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Rock County 4-H Cloverpatch

4-H Club Officer and Leader Training "What's the Difference Between Your Club and Mine?" November 24

6:15 p.m. Registration, 6:30 p.m. Workshops
Edison Middle School, 1649 S. Chatham St., Janesville
(directions to the school-from the north-Hwy 51 S. to Joliet St.,
turn right, then turn left on Chatham or from the south-Hwy 51
to Joliet St., turn left, then turn left on Chatham)

Plan to attend this year's 4-H Club Officer and Leader Training and find out what's happening in other clubs that you could use to improve your club meetings and share some of the things that make your club program successful.

For your officers and leaders, the success of your club is based on how well everyone works together as a team and each person is responsible for fostering the success of all. So plan to join us and learn more about building a stronger team and club. This training will be held in place of the November 24th Jr. and Sr. Council meetings. Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. with a large group session to start at 6:30 p.m. This year's sessions will rotate members through three classes: 1) Specific officer training, 2) Who's the The8er? (Learn about problem solving and effective communication through theater games) and 3) Games and activities to build a strong club team.

Plan to join us to learn what your responsibilities are as a member of your club team and to get to know members and leaders from all across the county. Call Sue at 757-5690, if you have any questions.

Complete the registration form at the end of the newsletter and return it to the Rock County UWEX Office by November 14.

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★ *Leadership* ★

2008-2009 Junior Council Executive Board

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NOTE: The Junior and Senior Councils do NOT meet in December.

Happy Holidays!

Jr. Council Membership Registration

JOIN TODAY!

All county 4-H members in grades 7-13 are eligible to belong to Rock County 4-H Jr. Council and attend organizational meetings held the 4th Monday of the month (no meetings December and July). At these meetings you will meet teens from other clubs and be given the opportunity to help plan, organize and participate in county events and activities.

We would like to develop a membership list and are asking 4-H Club Jr. Council representatives and anyone interested in joining the group (in 7th grade and up) to complete the registration form at the end of the newsletter. Responsibilities you have in this organization are also Youth Leadership Projects and/or activities. If you have any questions contact Sue at the UWEX Office at 757-5690.

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!)

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

Tuesday, January 27 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 19 - 1:00 p.m.

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 will be in the January newsletter.

ALL adult leaders who work directly with youth in ANY capacity are required to complete the Youth Protection Program. Watch for more information in the January newsletter.

2009 Rock County 4-H Calendar

Any countywide 4-H events or activities that should be included in the 2009 Rock County 4-H Calendar must be submitted to the UW Extension Office by November 14. Be sure to include the following information: date, time, place and activities planned. This information may be mailed or emailed to sue.fredrich@ces.uwex.edu.

4-H Enrollment Deadlines

The Rock County 4-H re-enrollment deadline is December 1st. All 4-H member re-enrollment forms will be due to the UWEX Office in the Courthouse by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1st. NO LATE ENROLLMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED, SO DO NOT MISS THAT DEADLINE!** Remember that new enrollments can be accepted at any time, however new members must be enrolled by March 1st in order to exhibit at the 2009 Rock County 4-H Fair.

★ *Special Projects* *And Activities* ★

Children's Christmas Benefit

December 6

American Legion Hall, Orfordville

Looking for a worthwhile community service project for your club for the holidays? Here's one your club can help.

The Rock County 4-H Jr. Council takes pride in assisting the Children's Christmas Benefit Committee to help provide assistance to families in Rock County. The benefit is in need of donations of non-perishable food, new clothing, toys, mittens, scarves, sweatshirts, etc...Can your club help in any way with a donation of food, gifts, or a monetary donation (to purchase food, gifts or help with benefit expenses)?

If you would like to help out, here's what you can do once you have collected your clubs donations...

Bring your unwrapped gifts to the Children's Christmas Benefit at the American Legion Hall, Orfordville on December 6th. If your collection is after December 6 and you can't bring them to the benefit, call Sue at the UWEX Office, 757-5690, and make arrangements to drop them off at the office or the Craig Center where they will be sorted after the benefit.

Gift wrap can be provided with the donations but please do not wrap the gifts so they can be sorted for delivery.

Checks can be made out to Children's Christmas Benefit-Brian Knudson and dropped off at the UWEX Office.

There is a growing need for donations and your help is greatly appreciated. Many 4-H clubs already participate in the parade, help with the event in many ways and the committee thanks them for their generosity.

If you would like to be involved let us know. If you have questions contact Sue at the UWEX at 757-5690.

Club Community Service Grants Available

Does your 4-H club have a great idea for a community service project? The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, in partnership with We Energies, is now accepting Community Service Grant applications.

The 4-H Community Service Grant Program is looking to support 4-H club's community service projects that are determined by and led by youth, with support from adults, have a lasting and positive impact on the community, and involve organizations and individuals outside of 4-H as partners.

Your club can ask for as little as \$50 and up to \$500 for your community service project, however, the grant cannot cover the entire cost of a project.

You can request a copy of the Community Service Grant application from your county 4-H Youth Development staff or by downloading a copy from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website at

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/foundation/grantscomm.cfm>.

Grant applications are due January 30, 2009.

2009 WI 4-H International Programs

"Wisconsin 4-H International Makes a World of Difference"

If you are interested in travel and learning about another country and their culture, then here's an opportunity for you through the 4-H International Programs.

