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"I have a higher and grander standard of principle than George Washington. He could not lie; I can, but I won't." – Mark Twain

Dear Waukesha County 4-H Families,

It seems that winter is upon us! As I write this, we are getting dumped on with another five inches of the fluffy white stuff, and I am trying vigorously to find something positive to say about the seasonal change...

As the New Year creeps in, I highly encourage all teens of the Waukesha County 4-H to consider joining the recently resuscitated Council of Teens. The group meets once a month to participate in fun, age-appropriate activities, such as a night out at Stonefire Pizza and paint ball. The Council also provides 4-H teens opportunities to gain valuable leadership and life skills through service learning projects. If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, please email Stephanie at [Lemay17935@aol.com](mailto:Lemay17935@aol.com).

Also, please remember that March 1 is the project change deadline. This is the last day to add or drop projects. Keep in mind that you must add a project if you plan to present at the fair.

Alas, as I look out the window and ponder the snowfall, I am reminded of the age-old tale that all Midwestern grandparents tell their grandchildren; you know, the one about walking to school in ten feet of snow, uphill, both ways.

As a child, I always had the feeling that this story was a bit of an exaggeration; I mean really, uphill both ways? Not possible. Despite the fabricated stories of my grandparents, I did manage to learn a little moral lesson. I learned to be grateful for the life I have. I was grateful that I didn't have to walk to school, much less be it in snow and uphill both ways. What if some other child, in some other part of the world really did face this predicament. So, during this Holiday season, I'd like to remind everyone to be appreciative of the lives we live and the freedoms we have been afforded.

Stay warm and Happy Holidays!

Megan Nikolai  
AmeriCorps VISTA, 4-H Youth Development

Dear 4-H Friends and Families,

My term as President on the Executive Board of the Leaders Association has come to an end. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my board members for their help and time to make this a good year. As with any organization, there are always challenges that come up and as a board we handled them in the best interest of the Waukesha County 4-H program.

As with any organization, there are new changes, updates and requirements that happen to stay in line with a changing world. These changes come from state, national and in some cases federal agencies. Starting this 4-H year, one of these is the requirement that ALL 4-H clubs with checking accounts, MUST file an IRS e-post card for the financials of the club. THIS MUST BE DONE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>. If you need any assistance, please contact the 4-H office.

I wish to introduce George Sonnentag as the next President of the Leaders Association. George is filling in the vacancy left for the South East District and because of requirements as listed in the by-laws, was voted in as President at the Adult Leaders Banquet held in November. George is a past board member and past President of the Leaders Association.

If you have any questions or concerns that you feel might be of interest to the Executive Board, feel free to contact me at [flash\\_rescue31@hotmail.com](mailto:flash_rescue31@hotmail.com).

Flash Gordon  
2008 4-H Executive Board President

## WEBSITES/EMAILS OF INTEREST

Waukesha County 4-H	<a href="http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/index.html">http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/index.html</a>
Waukesha County Fair	<a href="http://www.waukeshacountyfair.com/">http://www.waukeshacountyfair.com/</a>
Wisconsin State Fair	<a href="http://wistatefair.com/home/wsfp/2008_FAIR/index.htm">http://wistatefair.com/home/wsfp/2008 FAIR/index.htm</a>
Maria Habib, 4-H Youth Development Educator	<a href="mailto:mhabib@waukeshacounty.gov">mhabib@waukeshacounty.gov</a>
Lisa Boyer, 4-H Secretary	<a href="mailto:lboyer@waukeshacounty.gov">lboyer@waukeshacounty.gov</a>
Megan Nikolai, AmeriCorps VISTA	<a href="mailto:mnikolai@waukeshacounty.gov">mnikolai@waukeshacounty.gov</a>
Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development	<a href="http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/">http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/</a>

Waukesha County UWEX 4-H, 515 W Moreland, Room AC G22, Waukesha, WI 53188  
4-H Educator - 262-548-7784; 4-H Secretary - 262-548-7774; Fax - 262-548-7787

### DECEMBER

- 12 Showcase Registration Deadline
- 13 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 15 4-H S.E.T. Lab Registration Deadline
- 16 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee, 7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC Rm G55

