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Positive Relationships With a Caring Adult

The underlying premise for one of the critical elements in positive youth development – that of a positive relationship with a caring adult - is that youth will develop caring and trusting relationships. Youth and adults should learn together and respect one another. A caring adult, whether he/she is called supporter, friend, or advocate, acts as an advisor, guide or mentor. The adult sets boundaries and expectations for young people.

Adult 4-H volunteers might consider the following questions: In our 4-H club...

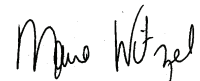
- ◆ Do youth participate equally with adults in planning, implementing and evaluating the club program?
- ◆ Is time provided for both youth and adults to meet and learn about each other?
- ◆ Are opportunities provided and encouragement given for youth to continue friendships with other youth and adults?
- ◆ Are members able to interact with adults to learn and have fun together?

If you are not already doing it, your 4-H club might want to try:

- ◆ Using nametags so everyone can get to know each other on a first name basis.

- ◆ Calling each member by his/her first name when he/she is addressed at club functions.
- ◆ Providing introductions and get-acquainted activities at each meeting.
- ◆ Actively recruiting parents and other caring adults to serve as volunteers with your club – make a special effort to involve males in 4-H club programs and project work.
- ◆ Encouraging youth and adults to learn and participate as teams– adults should try to listen to and concentrate on what youth are saying rather than promoting their own ideas and down-playing others' suggestions.
- ◆ Providing lists of names, addresses, and phone numbers so friendships can continue among all club members, leaders and parents.
- ◆ Encouraging adults to interact with youth – such as mingling with youth at club events rather than segregating themselves at the back of the room. Be sure you have adequate “adult presence” at 4-H events and activities.
- ◆ Creating activities to celebrate and have fun together in addition to just meeting for club business. Picnics, potlucks, special outings, project groups, and club family gatherings are a few of the possibilities.

Your new families will stick around if they feel welcome. These are ideas that will help make them feel part of the club right away. Good luck with your new 4-H year!




County Deadlines at a Glance

ME's for trips due	Nov 1
Re-enrollments due	Nov 15
Deadline to cash Premium Checks	Jan 1
Fairbook changes due	Jan 15

Deadline for info in the January/February 4-H Communicator Dec. 15



4-H Leader's News



St. Croix County 4-H Endowment Fund

Fund Goal = \$25,000
Current Balance = \$8,487.22

Thank you for your
generous contributions!

St. Croix County 4-H Policy

4-H, like any other group you might join, has expectations for being a member. The St. Croix County 4-H Policy is where you will find all the rules and regulations for our 4-H program. The 2008-09 policy has been posted on the web site. If you would like a hard copy please contact the UWEX Office. We'll be happy to provide you with one.

4-H Website

As you may know, St. Croix Co 4-H has 2 websites. One is www.stcroixcounty4h.org and the other is www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/stcroix/4h. While this may be confusing at first, our hope is to make things more simple for you. The St. Croix County 4-h.org site is for clubs and committees to share their information (for more information regarding this site, contact Jason Fouks). The other site is through UW-Extension and will share more general county information such as the 4-H Communicator, General Organizational Leader information, Leader Council information, and other resources. For more information or suggestions for this site contact Marie Witzel at 684-3301 or marie.witzel@ces.uwex.edu.

Leader's Council Meetings

Nov 18, 7:00 pm
Jan 20, 2009, 7:00 pm
Ag Services & Education Center,
Classroom A

All of the Leader's Council Meetings are open meetings. Anyone is invited to attend at any time. Agenda items are due 10 days before the meeting date. If you have any items to discuss with the council, please get your agenda items to Ann Meagher or myself. The agendas and minutes are posted on the St. Croix County 4-H Web Site under Leaders' Council.

