fair Board is once again sponsoring a contest to design a sign for the hand washing stations at the fair. The sign must be on 8 1/2 x 11" white paper and done in color. The first, second, third and fourth place winners will receive a wristband for one of the carnival days during the fair.

Entries are due by June 19, 2009. Please include name, club and address on the back of your entry. Please do not fold entries. Entries should be dropped off at the Secretary's office on the fairgrounds or sent in the mail unfolded to:

Rock County 4-H Fair, P.O. Box 170, Janesville, WI 53547-0170. Please call the Secretary's Office (608-755-1470) for office hours before dropping off your entry.

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 or 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 25th.

Planter decorations will need to be in the planter with the flowers or non-permanent decorations may be attached to the outside as long as the planter is still portable. Appropriate filler should be used with the potting soil so the planters are not too heavy. Be sure that planter is identified with your club/chapter name.

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.

Daytime Entertainment Area

Needs a Name

The pavilion area just south of the Fair Office and the FFA/4-H Dressing Rooms is in need of a name. Several daytime events are scheduled for that area during the 2009 fair and the Fair Board would like that area named. So if you would like to enter this contest and create the winning name please send your entry in soon. A prize will be awarded to the winner. You may mail, fax, or email your entry form to the Fair Office, P.O. Box 170, Janesville, WI 53547. The fax number is 755-0227, and email is rcfair@tds.net. Please call Mary at the Fair Office with any questions.

★ *Other Information* ★

Attention Cloverbuds

Cloverbud-Friendship Camp

The Best Day of Summer

*** June 23, 2006 * Rotary Gardens***

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

It is time again Cloverbuds to have your parents sign you up for a fun day that is planned just for you on Tuesday, June 23rd. Come, meet and make new friends with other Cloverbuds from other Rock County 4-H Clubs. **PLUS YOU CAN BRING ONE NON 4-HER YOUR AGE** to introduce them to 4-H fun, but you must sign them up with your registration.

The Cloverbud Day Camp Committee made up of older 4-H members from around the county has been busy planning craft activities, games and other fun stuff! The day begins in the morning at 8:00 a.m. at Rotary Gardens in Janesville and will end at 2:00 p.m.

All you need to do is to fill out the registration form at the end of this newsletter.

The camp fee is only \$8.00 per camper which covers the cost of the official camp T-shirt and all the materials. Every camper will need a sack lunch and a drink and we will picnic in one of the gardens beautiful spots. Many staff members think that this is the BEST DAY OF SUMMER.

Parents are welcome to volunteer as chaperone, just indicate your willingness on your child's registration form. Sign up today, registrations are due May 29! If you are bringing a friend they also need to register, see the back of this newsletter for form and more information. **May 29th** is a firm deadline so the staff can order your T-shirts and have them ready for camp. Sign Up Today and Join The Fun!

Cloverbud Camp Is In Need of Items

Every year the Cloverbud Staff works hard to develop craft activities that promote recycling. This year the staff is in need of empty paper towel rolls and small empty cube shaped facial tissue boxes for two craft activities. You may drop these off at the UWEX Office anytime between now and June 15, or give them to a Cloverbud staff member. Thank you for your help.



MAY 2009 CALENDAR

2	State Fair Market Lamb Identification, Fairgrounds - 9-11 a.m.
4	DEADLINE: Market Lamb and Barrow ID due to UWEX Office
6	4-H Softball season begins
7	Horse & Pony Project Committee meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
8-9	Clover Adventure Award Trip
9	Rocketry Practice Launch, Thresheree Park, Edgerton - 8:00 a.m. Horse & Pony Participation Clinic and Mini-Show, Fairgrounds - 9:00 a.m. (Arena set-up at 8:00 a.m.) Horseless Horse project meeting, Fairgrounds - 9:00 a.m.
10	DEADLINE: 4-H Club Cloverpatch Articles
11	Jr. & Sr. Council Executive Board meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
12	Beginners Sewing Workshop Registration
16	Rock County Beef Preview Show, Fairgrounds 4-H Music and Drama Festival, UW Rock County Campus, Janesville Fair King and Queen Candidate Interviews, Rock County Fair Secretary's Office
18	4-H Ambassador Team meeting, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. Junior & Senior Council meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
19	Shooting Sports/Gun Safety Leaders meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m. Beginning Sewing Workshop, Craig Center, Fairgrounds - 6-8 p.m.
20	DEADLINE: 4-H Gateway Academy registrations
21	PQA Testing, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. PQA Beginners Class only, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
23	Rock County 4-H Goat Project & WIS-IL Goat Assoc. Spring Preview Show, Fairgrounds
24	Badger 500 Swine Show, Fairgrounds
25	UWEX Office Closed - Holiday
26	4-H Camp Staff Training, Craig Center - 6:30 p.m.
29	DEADLINE: Cloverbud Day Camp registrations
30	DEADLINE: Tractor & Machinery Safety Course Registration