### JANUARY

- 4 Youth Recognition Banquet
- 5 4-H Award Committee Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 9 Family Fun Night, 4-H Forum
- 10 4-H S.E.T. Lab, State Fair Park, 9 am
- 10 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 14 Poultry Meeting, Expo Center Fox River Room, 6:30 pm
- 19 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 21 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee, 7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC Rm G55
- 21 Model Rocketry, UW Waukesha Rm F006, 7 pm
- 24 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 26 Volunteer Orientation Leader Training, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 28 4-H Kitchen Committee Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm C158, 7 pm
- 28 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum, 6:30 pm

### FEBRUARY

- 7 Showcase / Curtain Call / FIRST LEGO League Fair Event, Butler Middle School
- 14 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 16 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 17 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum, 6:30 pm
- 17 Rabbit Class, 4-H Forum, 7:15 pm
- 18 4-H Kitchen Committee Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm C158, 7 pm
- 18 Poultry Meeting, Expo Center Fox River Room, 6:30 pm
- 18 Model Rocketry, UW Waukesha Rm F006, 7 pm

### FEBRUARY continued

- 26 Volunteer Orientation Leader Training, UW Waukesha, 7 pm
- 28 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am

### MARCH

- 14 Basketball Tournament, Waynz World
- 14 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 16 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm 255, 7 pm
- 16 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee, 7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC Rm G55
- 17 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum, 6:30 pm
- 17 Rabbit Class, 4-H Forum, 7:15 pm
- 18 Poultry Meeting, Expo Center Fox River Room, 6:30 pm
- 18 Model Rocketry, UW Waukesha Rm F006, 7 pm
- 25 4-H Kitchen Committee Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm C158, 7 pm
- 28 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am

### APRIL

- 11 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 15 Model Rocketry, UW Waukesha Rm F006, 7 pm
- 20 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 21 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee, 7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC Rm G55
- 22 4-H Kitchen Mandatory Club Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm C158, 7 pm
- 22 Poultry Meeting, Expo Center Fox River Room, 6:30 pm
- 25 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 29 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum, 6:30 pm
- 29 Rabbit Class, 4-H Forum, 7:15 pm

### OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

July 15-19, 2009 Waukesha County Fair  
July 22-25, 2009 4-H Camp

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Newsletter—Clover Flyer

Welcome to Waukesha County 4-H. This newsletter is published/posted six times per year for Families and Leaders in the 4-H program. This newsletter contains important information relating to you! Newsletters are published on or before the first of January, March, May, July, September and November. A One Liner (brief newsletter) is e-mailed/posted on or before the first of the other months as needed.

For an up to date calendar, forms and other information, check our Website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/index.html>.

### Welcome to New 4-H Families

Welcome to all the new families joining 4-H this fall! If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask your club leader, call the 4-H Office at 262-548-7774, or e-mail the 4-H Secretary, Lisa Boyer at [lboyer@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:lboyer@waukeshacounty.gov). Remember, there are no dumb questions.

### 4-H Support Staff Office Hours

Lisa Boyer's hours are now 8:30 am -12:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. The office is still open from 8-4:30 if you need to drop off or pick something up.

Please be aware that the County Offices (including 4-H) will be closed on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

### Come & VOLT!

All new leaders must attend a Volunteer Orientation Leader Training (VOLT) before working in 4-H. Volunteer Orientation Leader Trainings will take place on **January 26** and **February 26**. Call the 4-H Office at 262-548-7774 to register.

### 4-H Kitchen Committee

The Kitchen Committee is looking for supervisors to work in the 4-H kitchen during the Fair. There will be training and instruction on how to work the cash register. We would also like you to think about becoming a member on this committee. We need people to join us. It is a fun group. Our first meeting is on **January 28, 2009**. Come see how we work together for our main goal – 4-H. Our other meeting dates are **February 18, March 25, April 22** (mandatory for clubs working in the 4-H kitchen during fair), **May 20** and **June 24**.

## 4-H EVENTS

### Basketball Tournament

Mark your calendar! The Basketball Tournament will be held at Waynz World at S68 W22665 National Avenue in Big Bend on Saturday, **March 14**.

### Showcase

4-H showcase will take place on **Saturday, February 7, 2009**, at Butler Middle School, Waukesha, from 8:00 to 11:50 AM. Registration was due on December 12 for this event.

### 4-H Teen Winter Camp 2009

Teen Winter Camp will be held **March 20-22, 2009**.

### Summer Camp

4-H Youth Summer Camp will be held **July 22-25, 2009**. Jeff Rauworth is now the "Camp Guy."