Congratulations to the council members elected for an officer position:

- ◆ President, Ann Meagher
- ◆ Vice President, Tammy Frank
- ◆ Secretary, Lori DeBoer
- ◆ Treasurer, Connie Mueller
- ◆ Fairboard Rep, Rosemary Donahoe

New Members Welcomed to the 4-H Leaders' Council

We are delighted to introduce the newest members to the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Council:

- ◆ Randy Peterson, County Leader
- ◆ Lori DeBoer, Forest Timberwolves 4-H Club
- ◆ Anne Wilbur, Roberts Ribbon Reapers 4-H Club
- ◆ Phyllis Ness, Forest Timberwolves 4-H Club

Thanks for volunteering!

Congratulations to Members and Leaders' Recognized at Leaders' Banquet

Congratulations to all the members and leaders who were recognized with awards at the Leaders' Recognition Banquet. Many clubs, members and leaders were recognized for their contributions to the St. Croix County 4-H Program. If you weren't able to attend, check out the page at the end of this newsletter to see what you missed!

4-H Enrollment Re-enrollments due Nov 15

The enrollment packet will include everything you need to re-enroll existing members and several pieces to give to new members.

Changes in the deadlines for new enrollments

Please remember, new members enrolled by March 1 may participate in the 4-H program and County Fair without restrictions if they have met all the project guidelines for the projects in which they have enrolled. New members enrolled between March 2 and June 1 may enroll and exhibit in non-animal projects only.

4-H Family Resource Guide Updates

A Family Resource Guide is provided for each 4-H family. It contains a lot of basic information about the 4-H program in St. Croix County that doesn't change very much from year to year.

It also contains things that need to be updated annually such as the current St. Croix County 4-H Policy. The following updates for your 4-H Family Resource Guide have been posted to the St. Croix County UWEX Web Site:

- ◆ St. Croix County 4-H Policy
- ◆ St. Croix County 4-H Leaders' Association By-laws
- ◆ Organizational Flow Chart
- ◆ Leader's Council Membership

Each year, the Family Resource Guide is provided to new families along with their project literature.

If you need a copy of the updates mailed to you, please call the UWEX Office.

Recruiting New 4-H Families

As you are making plans for your club's recruitment efforts, please remember with a couple of days notice, we can provide you with many things to make your recruitment easier:

- ◇ "4-H is Family Fun" brochures that list all the 4-H clubs in the county
- ◇ "Commonly Asked Questions About 4-H" brochures which simply answer many questions families might have about the 4-H program. The "cover" question is *Do I have to live on a farm to join 4-H?*
- ◇ "Top 10 reasons to join 4-H" bookmarks
- ◇ A picture display board that highlights a variety of activities that happen throughout the year in 4-H
- ◇ 4-H pencils to hand out
- ◇ 4-H Banners to hang behind a booth or table top display

Yard Signs to Promote 4-H

If you have a Join 4-H yard sign from last year, please remember to put it out again this fall. We also have several at the UWEX Office if you need a one. It is so much fun to drive around the county and spot those signs every where.

4-H Window Display Results

Twelve clubs participated in the Window Display Contest this year. Here are the results:

- ◆ True Blue—1st Blue
- ◆ Lone Pine—2nd Blue
- ◆ Pine Lakers—3rd Blue
- ◆ Sunnyside Shamrocks—Blue
- ◆ Forest Timberwolves—Blue
- ◆ Roberts Ribbon Reapers—Blue
- ◆ Rolling Hills—Blue
- ◆ Dry Run Go Getters—Red
- ◆ Baldwin Wide Awake—Red
- ◆ Harmony Hill—Red
- ◆ Double Good—Red
- ◆ North Country—Red

Congratulations and thanks to all the clubs who participated this year!

Mini Talent Explosion February Baldwin Woodville High School

District Talent Explosion has been moved back into March, so we will move our Mini Talent Explosion into February. The two dates we are considering are February 7 or 21. We had a lot of positive feedback about holding the event on a Saturday last year so we are going to do that again. If either of those dates presents a MAJOR conflict for your club, please let us know as soon as possible. We will do our best to avoid as many conflicts as we can. Thanks.