The WI 4-H International Program offers outbound programs to Australia, Finland, Japan, Korea and Mexico. It also offers opportunities to host inbound students during the summer from Japan, Korea, Finland, Norway, Costa Rica and Mexico.

If you are interested and would like to receive additional information complete the snip & send at the end of the newsletter, check out the state website, <http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/international.cfm> or contact Kay Hobler at 608-262-1557 or kay.hobler@ces.uwex.edu. Note that the application deadline for Outbound Programs is January 1 and the application deadline for Hosting Inbound students is February 1.

4-H Jr. Council Bowling Bonanza
December 30

Rivers Edge Bowl, Janesville

A new look for Winter Carnival...Bowling Bonanza. So plan to attend and have a great time! It will be held on December 30th at Rivers Edge Bowl, Janesville. Bowling and prizes for members in grades K5-13 will be from 1-3 p.m. Come and enjoy the fun! The Jr. Council Committee has many fun activities planned for all ages. Registrations will be taken on a first come first serve basis until the lanes are filled. So get your registrations in early.

Complete the registration form at the end of the newsletter and return it by December 5, with a parent or guardian signature. The participation fee is \$4.00 per member, which includes 2 games, refreshments and a chance to win a door prize. There must be a minimum of 40 4-H members registered or this event will be cancelled. (Those registered will be contacted if it is cancelled.)

Adults are also needed to help with activities on December 30th. If you are interested in helping please note that on the registration form. We need at least one adult for each 10 youth in attendance.

Come and join in the 4-H fun.

Rock County 4-H Achievement Program

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. That's the date of this year's Rock County 4-H Achievement Program! All 4-H members receiving recognition through Older/Younger Member Awards, Project Awards and Clover Awards will be honored at this program. Watch for more information!

Holiday Lights Show
Rotary Gardens, Janesville
December 13-31

Illuminated garden pathways guide visitors on an evening stroll through various themed light displays throughout the botanical gardens. Step inside to enjoy a warm beverage as you watch The Wisconsin Garden Railway Society's model trains. Surround yourself with

quilted masterpieces from the Rock Valley Quilter's Guild. Tickets available at the door from 5-8:30 p.m. Discounted tickets and group packages available beginning in mid-November during regular Cottage Garden Gift Shop hours. (last ticket sold 8pm each night, closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). For additional information call 608-752-3885 or check the website at www.rotarygardens.org/HLS.htm.

4-H Space Camp...
What an Awesome Experience!

Are you interested in science, astronomy, aerospace, technology? Are you currently in grade 6, 7 or 8? Would you like to go to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama on April 23-27, 2009? Then apply for 4-H Space Camp today!

In 2008, Daryl Hansen and Donna Duerst participated in 4-H Space Camp as chaperones and had an incredibly amazing time! They got to participate in a simulated space shuttle mission, learn all about the U.S. space programs, build and launch a model rocket, ride training simulators and much much more!

Check out the website for specific details:
www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/spacecamp/index.cfm.

Tentative costs including travel by coach bus are approximately \$500 and the Rock County 4-H Leaders Council may pay a portion of that cost. You can get the application online at the website listed above or contact the UWEX Office at 757-5690. Your completed application MUST be received by the UWEX Office by January 1st, 2009. The State 4-H Office will then select the participants after January 15th.

If you have questions, please contact Donna Duerst at 757-5690. Space Camp is incredible, so apply today!

★ *Communication and Cultural Arts* ★



New for Photography

We are proposing a change, pending approval of the fair premium committee, in Classes D and E. Because of the timing of this addition we wanted to give all the opportunity to achieve this collection of photos...we are planning. The new category (lot number) would read "Four color photos, one of each season: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter." If you plan to be in Class D or E, start taking your Fall photographs now. More changes/opportunities will follow so look to the next Cloverpatch for details!

Photography Learning Opportunity

Valerie Koch, a graduate from Janesville, Craig High School class of 2006 will offer a workshop in creating unique photography pieces. Valerie is currently attending Saint Mary's University of Minnesota where she seeking a degree in graphic design with a minor in business marketing. She has been interested in art for a while and is learning how to make it into a career. She will be sharing some of her photography pieces, from manipulations to the developing process, to adding text into prints, hand coloring along with other works.

She is sharing part of her holiday break with us! If you want to learn more about your project come and join Valerie on **Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse**. Members and leaders are encouraged to attend. Daryl Hansen, Photography Superintendent, will also be attending to answer any questions you may have and introduce our new changes for 2009 fair. Please call Carol at 757-5690 if you are planning to come.



Project Based

Workshops...Last Chance to Sign Up!!!!

December 6-7

State Fair Park, Milwaukee

Take the challenge and join the first annual Art Lab East. Choose from one of the tracks and explore the art form that interests you most. Participants will also work together in large groups for team building and sharing. The Sunday brunch will even feature the creations of the Culinary Arts Track! Tracks being offered include Culinary Arts, Clowning, Choreography, Basketry, Photography, Comic Book Art, Directing Theatre, Fiber Art, Oil Painting, Quilling, Video Production and Editing, Jewelry design, Leather craft, Tae Kwon Do, Macramé Lawn Chairs and Digital Sound Recording. Why not try this weekend workshop.