**December 16** – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

**January 21, 2009** – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

**February** camp selection

**March 16, 2009** – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

**April 21, 2009** – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

**May 18, 2009** – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

**June 16, 2009** – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

All meetings will be held in the County Administration Center (CAC). **All meetings are mandatory.** The training session in February is also mandatory.

## **ANIMAL SCIENCE**

### **Poultry Meetings**

Poultry meetings will be held in the Fox River Room in the EXPO Building at the Waukesha County Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm on **January 14, February 18, March 18** and **April 22**.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Jim Grober at 262-679-3871. Do not bring any poultry to these meetings.

### **K-9 Connection 4-H Club**

We are a club that loves dogs - join us for dog obedience training and showmanship. Open to youth in 3rd grade and up. A record of current vaccinations for your dog is required. Meetings are from 6:30-7:15 pm on Wednesdays in the South Hall of the 4H Forum. Call LeAnne at (262) 391-3262 or email [ladywi80@yahoo.com](mailto:ladywi80@yahoo.com) for January and February Schedule

### **All Rabbit Members**

This year Donna Towell will be holding classes for ALL Rabbit Project, Rabbit Hopping and Pet Rabbit Project members interested in any of the topics offered. Classes will be from 7:15-8:00 pm (during Rabbit Hopping practice). Rabbits are not needed unless noted on that class schedule.

#### **February 17** - Preparing for the Fair and Hopping Event

- What you will need for these events
- Study materials
- Breeds of rabbits
- What is Showmanship and Breed ID

#### **March 17** - General Care, Personality, helpful hints for a healthy rabbit

- Housing
- Feed
- Handling
- Toenail clipping
- Weekly physical

#### **April 29**- When your rabbit is not feeling well

- Common problems that a rabbit can get
- Home care for basic problems
- When to go to a vet

#### **May 27** - Breed ID practice and Showmanship practice (Please bring your rabbit)

\* Volunteers needed to bring in senior rabbits of different showable breeds

#### **June 24** - Final questions before event and fair

- Make chew toys for your rabbit
- Tattooing
- Make cage tags for fair (Bring a picture of yourself and your rabbit together no larger than 3" by 3" )

Any rabbit members interested in helping with these classes please contact Donna Towell at [dlwooles@centurytel.net](mailto:dlwooles@centurytel.net) or 262-392-3553. Help is always appreciated and needed.

## **Rabbit Hopping**

Rabbit Hopping practices begin on Wednesday, January 28. All members will need their own rabbits and a "H" style harness along with a 6 foot lead. I will have sets available to purchase for \$11.00 (Please bring exact amount - I will not have change)

Please take note a few dates and days were changed due to availability of the building.

**January 28**, Wednesday

**February 17**, Tuesday (new date)

**March 17**, Tuesday (new date)

**April 29**, Wednesday

**May 27**, Wednesday

**June 24**, Wednesday

All practices will be held in the 4-H Forum, check each room because it might be different each month. The time is 6:30 to 8:00. You can come when you can and stay as long as you want. Practice will continue during class time.

Donna Towell - dlwoolees@centurytel.net, 262-392-3553.

## **Horse Show Clothing Clinic**

On Saturday, March 7, Hall Saddlery will be hosting a Show Clothing Clinic, where you can learn the proper fit of all show apparel, such as hunt coats and boots. A representative from Ariat International will be here to talk about boot fitting. We will also be demonstrating proper fit of riding clothing and discuss everything you should be wearing when you enter the show ring. We will also discuss your horse's turn-out and what products you need to us to get him/her ready for the show ring. We will have free sample size products for you to take home and try on your horse. Refreshments will be served.

This will count as a one of the required clinics – just sign up on the sheet that will be provided. If you have any other questions, you can call Kathy at 262-820-1755 or go to our website [www.hallsaddlery.com](http://www.hallsaddlery.com). Hall Saddlery is located at N69W25055 Indiangrass Lane, Sussex. WI.

## **FAMILY, HOME & HEALTH**

### **Knitting and Crocheting (County-wide)**

Monthly meetings will be held for youth interested in starting to knit and crochet as well as experienced knitters and crocheters. Parents are welcome to attend and learn with your children. Bring your current knitting and crocheting project or, for first-timers, a set of size 8 straight needles (for knitting) or a size G crochet hook and a skein of worsted weight yarn that you like. If you would like to learn to knit with a loom, bring one with a skein of yarn.