If you are not familiar with the Mini Talent Explosion, it features club events in Drama and Music and individual events in Demonstration, Speaking, Reading, Arts, Crafts and Photography. The purpose of the Talent Explosion is to recognize and celebrate the artistic accomplishments of 4-H members with the primary focus on participation and education. I've included more detailed information in the 4-H Member News section of the newsletter.

Specific guidelines with all the details and the registration materials will be mailed directly to club organizational leaders once the date is confirmed.

Meat Animal Committee Meeting

Nov 11 7:30 pm
UWEX Office

All of the Meat Animal Committee meetings are open meetings. You are welcome to attend anytime. Please call Tom Grandt (246-6114) to get items on the agenda.

Congratulations to the committee members elected to an officer position:

Chair - Tom Grandt
Vice Chair - Joe Kusilek
Secretary - Sue Mason
Co-treasurers - Jason Fouks and David Sander

Beef Chair - Jim Gillis
Sheep Chair - Mark Lebo
Swine Chair - Tim Wells
Education Chair - Sue Mason

Breeding Livestock Committee

Nov 3 and Dec 1
7:30 pm, Glenwood City
Community Center

All meetings are open to anyone who is interested in the program. Please feel welcome to attend at any time. If you have any questions about the breeding livestock program, please feel welcome to contact Sue Mason, 265-4006 or susie_4h@yahoo.com

Breeding Stock Kick Off Mtg

Nov. 2, 1 pm
St. Croix Central High School

If you are interested in participating in any livestock project, this meeting is designed to answer your questions regarding each project, including; Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry and Rabbits and small animals.

Committee members from each specie will be there to answer questions, and give you information regarding each project.

The Breeding Stock Committee is also asking that you bring an item to donate for the chili feed we are planning for November. Items to bring: chili beans, stewed tomatoes, crackers. If you are able to donate beef or other perishable items, please contact Dawn Reinsberg at 715-688-2727 or by e-mail at 4rhinos@baldwin-telecom.net.

Watch the 4-H website for updates and further information. Contact any member of the Breeding Stock Committee with questions.

Youth Horse Committee

Nov. 3, 7 pm

Ag Services & Education Center

All meetings are open to anyone who has an interest in the horse program. If you have items for the agenda, please contact Sandy Bollom at 796-5544 or sandy@bollom.us

Horse Leader Conference

Nov 14-16, UW-River Falls

Please encourage your 4-H Horse project leaders and youth leaders to attend the annual Horse Leader Conference, November 14-16, 2008. This year we are at UW-River Falls. The keynoter is a master journeyman farrier who has twenty plus years of experience as a farrier. He will talk to the conference attendees about therapeutic shoeing and solving hoof issues for your horse. Many interesting topics will again be offered. Information, which includes the registration form, is available at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/horseleadership.cfm>. For more information contact Melanie Miller (608) 262-2050, melanie.miller@uwex.edu or Liv Sandberg (608-263-4303, sandberg@ansci.wisc.edu).

Adult Chaperone Opportunities

Applications due to the State 4-H

Office by:

Jan 1 for international trips

Mar 1 for national trips

Most of the time you hear about trip opportunities for 4-H members. Did you know there are also many trip opportunities for adults by chaperoning? Yes, adults can go to Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C., National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, or international trips to Australia, Finland, Japan, Korea or Mexico.

Want to find out more? All the information and application materials can be found on the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Web Site: www.uwex.edu/ces/4h Click on Volunteers and scroll down to special opportunities.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Community Service Grants

Any Wisconsin 4-H Club can apply for a grant. 4-H members are encouraged to fill out the application themselves, or in partnership with an adult.

You can ask for \$50—\$500 from the 4-H Community Service Grant Program, but the grant cannot cover

the entire cost of a project. Your club will have to supplement the grant with club funds.

Call the UWEX Office to receive more information and an application.