Art Lab East (formerly Arts Leadership Lab) is open to adults and teens (grades 9-12) and is sponsored by 4-H Arts and Communications. The registration fee is only \$35 including all meals and accommodations and the deadline for registration is November 14. Complete the registration form at the end of the last month's Cloverpatch or can be found online at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/ArtsandCommunications.cfm>

Auditions for the State 4-H Drama Company and the 4-H Showcase Singers will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 6th.

2008-09 Wisconsin 4-H Arts Program and State Team Opportunities

Take a look at the flyer at the end of this newsletter to look through the brief descriptions of many key opportunities that are available to Wisconsin 4-H youth and adults in the Arts and on State Teams or check out the website, www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/State4-HTeams.cfm Deadlines for the State Teams (Art, Drama, Showcase Singers & Photo Team) are January 15, 2009. The rest of the deadlines vary check them out today!

WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION SEEKING HOLIDAY DRAWINGS

★ *Animal Science* ★

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

- The artwork must be original.
- The artwork needs to be reproducible in black and white (no color drawings please!).
- If possible, make your sketch a half page or smaller in size, and remember that it will need to fit into a business envelope for mailing to donors.
- Include your name, address, county, 4-H club, age, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) with your sketch.
- Your drawing **MUST** be received by **December 1, 2008**.
- Mail your drawing to Donna Faulkner, Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, 428 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53703.

If you have any question, please contact Donna Faulkner at 608-262-1597 or donna.faulkner@uwex.edu.

★ *Home and Family* ★

Foods/Food Revue Workshop

Foods Project members and Foods Revue Project Members, mark your calendars for January 31, 2009, for a Foods/Foods Revue Workshop. There will be many opportunities to learn something new for these projects. Tentative workshops will be on garnishing, nutrition, meal preparation and many more. Please plan to attend this fun filled day. Snow date will be February 7, 2009.

Deb and Michelle Bader
Foods Revue Superintendents.

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Rock County will once again be participating in the Wisconsin Dairy Quiz Bowl competition which is scheduled for January 2009. The Dairy Quiz Bowl activity provides an opportunity for youth to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related topics. In addition, it is a great opportunity to make new friends and have fun while learning about the Dairy Industry.

Each county is eligible to enter a Junior Team (4-Hers under age 14), a Senior Team (14 to 18 years of age) and a mixed team. Individuals interested in participating in the 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl are asked to contact the UWEX Office by November 1st. Practice sessions will be scheduled in November and December in preparation for the State Contest. If you have questions, please contact Randy Thompson, 757-5699, for further information.

Announcing the 14th Annual Badger Kick-off Classic

The UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club would like to announce its annual Badger Kick-off Classic Prospect Steer and Heifer Show. The show is being held December 5-7, at Wisconsin State Fair Park, West Allis, WI. Classes are available for steers, market heifers and breeding heifers. Cash prizes will be presented to the top five market animals and heifers as well as Andis clippers to breed champions and Andis clipper blades to reserve breed champions. Pre-entries are due on or before November 20th. Complete details are available on the website www.badgerkickoffclassic.com or contact Rachael Herschleb at (608) 445-3751 or Courtney Jentz at (608) 732-1423 with any questions.

Attention Beef Project Members

A rate of gain contest is being implemented for 2009 in conjunction with the Rock County 4-H Fair Beef Show. Participation in the Rate of Gain contest will be voluntary for all beef steers exhibited at the 2009 County Fair. To be eligible, steers must be pre-identified and weighed at the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds on Saturday, January 3, 2009. Cash awards will be presented to Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Rate of Gain Steers. In addition, cash awards will be given to top breed Champion Rate of Gain. A \$5.00 per head entry fee will be charged at the initial weigh-in. Minimum cash awards will be \$100 Champion Rate of Gain Steer, \$50 Reserve and \$25 for Top Breed Rate of Gain Champion.

Additional information will be sent to beef project members and leaders. Mark your calendars for January 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. The weigh-in day will also serve as a State Fair Beef ID Day.

Wisconsin Pork Association Announces Scholarships

The Wisconsin Pork Association announces two scholarships available to high school seniors and college students. Students with a sincere interest in the swine industry are encouraged to apply for these scholarships.

Wisconsin Pork Association Scholarship

The Wisconsin Pork Association scholarship is open to high school seniors with a sincere interest in the swine industry. Five finalists will be selected to compete for the \$500 scholarship, with each finalist receiving \$100 for their participation.

The application deadline is December 1, 2008. Interested high school seniors can receive an application by contacting the WPA Office at 1-800-822-7675 or (608) 723-7551, or going to www.wppa.org and clicking on youth.

Whitmore Memorial Scholarship

The Whitmore Memorial Scholarship was established as a legacy to the late Rex Whitmore, a master statesman and communicator who served as the first executive director of the Wisconsin Pork Producers Association.

Applicants must be a registered junior or senior at one of the following University of Wisconsin campuses: Madison, Platteville, or River Falls. This is a \$500 scholarship, and priority will be given to applicants pursuing an Animal Science or closely related major, with each finalist receiving \$250 for their participation. Criteria considerations include gpa, extracurricular activities involvement and leadership positions, career interest and orientation, and financial need.

The application deadline is December 1, 2008. For more information, contact Wisconsin Pork Association at 608-723-7551.