Current or aspiring knitting and crocheting leaders are also invited to join us. Mentor a youth new to the craft with no stress of organizing the event. You can also have fun networking with other leaders.

We will be meeting the fourth Saturday of each month from 9 to noon through May (except December). The meetings will be held in Room A100 (in the University Commons Building) at UW-Waukesha at 1500 North University Drive, Waukesha. Directions can be found on the web at [waukesha.uwc.edu/maps/index.html](http://waukesha.uwc.edu/maps/index.html).

**January 24, 2009** – Knitting and Crocheting Cables **February 28, 2009** – Knitting and Crocheting Fingerless Gloves **March 28, 2009** – Making Lace Patterns **April 25, 2009** – Using Beads in Knitting and Crocheting **May 23, 2009** – Felting

Contact Debi Marheine at 262-542-1253 or [demarheine@wi.rr.com](mailto:demarheine@wi.rr.com) for any questions.

### **Knitting and Crocheting and Technology**

A yahoo group has been created for members, parents, and leaders of the knitting and crocheting projects to communicate with one another. There will be links to helpful websites, free patterns, and how-to sites as well as the ability to ask questions by e-mail and get answers to those questions.

To belong to the group is free and fairly easy. Go to [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) and setup up a profile if you have not already. A profile consists of a user-selected name and password. Then select "Groups." There will be a box for searching for a group and our group's name is Waukesha4H\_Knit\_and\_Crochet. When you get to the group site, you will be

asked if you want to join. Select that option and you will be approved as soon as I verify your membership in 4-H. Once you are approved as a member, you will be able to send e-mails and access the website.

I want to assure all parents that, as the administrator of this yahoo group, I take Internet safety very seriously. I have had one for my own club for over 5 years without incident. As a member, you will be able to send e-mails and access the website.

If you have any questions, please contact Debi Marheine at [dmarheine@wi.rr.com](mailto:dmarheine@wi.rr.com) or 262-542-1253.

### **Quilting Workshops (County-wide)**

There will be county-wide quilting project meeting held from 9 to noon on the second Saturday of each month through May.

All meetings will be held in room A100 at UW-Waukesha, 1500 North University Drive, Waukesha. Come when you can and leave when you must. The meetings will provide help with all phases of a quilting project regardless of the level of experience of the member. If you are an advanced quilter, come to mentor younger members and be a youth leader.

**December 13, 2008** – Arranging blocks for different design variations **January 10, 2009** – Borders and sashing  
**February 14, 2009** – Batting options **March 14, 2009** – Machine quilting options **April 11, 2009** – Advanced machine quilting options **May 9, 2009** – Binding, rod pockets, and labeling your quilt

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## **MECHANICAL SCIENCES**

### **Badger State Science and Engineering Fair**

Are you looking for more opportunities to compete? Are you looking for ways to find scholarships and other rewards? 4-H members are encouraged to enter projects to the Badger State Science and Engineering Fair. Science fairs are one of the most amazing educational and personal experiences a youth can have. The eighth annual state fair will take place March 28, at Marquette University in Milwaukee. Members are also encouraged to enter projects to the Waukesha Regional Science and Engineering Fair, which is scheduled for February 21, at Waukesha South High School. Please contact Patti Bringe-Blomquist at 262.751.7578 or visit <http://www.bssef.org/> for more information.

### **Trainfest**

The Modelclub did a great job representing the Waukesha County 4-H at this year's Trainfest. More than 21,000 people attended the event! Congratulations to Andy Telford for winning the Honorable Mention for the show. This is the third award for the Club at Trainfest.

## **Modelclub Railroad**

The Iron Beaver Line is open for new members. You must attend the meeting January 27 at 7 pm at the 4-H Forum at the EXPO Center. Please contact Mr. Luedke at [Highlanderforensic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Highlanderforensic@sbcglobal.net). There is no charge to be part of the line this year. Members are EXPECTED to participate in the running of the train both at County Fair and at Trainfest in November 2009 at State Fair Park.

## **Wisconsin Benefit Model Show**

In November, the Modelclub raised over \$1000 for the Ronald McDonald House at the Wisconsin Benefit Model Show (aka The Ham Show). We collected 64 model kits for the Wounded Warrior Center, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Thanks to everyone who competed and those who just showed up to look around. We all had a great time. Special thanks to Dr. Jim Turek for his donation of in kits to the raffle.