County Fair Information

Premium Checks

2008 County Fair Premium checks were included in the club awards packets. Please distribute the checks to families and remind them to make every effort to cash their premium check before Jan. 1. Thanks!

Fair Book Changes due Jan 15

The 2009 St. Croix County Fair may seem a very long time off, but believe it or not, this is the time of year when committees begin to review the Fair Book for changes in the Jr. Fair. All of the suggested changes from the Fair Evaluation meeting in August have been forwarded to the appropriate committee for their consideration. All changes are due to the UWEX Office by Jan 15.

Suggested changes for Open Class or Senior Citizens, contact Gayle Sullwold, 246-5272.

UW-Extension Non-Discrimination Policy

Periodically, UW-Extension takes steps to ensure that our partners know and understand our policy of non-discrimination. This is to remind or notify you that the University of Wisconsin-Extension does not discriminate in the treatment of individuals in the admission or access to its programs and activities, in the provision of services, or in employments.

Further, UW-Extension will not participate with organizations or in activities which discriminate on the basis of any of the prohibited categories of discrimination. Categories of prohibited discrimination include: race, color, gender/sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status, arrest or conviction record, or membership in the national guard, state defense force, or any other component of military services.

Consistent with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons who need materials in alternative format or other accommodation must write or call the UW-Extension contact person for the specific program or call the main telephone number of St. Croix County UW-Extension (715) 684-3301 ext. 5, 1960 8th Ave., Suite 140, Baldwin, Wi. 54002, at least 10 working days prior to the event. Individuals who need TDD/TTY access can call 711 for relay assistance.

The University of Wisconsin-Extension staff in St. Croix County thanks you for collaborating with our many educational endeavors. We appreciate your support and working relationship as we provide educational programs designed to empower the diverse citizens of St. Croix County.

Ambassadors

The first meeting will be Wednesday, Nov.5, 7:30 - 9:00PM at the UWEX office in Baldwin. We will go over responsibilities & plans for the year. Please have at least one parent with you at this meeting so they are informed, and can sign the Ambassador Contract with you.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 3, 7:30 - 9PM at the UWEX office in Baldwin. We will welcome the new Junior Ambassadors that night.

Congratulations 2009 Ambassadors

Jeremy Warwick, Head Ambassador, Roberts Ribbon Reapers
 Heather Hall, Bellringers
 Alexa Hoffman, Sunnyside Shamrocks
 Hannah Ness, Forest Timberwolves
 Rachel Kromrey, Forest Timberwolves
 Valerie Wells, Roberts Ribbon Reapers
 Mindy Carey, Double Good
 Kelsey Roquette, Double Good
 Krysta Fisher, Roberts Ribbon Reapers
 Breanna Bierl, Sunnyside Shamrocks.

Junior Ambassadors: All application forms are due in to the UWEX office by Monday, November 3. The first meeting will be Wednesday, Dec 3, 7:30 - 9:00PM at the UWEX office in Baldwin. You will meet the other Junior Ambassadors, and be welcomed by the Ambassadors. You will also find out about the events of the year, plans and responsibilities.

Thanks to Jeremy Warwick & Valerie Wells and Adult Advisor, Rosemary Donahoe for talking to the St. Croix County Board and sharing ice cream in October.

ME forms due Nov 1

Recipients will be selected for these trips:

- ♦ State 4-H Youth Conference in Madison
- ♦ Interstate Exchange Trip— York, Pennsylvania
- ♦ Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C.
- ♦ National 4-H Congress in Atlanta

The cover letter and ME form are both available on the St. Croix County UWEX Web Site under 4-H Forms and applications.

Club Officer Training
 Nov 4, 6:30 to 8 pm
 Ag Services and Education Center
Register by Nov 1

Falcon 4-H Club (UW-River Falls Collegiate 4-H Club) will conduct the 4-H Club Officer Training again this year. Registration information was mailed directly to each 4-H club.