Gunderson Memorial Scholarship

The Wisconsin Pork Association, in cooperation with the family of Buell Gunderson, has established a scholarship program to recognize the many contributions that Buell Gunderson made to the Wisconsin pork industry. As swine herdsman for the University of Wisconsin-Madison for more than 30 years, Gunderson was instrumental in helping shape not only the swine industry, but also hundreds of 4-H and FFA youth and university students through his teaching, judging, coaching and commitment. In addition, Gunderson, together with his wife, Bernice, served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Wisconsin Pork Association for 20 plus years and assisted in growing the organization from its initial roots to the successful organization that it is today--sponsoring scholarships, developing youth programs and helping to support the pork producers of the state.

The Wisconsin Pork Association will accept recommendations or applications from county pork producer organizations, industry members, pork producers, and colleges or technical schools for recipients of the Gunderson Memorial Scholarship on an annual basis. Individuals who have shown considerable dedication and involvement in the pork industry will be considered for the scholarship.

A committee will review applications to determine whether a \$500 award will be presented annually. Criteria for the scholarship include: individuals dedication and involvement in the pork industry; consideration will be given to individuals who have established their own production herd, been involved on their family operation, or shown specific interest in pork production or livestock judging; and priority will be given to those applicants who are beginning pork producers, or pursuing an Animal Science, agricultural production, or closely related major.

Individuals wishing to nominate an individual for this scholarship can contact Wisconsin Pork Association at 1-800-822-7675, or via e-mail at wppa@wppa.org.

Tack Swap...Great Bargains!

The annual Horse and Pony Project Tack Swap will be Sunday, December 7 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Craig Center. This event is a great opportunity to buy and/or sell new and used show clothes, tack, boots, and many other horse related items.

Rock County 4-H members are invited to bring items to sell. Tables will be provided free of charge ONLY if you set it up and take it down yourself. Otherwise, tables are \$5.00 each. Other individuals (if not in Rock County 4-H) will also pay \$5.00 per table. Be sure to bring anything else you may need (clothes rack, labels, change, etc.) Several commercial vendors will be selling new tack and horse and gift items also. Come and buy, sell and finish up your holiday shopping for all your horsey friends and family!

If you would like a table at the Tack Swap, PLEASE call ahead and reserve one even if you will be setting it up yourself. To reserve a table or with any questions, call Lynn Swerig at 868-4819 or Stacey Llanas at 365-1442 or 312-9581.

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, November 6 and Thursday, December 4. All dates for the 2009 project calendar will be finalized at these meetings. All Horse and Pony project and Horseless Horse project leaders and parents are invited to attend all Project Committee meetings.

Horse and Pony Project Committee Elections

Officer elections will be held at the November 6th meeting of the Horse and Pony Committee. Nominees currently are:

Co-Chair: Eric Sinner

Secretary: Katrina Johnson, Jeremy Rosheisen

Treasurer: Brenda Uhe, Stacey Llanas

The new Co-Chair will serve with current Committee Chair, Dave Brethauer. Nominations for all offices will also be taken from the floor at the November 6th meeting, and anyone in attendance can cast a vote. Please plan on attending this important meeting!

Horse Bucks Forms Due!!!

All Horse Bucks Reporting Forms are due by Monday, December 15...don't miss that deadline! Forms are available in the Horse and Pony Project Informational Packet. Completed forms should be sent to Lynn Swerig, 1942 Manogue Road, Janesville 53545 OR Cindy Anderson, 8919 N. Trescher Road, Milton 53563. Questions? Call Cindy at 868-3868 or Lynn at 868-4819.

Horse and Pony/Horseless Horse Projects Family Potluck and Auction

The Horse and Pony/Horseless Horse Projects Family Potluck and Horse Bucks Auction will be held on Sunday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the Craig Center at the fairgrounds. ALL Horse and Pony project and Horseless Horse project members, leaders, parents and family members are invited to attend!

Please bring a dish to pass, your own table service and one or more items for the Horse Bucks Auction per member. Beverages will be provided. Come join us for a really fun time!

REMEMBER: All Horse Bucks Reporting Forms are due by December 15. Refer to your Horse and Pony Project Informational Packet for forms and other information!

Rock County 4-Hers Excel at State 4-H Horse Expo

A total of 40 Rock County 4-H Horse and Pony project members represented the county at the State 4-H Horse Expo in West Allis, September 11-14. Check out the listing at the end of this newsletter for all Rock County results!

Poultry Project Members and Parents

November/December poultry project notes: This is the time that you should be talking to your hatcher or hatchery about the chicks you want for 2009 or if you raise your own, start getting your breeding pens ready.

Poultry Project Meeting January 3 - 10:00 a.m. Courthouse, Janesville

This meeting is for all youth and adult leaders and parents to evaluate 2008 meetings and fair, discuss fair book changes for 2009. We will also be discussing raising or purchasing chicks for your project and if you are raising them, getting breeding pens ready. Plan to attend to learn more about this project and know and understand rules in the fair book. It will be held at the Rock County Courthouse Conference Center. Additional Poultry Project meetings will be held in March and June, dates and times tba. If you have any questions contact Ray Reilly at 884-3013.

Rabbit Project Meeting February 7 - 10:00 a.m. Craig Center, Fairgrounds

Plan to attend this informational meeting to learn more about the project from a judge's point of view. Discussion will be held on selecting your rabbit, proper

grooming techniques and showing your rabbit. If you have any questions contact Donna Jones at 883-2837.