JUNE 2009 CALENDAR

1	DEADLINE: Summer 4-H Camp Registrations due to UWEX Office DEADLINE: Fair entries from Club Chairs due to Fair Secretary's Office DEADLINE: Area Animal Science Day Registration DEADLINE: State Fair Dairy Project Members Registration
4	Horseless Horse project meeting, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. Horse & Pony Project Committee meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m. Chicago Nights Award Trip Orientation meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.

5	DEADLINE: Dairy Window Display Locations to UWEX Office
6	4-H Fair Archery Shooting Sports Competition, Beloit Field Archers Pony Fun Day, Fairgrounds - 10:00 a.m. (Arena set-up at 8:00 a.m.) Rock County Dairy Breakfast, Funks Farview Acres, Janesville
6-7	WLBA Spring Preview Show, Jefferson
10	DEADLINE: 4-H Club Cloverpatch Articles
12	DEADLINE: Youth Leadership Contest Registration
12-14	WLBA Jr. Livestock Camp, WI State Fair Park
13	4-H Fair Gun Shooting Sports Competition, Beloit Rifle Club 4-H Fair Mountain Bike Ride & Hill Climb, Rockport Park in Janesville - 8:00 a.m. 4-H Open Horse Show, Fairgrounds - 8:00 a.m. Aircraft Practice Fly, Parker High School in Janesville - 10:00 a.m.
14-16	Badger Dairy Camp, UW Madison
15	4-H Fair Bicycle Rodeo, Fairgrounds - 5:00 p.m. 4-H Fair Bicycle Time Trials, Fairgrounds - 6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. Council Executive Board meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m. DEADLINE: Dairy Posters due to UWEX Office
15-18	Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference, Madison
17	Discover Milwaukee Trip Rock County Porkfest, Rock County Fairgrounds - 5:00-8:00 p.m.
18-19	Chicago Nights Award Trip
20	4-H Fair Aircraft Fly, Parker High School in Janesville - 10:00 a.m. Combined Colored Bree District Show, Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn
22	4-H Ambassador Team meeting, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. Junior & Senior Council meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
23	Cloverbud Day Camp, Rotary Gardens - 8:30 a.m. Area Animal Science Day, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds in Cedarburg 4-H Camp Staff Training, Craig Center - 6:30 p.m. District Holstein Show, Green County Fairgrounds, Monroe
25	Chicago Daze Trip PQA Testing, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. PQA Class, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.



Cloverbud "Friendship" 4-H Day Camp Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

\$8.00 enclosed per participant: Amount enclosed: \$_____

t-shirt size _____ (youth size - s, m, l or xl)

Make check payable to Rock County 4-H Council
(Put Cloverbud 4-H Day Camp in the memo)

_____ has my permission to attend the Cloverbud "Friendship" 4-H Day Camp beginning at Rotary Gardens on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. and understand I will pick my child (and registered friend) up at Rotary Gardens at 2:00 p.m.

(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Day Phone #) (Date)

_____ I would be willing to serve as a parent chaperone, the best time to contact me is _____ at _____ phone number.

Please add any additional information that you feel we need to be informed of: (special needs, medications etc.)

In case of emergency and I cannot be reached, please contact:

_____ at _____
(name) (relationship) (phone number)

____ I am bringing a non-4-H friend! (Please have your friend's parent fill out reverse side.)

Please mail by **May 29th** to: Cloverbud 4-H Day Camp
51 S. Main St.
Janesville, WI 53545



My "Friend's" Registration:

Name: _____ Age _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

\$8.00 enclosed per participant: Amount enclosed: \$ _____

t-shirt size _____ (youth size - s, m, l or xl)

Make check payable to Rock County 4-H Council
(Put Cloverbud 4-H Day Camp in the memo)



_____ has my permission to attend Cloverbud "Friendship"
4-H Day Camp beginning at Rotary Gardens on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
I understand I should send a sack lunch and drink with my child.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Day Phone #)

(Date)

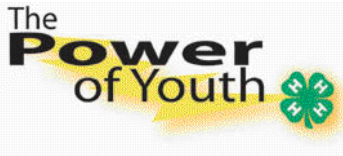
Please add any additional information that you feel we need to be informed of: (special needs,
medications etc.)