- 6:30 pm – Welcome & Introductions
- 6:40 – Ice-breaker game and group activity
- 7:00 – Break off into officer groups
 - President & Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Reporter and Historian
- 7:50—Wrap up and closing

Talent Explosions — What are they ALL about?
 Mini Talent
 District Talent

Never participated in Talent Explosion? Don't have a clue what it is? Do you enjoy performing? What about public speaking? Read about

all that the Mini Talent and the District Talent Explosion offer...

- ♦ **Club Dramas** - there are two types of club dramas. The On Stage Drama includes 2 or more actors and can be any length up to 30 minutes. The Mini-Drama and Skits are short (no more than 15 minutes), simple dramas that could be performed any place. Mini dramas and skits must also include two or more actors.
- ♦ **Club Music** - there are four categories for club musicals: vocal, instrumental, dance and novelty. Musicals must include 5 or more members and can be up to 15 minutes in length.
- ♦ **Original Speeches** - Original speeches must be developed by the member who is presenting it. There are 5 age categories for original speeches:
 1. Cloverbuds (**see note below)
 2. Novice (grades 3-4 speaking 1 to 2 minutes)
 3. Junior (grades 5-6 speaking 2 to 3 minutes)
 4. Intermediate (grades 7-8 speaking 3 to 4 minutes)
 5. Senior (grades 9-13 speaking 4 to 6 minutes)

****Cloverbuds participate** by reciting the 4-H pledge as a group. If there is a group of Cloverbuds from your club who would like to participate that's great. If you only have one Cloverbud who would like to participate, that's great too! We'll just put him/her in one of the other club's groups so they can participate.



- ♦ **Interpretive Reading** - This is an event where the member(s) select a favorite poem, prose or part of a story and “read” it for the audience. There are two categories for interpretive reading: An individual reader or a dynamic duo, which is a team of 2 members. There are 4 age divisions:

1. Novice (grades 3-4 with a 1 to 2 minute reading)
2. Junior (grades 5-6 with a 2 to 3 minute reading)
3. Intermediate (grades 7-8 with a 3 to 4 minute reading)
4. Senior (grades 9-13 with a 4 to 6 minute reading)

- ♦ **Formal Demonstrations** - The demonstration contest is a St. Croix County Fair class so premiums are awarded and the regular fair ribbons are used. There are two categories for demonstrations: an individual demonstrator or a team demonstration. Each category has three age divisions:

1. Junior (grades 3-5 demonstrating 4-7 minutes)
2. Intermediate (grades 6-8 demonstrating 5-8 minutes)
3. Senior (grades 9-13 demonstrating 8-10 minutes)

Arts/Crafts and Photography - Members do not need to be enrolled in an Arts/Crafts or Photography project to participate. The event is open to any members who wish to have a craft, art or photography work evaluated.

International 4-H Youth Exchange Opportunities Applications are due Jan 1

There are many opportunities for older teens to travel to other countries through 4-H international programs. Where could you go?

- ♦ Australia
- ♦ Finland
- ♦ Japan/Korea
- ♦ Mexico

Most trips are about 4 weeks in length and occur over the summer. Depending on the trip, costs range from \$2,000 to \$5,500. The fee includes international airline ticket, travel in host country, food, lodging, supplemental insurance, orientation and evaluation programs.

More details about all of the international opportunities and the application can be found on the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Web Site: <http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/international.cfm>

**NEW THIS YEAR
Art Lab West 2009**

Art Lab West will be held January 17-18, at the Beaver Creek Reserve <http://beavercreekreserve.org/>

Participants will be high school age youth through adult. Contact the UWEX Office for information or check it out at <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/artsleadership.cfm>

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Seeking Holiday Drawings

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 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 & 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 with your sketch.
- Drawings 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.

Wisconsin 4-H Arts Programs & State Group Opportunities

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a chart which outlines all the different state-wide 4-H arts programs and state group opportunities. The chart includes:

- ♦ General description of each event
- ♦ Application requirements and deadlines
- ♦ Time commitment
- ♦ Contact for additional information

There are a lot of really cool opportunities beyond St. Croix County—check some of them out!