Big winners at the show include: Joe Simon-Masters Champ (11 pounds of bacon), Jeff Herne-Best of Show (13 pound ham) and Andy Telford-Reserve Best of Show (17 pound turkey).

Special thanks to the Cochenets, Behnkes, Basts and Gordons for all their help in running this thing. It takes many people to make a show work and we are proud in Modelclub to have them.

## **4-H FIRST LEGO League County Fair Event**

The first Waukesha County 4-H FIRST LEGO League County Fair Event will be held in conjunction with Curtain Call and Showcase at Butler Middle School on Saturday, **February 7, 2009**. So don't take your robot apart after the season!

This event is open to all 4-Hers who are involved in robotics: the four 4-H teams, members of school, or home school based FLL teams and robotics aficionados. This will be a judged pre-Fair event. Entries must use the current year's FIRST LEGO League challenge.

4-H FLL teams will participate as teams. Exhibitors that are not part of a 4-H FLL team may participate in entries either individually or with other 4-H members. Exhibitors can only present their individual work. In the case where the work cannot be shown individually, exhibitors must provide details to the judges clearly describing their own work. Judging will be face-to-face. Participants may enter no more than four entries and only one entry per entry type (project, design, programming, or robot performance). You may not sign up for both team and individual entry for a given entry type, e.g., Project presentation.

For a registration form go to the 4-H website: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/forms.html>

## **4-H Waukesha Train Club (County Wide)**

The Waukesha Train Club – a county-wide train project club – is underway. They have 30"X30" boards available for \$10.00 – ready for your next "O Scale" diorama. For more information, meeting dates and time, please contact Pam at 262-754-8722 or e-mail at [pampog@gmail.com](mailto:pampog@gmail.com)

## **Shooting Sports**

Reminder, each 4-H member involved in the shooting Sports Program MUST fill out both the Waiver/Code of conduct AND the Medical Consent forms. They are found on the Waukesha County 4-H web site, click on the "4-H Forms" tab, then go to Shooting Sports. Please send all forms to: Flash Gordon, 1115 Millwood Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53188-4919. All information will remain confidential!

Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon at 262-544-0405 or e-mail [flash\\_rescue31@hotmail.com](mailto:flash_rescue31@hotmail.com).

## **Archery**

Archery practices for Waukesha County will be starting on Friday, **February 6**, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM at Buck Rub in Pewaukee. The practices will run every Friday in February, March and April EXCEPT April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>. The fees have gone up this year. The cost is \$3.00 to shoot and \$6.00 for rentals.

There will be a general Archery meeting in January for all members, place and time yet to be determined. **THIS IS A REQUIRED MEETING!**

The county fair shoot is scheduled for Friday, **May 15**, also at Buck Rub starting at 4:30 PM.

## Rifle

At this time, I am still waiting on confirmation of location and times for practices for those signed up for the rifle program. I hope to incorporate both the .22 rifle and .177 air rifle at the same time. Stay tuned for further details

## Shotgun

Stay tuned for details about the shotgun program. We hope to have it up and running this spring. More details to follow.

## Shooting Sports Leaders

Reminder that all adult leaders MUST re-enroll IN THE DISCIPLINE you are certified in, to run any practices or teach, to be covered by the 4-H liability insurance for Shooting Sports.

Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon at 262-544-0405 or e-mail [flash\\_rescue31@hotmail.com](mailto:flash_rescue31@hotmail.com).

## Trap Shooting

If anyone is interested in participating in trap shooting, please contact Mark Lemay at [lemay17935@aol.com](mailto:lemay17935@aol.com) and e-mail your age and contact information for future information on upcoming meetings, etc.

## Model Rocketry








The meetings for this year will be starting in January, 2009. The meetings are on Wednesdays at 7 pm **January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, and June 10**. They will be held at the UW-Waukesha in room F-006 located in the Field House (same as last year). As you enter the doors from the parking lot, go to your left, down the hallway, the room is located across from the workout room.

The March meeting will be the Make-it / Take-it where we will be building a “simple” rocket for launching.

Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon at 262-544-0405 or e-mail [flash\\_rescue31@hotmail.com](mailto:flash_rescue31@hotmail.com).