Cat Project Meeting January 20 - 7:00 p.m.

Craig Center, Rock County Fair Grounds

All project members are encouraged to attend the first county cat project meeting for 2009. The yearly booklet with events and meeting dates, project information and entry forms for the pre-fair and fair shows will be handed out. It is important that you have this information, so plan to attend. If you have questions contact Judy Karstaedt, 365-2441, Sondra Austin, 754-0134 or Bonnie Wehrle, 365-2938.



★ *Environmental* *Education* ★

4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshops

In order to offer any 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines (archery, air pistol, air rifle, .22 rifle, shotgun, muzzleloading, hunting) 4-H leaders must be certified in the discipline being offered at an approved 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop AND complete the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Protection Program (see article in the "Leadership" section of this newsletter.) The 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop schedule will be updated periodically over the next several months and can be found at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm.

★ *Fair Facts* ★

2009 Fair Premium Book Cover Contest

The Rock County Fair Board will be sponsoring the Premium Book Cover Contest again this year for the 80th Annual Rock County 4-H Fair! All 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to design a cover for consideration.

The cover should be colored (use of photos is okay) and done on white, 8 1/2 x 11 paper. The cover must say, "Rock County 4-H Fair Premium Book" and note the dates of this year's fair: July 28 - August 2, 2009. The cover must also say "All entries due Monday, June 1, 2009."

Only one cover may be submitted per member.

ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE TO THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS BY 4pm ON DECEMBER 19th.

Entries may be mailed or dropped off, but please remember to call ahead and make sure Mary is in the office. The winning entrant will receive a \$25 prize.

2009 Rock County 4-H Fair Billboard Contest

Did you take a picture at this year's fair that shows the true spirit of the Rock County Fair? Take a look and see if you did, because your digital photo could be featured on a billboard! All 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to enter.

Entrants must submit a color 4 x 6 photograph to the fair office by Friday, Jan 16, 2009. The winner will be required to submit digital photo on a disk if chosen. No winner will be chosen if entries are deemed to be of lesser quality than required for a billboard. Winner receives his/her print on minimum of four billboards in Southern Wisconsin and a commemorative miniature billboard.

Fair Exhibits Left!

There are still Rock County 4-H Fair exhibits left at the Fair Secretary's Office! If you have not picked up your exhibits yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please call Mary at 755-1470 to make sure she is there before making a special trip.

Attention: All 4-H Fair Trophy Winners!

If you won a trophy at the Rock County 4-H Fair, it is YOUR responsibility to send a thank you note to the trophy sponsor. If the name and address of the sponsor was not on a card attached to the trophy, call the Fair Office at 755-1470. Every year the Fair loses some trophy sponsors because they do not receive thank you notes. Don't let that happen again...send that thank you note today!

2009 Parade Theme and Dairy Theme Contest

Do you have a great suggestion for the Parade Theme or Dairy Theme? Well now is your chance to enter it into the Name the Theme Contest. The two theme winners will each receive a \$25.00 Pizza Hut Gift Certificate next July. Entering is simple. Just complete the appropriate form at the end of this newsletter and mail the entry: Entry deadline is December 5, 2008.

STATE 4-H HORSE EXPO RESULTS

A total of 40 Rock County 4-H members participated in the horse show and educational contests at the 2008 State 4-H Horse Expo September 11-14 at the State Fairgrounds in West Allis. Receiving placings were:

Erin Cargill, grade 7 - Top Ten, Junior Team Judging with Reasons; Top Ten, Junior Individual Judging with Reasons; Grand Champion, Pony Hunt/Saddle Seat Pleasure; Top Ten, Pony Western Showmanship; Top Ten, Pony Western Pleasure; Top Ten, Pony Hunt/Saddle Seat Equitation

Jennifer Case, grade 12 - Grand Champion, Senior Team Judging with Reasons; Top Ten, Veterinary Science Display; Reserve Champion, Saddle Seat Equitation; Top Ten, Saddle Seat Showmanship; Top Ten, Saddle Seat Pleasure

Kaitlyn Cook, grade 10 - Top Ten, Painting

Ciel Eckard-Lee, grade 8 - Top Ten, Junior Team Judging with Reasons; Top Ten, Junior Individual Judging with Reasons; Grand Champion, Pony Western Pleasure; Top Ten, Pony Western Showmanship; Top Ten, Pony Hunt/Saddle Seat Pleasure; Top Ten, Pony Stock Seat Equitation; Top Ten, Pony Hunt/Saddle Seat Equitation

Jack Elliott, grade 3 - Reserve Champion, Still Photography

Kate Grayless, grade 10 - Grand Champion, Painting.

Savanna Grayless, grade 8 - Top Ten, Junior Team Judging w/o Reasons; Top Ten, Horse Pleasure Driving; Top Ten, Horse Reinsmanship

Audree Henn, grade 10 - Grand Champion, Horse Related Woodworking; Top Ten, Pony Western Showmanship; Top Ten, Obstacle Driving Pony over 38"; Top Ten, Pleasure Driving Pony over 38"; Model Horse Show: 7 Top Tens.

Kaitlin Henn, grade 9 - Grand Champion, Clothes Horse Item for Horse; Grand Champion, Senior Team Judging with Reasons; Top Ten, Senior Individual Judging with Reasons; Grand Champion, Pleasure Driving Pony over 38"; Top Ten, Reinsmanship Pony over 38".