**Sewing & Quilt Expo
Nov 6, 7, & 8**

Minneapolis Convention Center

This sewing expo has something to offer for everyone: quilting, embroidery, home décor, fashion shows, embellishment & Art to Wear, sewing for rookies, fashion sewing, and knitting. General admission is \$10 per day. Group rates are available. Call 1-800-699-6309 for details or go to the web site www.sewingexpo.com

Animal Sciences

Beef Weigh-In for Meat Animal Project and the Auction

Dec 6 (snow date Dec 13)
9 - 11 am

St. Croix County Fairgrounds,
Glenwood City

If you have any first time Beef Meat Animal Project members in your club, please make sure they are aware of this Beef Weigh in. They may or may not know this is a required weigh in to be eligible for the auction at the County Fair.

To keep the traffic moving smoothly, please enter the fairgrounds via the south driveway and back up to the north entrance of the lean-two.

Make sure your trailers are up to DOT standards.

Maximum weight for any beef, beef cross, or beef dairy cross steer at weigh-ins will be 750 lbs. Maximum weight for any dairy steer will be 800 lbs. Steers must be under the respective weight limits to be eligible for the Meat Animal Auction.

Questions can be answered by Jim Gillis (246-5296).

Unsure about the weather? Listen to WIXK or WEVR for cancellations. The snow date is December 13, same time, same location!

Badger Kick-off Classic Dec 5-7

Wisconsin State Fair Park

The UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club would like to announce its annual Badger Kick-off Classic Prospect Steer and Heifer Show. This show has grown to be one of the most prestigious prospect shows in the area. Again this year we will be having a Market Heifer Division and a silent auction. Cash

prizes for the Top 5 Market Animals and Top 5 Heifers will be awarded. Complete details and registration form are available on the website www.badgerkickoffclassic.com or contact Rachael Herschleb (608)445-3751 or Courtney Jentz (608) 732-1423 or badgerkickoffclassic@gmail.com

Youth Animal Welfare Judging Contest

Dec 12, 6:00 pm

UW-Madison, Animal Sciences Dept
Pre-register by Dec 5

Project areas include: goats, rabbits, poultry, dairy, beef, sheep, horse, swine, and veterinary science. It will cost \$2 to participate in the competition. The junior division is for teams of 3 to 4 members under 14 years of age as of Jan 1, 2008. A senior division will be for teams of 3 to 4 members who are all 14 years of age or older as of Jan 1, 2008 and that have not reached their 19th birthday prior to Jan 1, 2008. This contest allows members to develop the skills to critically examine a situation to gather unbiased information, and use that information to make a subjective but educated assessment of welfare quality in a fun and competitive atmosphere. The youth competition is based on materials that members have access to through enrollment in the various livestock projects.

Livestock Quiz Bowl

Dec 13, 9:30 am

UW-Madison, Animal Sciences Dept
Pre-register by Dec 5

The cost of this event is \$15 per team. Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an

individual and toss-up question round. The teams are divided into three age divisions. The junior division is made up of four members who are under 14 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2008. The senior division is for teams of four members who are all 14 years of age or older as of Jan. 1, 2008. A mixed team must contain at least one youth from each age division.

Hotel and other information are available on the Extension Youth Livestock Website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/index.cfm>. Please contact Bernie O'Rourke at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu or Terry Jobsis at (608)265-3273 or ctjobsis@ansci.wisc.edu for more information.

COOL for Youth Exhibitors

NEW — Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) will begin Sept 30, 2008. This USDA rule provides consumers the knowledge and information of where their food originated. There has been much discussion on this topic since the 2002 farm bill, and it is now going into effect. This rule affects beef, lamb, pork, and goats as well as other commodities like fish, nuts and ginseng.