In case of emergency and I cannot be reached, please contact:

_____ at _____
(name) (relationship) (phone number)

We look forward to meeting you!





YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT CONTEST ENTRY FORMS

Club Entry Form (one entry per club)

Club Name: _____ Email _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone _____

Complete Address: _____
(City/State/Zip code)

Title and type of entry: _____
(poster, presentation, skit, PowerPoint, video, diorama, etc.)

List adults and youth involved: _____

List equipment being used for exhibit: _____

Registration deadline June 12. Mail to Rock County UWEX, Youth Leadership Contest, 51 S. Main St., Janesville, WI 53545.

Youth Leadership Project Contest

Member Entry Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Complete Address: _____
(City/State/Zipcode)

Email: _____

Title and type of entry: _____
(poster, presentation, skit, PowerPoint, video, diorama, etc.)

List equipment being used for exhibit: _____

Registration deadline June 12. Mail to Rock County UWEX, Youth Leadership Contest, 51 S. Main St., Janesville, WI 53545.

**ROCK COUNTY
2009 TRACTOR & FARM MACHINERY SAFETY COURSE REGISTRATION**

The Federal Fair Labor Standards Law prohibits 14 and 15 year olds from being employed on Wisconsin farms unless they have passed a formal training course in the safe operation of tractors and farm machinery. The law specifies that a course of instruction must be provided to qualify 14 and 15-year olds for farm employment.

In addition, recent state of Wisconsin law requires that **ALL** youth under the age of sixteen, operating farm machinery on public roadways, must complete a formal training program in tractor and farm machinery safety. Unless such training has been completed, all youth under the age of sixteen are restricted to operating farm machinery off road only.

The University of Wisconsin-Extension Office in Janesville, is offering a Tractor Safety Certification Course, beginning at 6:00 p.m., Monday June 15th, at the Craig Center, Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds, Janesville. Remaining classes will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday (June 18, 19) and Monday and Tuesday (June 22, 23) Further detail will be provided at the first meeting.

Youth who are 12 years old (by June 1, 2009) and older and are able to fully depress the clutch and brake pedals when sitting on the tractor seat (with seat belt fastened) are eligible to participate in this course for state certification. All 14 and 15 year olds who have not reached their sixteenth birthday by the time they wish to start their farm employment are eligible to participate for Federal Fair Labor Standards Certification.

Pre-registration is required and must be done by May 30th. A registration fee of \$55.00 is being charged to cover the expenses and training materials involved. **To register, complete and return the following form along with payment.** Members enrolling in this course will be expected to attend all meetings. Anyone missing more than one meeting will be ineligible to receive certification at the completion of the course. All participants will be given a final exam, and those successfully passing the exam will be eligible for farm employment and receive certification. Enrollment is limited to the first 30 students who sign-up so please register early.

PARENTS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE FIRST SESSION!

Send this completed form to: **Rock County UWEX, 51 S. Main St., Janesville, WI 53545**

PLEASE ENROLL ME IN THE TRACTOR/FARM SAFETY COURSE

BEGINNING AT 6:00 p.m. June 15th, 2009

Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Student's Signature _____ Phone _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

DUE May 30th

**Area Animal Science Day Registration Form
June 23
Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, Cedarburg**

Livestock & Horse Project Members

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Grade as of 1/1/09 _____

Email _____

Livestock:

Jr Judging (grades 3-8)

Sr Judging (grades 9-13)

Horse: (please check all that apply): *all events: Beginners (grades 3-6), Juniors (grades 7-9) and Seniors (grades 10-13)*

Judging

Hippology

Poster Contest

Entry deadline: June 1 - Send registrations to: Area Animal Science Day, c/o Donna Duerst, Courthouse, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545

**Beginning Sewing Members Workshop Registration
May 19 - 6-8 p.m., Craig Center, Rock County Fairgrounds**

Name _____ Grade _____

Complete Address _____

Club _____ Years in the sewing project _____

Email address _____

**The registration fee of \$2 each will be collected at the workshop.
Registration deadline May 12. Complete the registration form and send it to Rock County UWEX,
Sewing Workshop, 51 S. Main St., Janesville, WI 53545.**