Katrina Johnson, grade 10 - Grand Champion, Senior Team Judging with Reasons; Reserve Champion, Creative Writing, Short Story, Prose; Top Ten, Pony Hunt/Saddle Seat Showmanship; Top Ten, Pony Hunt/Saddle Seat Pleasure; Top Ten, Trail.

Felicia Kitzman, grade 11 - Grand Champion, Horse Pleasure Driving; Reserve Champion, Draft Showmanship; Reserve Champion, Draft Obstacle Driving; Reserve Champion, Draft Reinsmanship; Top Ten, Draft Pleasure Driving.

Alicia Llanas, grade 4 - Reserve Champion, Individual Demonstration; Top Ten, Junior Team Judging w/o Reasons.

Elizabeth Mielke, grade 6 - Top Ten, Junior Team Judging with Reasons.

Samantha Mullooly, grade 4 - Top Ten, Action Photography

Autumn Quinn, grade 7 - Reserve Champion, Painting; Top Ten, Action Photography; Top Ten, Junior Team Judging w/o Reasons; Grand Champion, Pony Hunt/Saddle Seat Equitation; Grand Champion, Trail; Reserve Champion, Pony Western Showmanship; Reserve Champion, Pony Stock Seat Equitation; Top Ten, Pony Western Pleasure.

Jeremy Rosheisen, grade 11 - Grand Champion, Senior Team Judging with Reasons; Grand Champion, Senior Individual Judging with Reasons.

Hayley Simmons, grade 9 - Top Ten, Creative Writing, Scrapbooking.



Shelby Swerig, grade 8 - Top Ten, Hunt Showmanship;
Top Ten, Stock Seat Equitation.

McKayla Timp, grade 7 - Top Ten, Creative Poster;
Top Ten, Trail.

McKenzie Timp, grade 5 - Reserve Champion, Drawing.

Anna Trueblood, grade 5 - Reserve Champion, Action
Photography.

Esther Trueblood, grade 11 - Grand Champion, Senior
Team Judging with Reasons.

Megan Vincent, grade 9 - Reserve Champion, Pony
Hunt/Saddle Seat Showmanship; Top Ten, Pony
Western Showmanship.

Morgan Vosters, grade 9 - Top Ten, Hunt
Showmanship.

Emily Weber, grade 6 - Top Ten, Obstacle Driving
Pony 38" and under; Top Ten, Pleasure Driving Pony 38"
and under; Top Ten, Reinsmanship Pony 38" and under.

Danielle Wendelschafer, grade 12 - Top Ten, Draft
Showmanship.

Also representing Rock County were **Abigail Condon**,
Trisha Coplien, **Chloe Curry**, **James Curry**, **Cassie
DeKolver**, **Amitie Eckard-Lee**, **Nicole Fink**, **Jake
Grayless**, **Syon Link**, **Carley Passer**, **Tracy Schmidt**,
Molly Stelter, **Maggie Timp** and **Savannah Waller**.

In addition, the Rock County 4-H Senior Horse Judging
Team was the Grand Champion Senior Judging Team
with Reasons! Team members include Jeremy
Rosheisen, Kaitlin Henn, Jennifer Case, Katrina
Johnson and Esther Trueblood. Jeremy was also the
Grand Champion in Senior Individual Horse Judging and
Kaitlin was Top Ten. The team will represent
Wisconsin at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup
in Louisville, Kentucky, November 7-9 where they will
compete in the National 4-H Horse Judging contest.
Great job, Senior Horse Judging Team members!

Congratulations to **all** of our Rock County
4-H equine exhibitors!

Happy Holidays From
Rock County
UW Extension





NOVEMBER 2008 CALENDAR

1	Awards Interviews, Courthouse
6	Horse & Pony Project Committee Meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
6-8	North Central Leaders Forum, Columbus, Ohio
7-8	PDPW Youth Leadership Derby, Brillion, WI
14	DEADLINE: Art Lab East Registrations due DEADLINE: Rock County 4-H Calendar submissions due
15	Fall Youth leadership Conference, Chula Vista, WI Dells
17	Jr. & Sr. Council Executive Board Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
24	Club Officer/Club Leader Training, Edison Middle School, Janesville, 6:15 p.m.
26	Photography Workshop, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m.
27-28	UWEX Office Closed - Holiday



DECEMBER 2008 CALENDAR

1	FIRM DEADLINE: 4-H Re-enrollment forms due to the UWEX Office by 5:00 p.m. DEADLINE: Heat Wave Show Choir - New applications due
4	Horse & Pony Project Committee Meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
5	DEADLINE: 2009 Parade Theme and Dairy Theme Contest entries due to Fair Office DEADLINE: Bowling Bonanza registrations due
6	Children's Christmas Benefit, American Legion Hall, Orfordville
6-7	Art Lab East, State Fair Park Youth Center, Milwaukee
7	Horse & Pony Tack Swap, Craig Center - 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
15	Horse Bucks forms due to Cindy Anderson or Lynn Swerig
19	DEADLINE: 2009 Fair Premium Book Cover Contest entries due to Fair Office
24-25	UWEX Office Closed - Holiday
30	Bowling Bonanza, Rivers Edge Bowl, Janesville, 1:00-3:00 p.m.