How does this rule affect youth exhibitors? COOL does not directly regulate livestock producers; however producers have first-hand knowledge concerning the origin of their animals. Therefore, youth who purchase and/or raise their animals need to know the origin of their animals, especially if sold to large-scale processors (Tyson, etc.), buying stations (Equity, etc.), or to local meat processors who sell to major retailers. Youth exhibitors may not know the final destination of their project at the time it is sold, therefore, all exhibi-

tors should complete an affidavit of Country of Origin of their animal to be passed to the buyer of their project animal. If you purchase your project animal, it is also suggested to obtain a Country of Original affidavit from the seller. Retain this affidavit for your own records. This provides additional evidence of the validity of the Country of Original affidavit that the exhibitor passes to the buyer of their project animal, if it is required. There is an example form on the Extension Youth Livestock website that has all of the required information.

During the first 6 months of implementation of the COOL rule, USDA will provide additional education and support, and this may result in changes in the program. For more information, access the USDA

COOL website for these updates at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/> and click on Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), or go to the Extension Youth Livestock Website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/index.cfm> and click on COOL.

**UW-Madison Animal Sciences
Host Open House**

November 25, 10 am to 2 pm
9:30 am Registration
RSVP by November 18

The UW-Madison Department of Animal Sciences invites high school students and transfer students interested in exploring an education in Animal Sciences to an Open House. Prospective students

and their parents will gain a first hand look at the department as they tour campus and facilities. Faculty and current students will be available for questions.

To RSVP, or for more information, contact Bernie O'Rourke at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu

Rabbits for Sale

- ◆ Chin & Broken Chesnut Lop
- ◆ Mini Lops
- ◆ Mini Rex (Blue)
- ◆ Mini Rex (White, Black, or Broken Black & White)

Call Becky Larson (715) 294-2830

***Your Friends at the UW-Extension Office
would like to wish you a Happy and
Safe Holiday Season.***



Marie Witzel

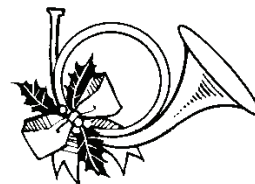
Lee Milligan

Polly Henke

Pete Kling

Mary Hecker

Joan Sprain



Ruth Hilfiker

Mary Lestrud

Martha Mabis

The UW-Extension office and the Leaders Council would like your input on a couple of issues. I have included them on one page of the newsletter for ease in returning them. Thanks for sharing your thoughts with us!

4-H Newsletter

Along with many of our neighboring counties, we have started to distribute the 4-H newsletter via email and on our website. Currently, we send a hard copy and try e-mail and the website; however, eventually we would like to cut our costs by distributing one way or the other for our 4-H families. We are curious and want to be conscientious about the best way to share information with everyone! As we look at planning for 2009, please help us determine the most useful and cost effective way to communicate St Croix County 4-H information. Please complete this survey and return it to the Extension Office by November 21, 2008.

*Does your family have internet access? **Yes** **No**

*Does your family use the internet daily? **Yes** **No**

*What method would you prefer to receive the 4-H Communicator ?

1. email 2. website 3. regular mail

*If you receive the Communicator via email what is the most effective way for us to send it?

1. general leaders distribute to members 2. as a link to the our website

3. as an attachment to the email message

*Do you have any other ideas or possibilities to share? **Yes** **No**

If yes, please list possibilities...

4-H Leader Recognition Event

This year we held the event on a Sunday afternoon, in the past it has been on a Tuesday evening. Please give us some feed back on time of year, day and other ideas:

Day Sunday weekday evening Specific day preferred _____

Time of year late September Early October Late October

If it was held in late October, leaders would need to get their club recognition items ordered earlier and pick them up at the annual leaders association meeting in September.

Meal Preference have a meal no meal have some light refreshments

Other suggestions:

Mini Talent Explosion Date Preference

February 7

February 21

**Thank you! We truly appreciate your input. Please return by November 21 to
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e-mail marie.witzel@ces.uwex.edu.**