JANUARY 2009 CALENDAR

1	UWEX Office Closed - Holiday DEADLINE: 4-H International Programs Outbound Applications due
3	Poultry Project Member & Leader Meeting, Courthouse - 10:00 a.m.
8	Horse & Pony Project Committee Meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
10	Rock County 4-H Achievement Program, location tba - 7:00 p.m.
18	Horse & Pony/Horseless Horse Potluck & Auction, Craig Center - 1:00 p.m.
19	Jr. & Sr. Council Executive Board Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
20	Cat Project Meeting, Craig Center - 7:00 p.m.
26	4-H Ambassador Team meeting, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. Junior & Senior Council Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
27	Youth Protection Program Leader Orientation, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
30	Club Community Service Grant applications due to the 4-H Foundation Office
31	Foods/Foods Revue Workshop, Fairgrounds - t.b.a.

Bowling Bonanza
December 30
1-3:00 p.m.- Grades K5-13
Registration Deadline - December 5

Member Name _____ Grade _____

Member Name _____ Grade _____

Helper/Chaperone _____ (no fee)

Member Fee: \$4.00

Total # Participants _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Make checks payable to Rock County 4-H Jr. Council

Parent/Guardian: I give my permission for the youth listed above to participate in the Rock County 4-H Bowling Bonanza on December 30.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Registration deadline is December 5 to: Rock County UWEX Office-4-H Bowling Bonanza
51 S. Main St., Janesville, WI 53545

Junior Council Membership Registration

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____
(address) (city & zip code)

Grade ____ Phone _____ Email _____

Check the following statements as they apply to you:

___ I am a Jr. Council Representative for my club

___ I am or plan to be a Jr. Council member (you can be a member even if you are not your club representative)

Mail complete information to Rock County UWEX, 4-H Jr. Council Registration,
51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545

2009 Wisconsin 4-H International Programs

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____
(Street Address) (City) (State & Zip Code)

To receive more information, mail this form to 4-H International Programs, 431 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53703, call (608) 262-2491, Fax (608)265-6407, or email: kay.hobler@ces.uwex.edu

2009 Parade Theme & Dairy Theme Contest

Do you have a great suggestion for the Parade Theme or Dairy Theme? Well now is your chance to enter it into the name the Theme Contest. The two Theme winners will each receive a \$25.00 Pizza Hut Gift Certificate next July. Entering is simple. Just complete the appropriate form and mail the entry to:

Sandy Hantke
4721 W State Rd 11
Janesville, WI 53548

Deadline to Enter is December 5, 2008

Theme:	_____

Name:	_____
Address:	_____


Phone:	_____
4-H Club	_____

Dairy Theme:	_____

Name:	_____
Address:	_____





Phone:	_____
4-H Club	_____

2009 Wisconsin 4-H Arts Program and State Group Opportunities

 <p>SHOWCASE SINGERS http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/teams/singersteam.cfm</p>	 <p>ARTS CAMP http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm</p>	 <p>ART LAB West http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artsleadership.cfm</p>	 <p>4-H ARTBEAT ! http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/4-HArtBeat.cfm</p>
<p>What is it? Since 1987 the Wisconsin 4-H Showcase Singers have been dazzling audiences at the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference, the Wisconsin State Fair and more! The group is comprised of 4-H members, high school age and older who perform "show choir" material.</p>	<p>What is it? A camp for middle school 4-H Youth taught by older youth. Sessions are taught in photography, music, drama, communications, and visual arts.</p>	<p>What is it? An exciting weekend of going "In-depth" with your favorite arts topic! Sessions will include painting & drawing, theatre, choreography, photography, culinary arts, leather craft, clowning, fiber art and much, much more!</p>	<p>What is it? A camp for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders. Sessions are taught in music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more!.</p>
<p>Application Requirements: Youth who are presently in high school are eligible to apply. Interested youth must complete an application form signed by your 4-H Agent. You must complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcase application form (signed by your 4-H Agent) • Attend a scheduled audition or submit a DVD/Video of a musical performance that highlights your singing and dancing ability. 	<p>Application Requirements: Camper: Applications available from (and must be signed by) your 4-H Agent. Counselor: High school youth interested in leading sessions or camp activities, apply through your 4-H Agent. Two letters of recommendation required.</p>	<p>Application Requirements: Applicant forms are available from (and must be approved by) your 4-H Agent.</p>	<p>Application Requirements: Applicant forms are available from (and must be approved by) your 4-H Agent.</p>
<p>Time Commitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April Weekend (April 24-25, 2009), Camp Upham Woods • June weekend, UW-Madison just prior to WI 4-H & Youth Conference • WI 4-H & Youth Conference, UW-Madison in June • WI State Fair, August 2009 	<p>Time Commitment/Location: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4, 2009 Counselors meet for two days Aug. 29-30, 2009, and on Friday evening prior to Arts Camp, which is held at Camp Upham Woods, near the Wisconsin Dells.</p>	<p>Time Commitment/Location: Saturday and Sunday, January 17-18, 2009 Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall Creek, WI</p>	<p>Time Commitment/Location: Friday evening and Saturday, March 27-28, 2009, at Camp Upham Woods, near the Wisconsin Dells.</p>
<p>Application Deadline: Jan. 15, 2009 Cost: \$500 Scholarships available</p>	<p>Application Deadline: May 1 - Counselors Sept. 10 - Campers Cost: \$60.00 (includes T-shirt!)</p>	<p>Application Deadline: December 5, 2008 Cost: \$35.00</p>	<p>Application Deadline: March 1, 2009 Cost: \$40.00</p>
<p>Chaperone Needs: A minimum of one male and one female chaperone are needed for each 15 youth for all of the rehearsal and performance times.</p>	<p>Adult Leader/Chaperone Needs: Adults are needed to assist with leadership and chaperone roles during the camp and counselor training.</p>	<p>Adult Leader/Chaperone Needs: Adults are needed to assist with leadership and chaperone roles during the camp. Adults participate in leader training activities.</p>	<p>Adult Leader/Chaperone Needs: Adults are needed to assist with leadership and chaperone roles during the camp. Adults participate in leader training activities.</p>
<p>For additional information contact: Tim Talen 920-946-0688 timothy.talen@ces.uwex.edu</p>	<p>For additional information contact: Tim Talen 920-946-0688 timothy.talen@ces.uwex.edu</p>	<p>For additional information contact: Tim Talen 920-946-0688 timothy.talen@ces.uwex.edu</p>	<p>For additional information contact: Tim Talen 920-946-0688 timothy.talen@ces.uwex.edu</p>

**2009 WISCONSIN 4-H ARTS PROGRAMS
AND STATE GROUP OPPORTUNITIES**

Here in one place is a brief description of many key opportunities that are available for Wisconsin 4-H youth and adults in the Arts and on State Groups. In order to make things easier many of the deadlines for applying for these opportunities are the same.

 <p>ART TEAM http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/teams/artteam.cfm</p>	 <p>PHOTO TEAM http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/teams/pressteam.cfm</p>	 <p>DRAMA COMPANY http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/teams/dramateam.cfm</p>	 <p>STATE YOUTH LEADER COUNCIL http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/youth/leadership.cfm</p>
<p>What is it? State Art Team creates artwork around a theme for WI 4-H & Youth Conference. They design and organize the WI 4-H & Youth Conference Art Exhibit, reception, and provide guided exhibit tours. They teach seminars and train to be peer leaders for county and regional events including the Wisconsin State Fair.</p>	<p>What is it? The State 4-H Photo Team of 10-12 youth photographers take digital photos of Conference events and groups, and prepares a Conference PowerPoint presentation.</p>	<p>What is it? An exciting opportunity for high school youth to serve as theatre ambassadors. At WI 4-H & Youth Conference, youth will share their skills through a performance and teaching seminars.</p>	<p>What is it? Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Council (YLC) are youth leaders representing districts throughout Wisconsin with the purpose to strengthen 4-H Youth Development programs by promoting 4-H, providing leadership at Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference, and communicating needs between local and state levels.</p>
<p>Application Requirements: Youth who are presently in high school are eligible to apply. Interested youth must complete an application form signed by your 4-H Youth Development Agent.</p>	<p>Application Requirements: Youth who are presently in high school are eligible to apply. Interested youth must complete an electronic application form on the State 4-H web site. Qualifications for Photo Team include photography experience, as well as experience with PowerPoint.</p>	<p>Application Requirements: Youth who are presently in high school are eligible to apply. Interested youth must complete an application form signed by your 4-H Youth Development Agent, attend a scheduled audition, or submit a DVD/Video that highlights your dramatic ability.</p>	<p>Application Requirements: Applicant forms are available at http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/youth/leadership.cfm Reference from local 4-H Youth Development Agent is required. Eligibility Requirements: 1. Completed 8th and not exceeded the completion of 11th grade 2. Elected to represent one of the six Extension districts</p>
<p>Time Commitment/Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April weekend (April 24-25, 2009), Camp Upham Woods • June weekend, UW-Madison just prior to WI 4-H & Youth Conference • WI 4-H & Youth Conference, UW-Madison in June ▪ Wisconsin State Fair, August 2009 	<p>Time Commitment/Location: Arrive Sunday evening before WI 4-H & Youth Conference and work through the end of conference, UW-Madison in June</p>	<p>Time Commitment/Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April weekend (April 24-25, 2009), Camp Upham Woods • June weekend, UW-Madison just prior to WI 4-H & Youth Conference • WI 4-H & Youth Conference, UW-Madison in June • Wisconsin State Fair, August 2009 	<p>Time Commitment/Location: Member Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fall Forum, Spring Retreat ▪ June Weekend, WI 4-H & Youth Conference ▪ Other Statewide events: WI State Fair, WI 4-H Foundation Fundraisers ▪ Fulfill committee work
<p>Application Deadline: Jan. 15, 2009 Cost: \$500 Scholarships available</p>	<p>Application Deadline: Jan. 15, 2009 Cost: \$350</p>	<p>Application Deadline: Jan. 15, 2009 Cost: \$500 Scholarships available</p>	<p>Application Deadline: Sept. 1 Elections are held at Fall Forum Cost: Youth Leader Council is supported through a grant from the</p>

			Wisconsin 4-H Foundation
Chaperone Needs: A minimum of one male and one female chaperone are needed for each of the April and June weekends and Conference.	Chaperone Needs: One male and one female chaperone are needed for Conference. Chaperones serve two-year terms.	Chaperone Needs: A minimum of one male and one female chaperone are needed for each 15 youth for rehearsal and performance times.	Chaperone Needs: The Council has two adult advisors and support from the 4-H Youth Development Office.
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