## SPECIAL EMPHASIS – My World

The January/February “My World” focus is Geographical. Here are some topic ideas for clubs to explore:

-  Learn about the natural resources found in your region, and how those resources led to the industrialization of the region. How was the history, economics, etc. influenced? Example: Lumber and iron industries in the Midwest
-  Choose to find out more about the common foods in your region. Use this information to trace the origins of these foods. Learn more about the culture and beliefs related to the foods. Example: Bratwurst, beer, cheese, kringle, fry bread, fondue, cream puffs, cranberries, Friday night fish fry in Wisconsin
-  Learn about the history of the Hmong people. Where are their origins? Why and when have many immigrated to the U.S.? Where do large numbers of Hmong immigrants live? What effect has this population had in your region?
-  Learn more about the arts associated with your region. How have the arts affected your region’s culture and history? Have any particular arts spread to other areas or had a significant effect on society? Example: German-American music, African music, Chicano arts
-  Research the Tibet region of China. Learn more about the region’s people, politics, natural geography, religion and other cultural aspects. How do these influences affect the current conflict with the Chinese government in the Tibetan region?
-  Learn more about migration and population trends. Trace the origins of specific ethnic groups in a region. How and why did these groups relocate? How do these groups influence life in the region? Example: Mexicans in U.S. (or a specific region of U.S.), Cajuns in Louisiana, Cubans in Florida
-  Learn more about ecotourism. How have natural resources of your region influenced eco-tourism? How has the economy and culture of the region been influenced? What are the positive/negative effects? Example: Ecotourism in Costa Rica, Kenya, Nepal

🌐 Learn about the people native to your chosen region. What are their traditions, customs, arts etc.? How does their presence influence politics, economics, and history of the region? Example: Ojibwe (Wisconsin), Maya (Mexico), Aboriginal (Australia)

🌐 Research festivals or holidays celebrated by your region. What is the significance of the celebration? Is this celebrated outside of your region? When did the celebration begin? Etc. Example: Brazilian Carnival, Día de los Muertos

## **CLUB NEWS**

This section highlights what is happening in your 4-H Club. To be included in the Club News, please send your minutes or Club Newsletter to Megan Nikolai in the Extension Office.

### **4-Leaf 4-H Club**

4-Leaf has been doing Salvation Army bell ringing since Dec 2004. We disperse from our December general meeting to ring bells, sing carols, hand out candy canes, and sometimes our members play Christmas songs on their musical instruments. This year will be our fifth year doing this. The donations are high during our two-hour donation time and the club keeps doing it because we have a great time and love it.

### **Brookfield Blazers 4-H Club**

In November, Club members and parents participated in the channel 10/36 auction. In December, the club made Holiday cards for Meals on Wheels, decorated a tree at the Milwaukee County Zoo, and will be working with the Waukesha Christmas Clearance Council unloading donated toys and gifts.

### **Clever Clovers 4-H Club**

The Clever Clovers 4-H Club recently elected officers for the 2008-2009 year at their last meeting. Melissa Watson of Oconomowoc will serve as President and Historian keeping the club's scrapbook up-to-date. Melanie Watson also of Oconomowoc will be Vice-President. Chantal Voss of Nashotah will serve as Secretary, and Leah Pelegrin of Hartland will be Treasurer.

In November, the Clever Clovers joined with West Vernon to go to the Country Springs Waterpark. Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun in the water. In December, the club will carol at the Cambridge House in Hartland, a Senior Living Center. We will bring residents small gifts. In January, Maikel Ooms, from the Netherlands will address our group to go along with this year's International theme. He's an exchange student who currently attends Arrowhead High School.

### **Falls Busy Beavers 4-H Club**

Congratulations go out to the following new officers for the 2008-2009 year: President—Ashley Behnke, Jr. President—Kerianne Pawley, Vice President—Maryellen Pawley, Jr. Vice President—Mitchel Behnke, Secretary—Nicolas Bast, Treasurer—Kaylee Wolfe, Reporter—Ethan Hebbe, Historian—Kaylee Wolfe, Ambassadors—Ashley Behnke and Nicolas Bast.

The club continues its monthly coin drive benefiting the High School scholarship fund. The club puts the coins toward a savings for upcoming scholarships from the Falls Busy Beavers. They will also continue to save old denim jeans, which will eventually be made into quilts for soldiers in Baghdad. The Busy Beavers also helped collect about 150 pounds of medical supplies for donation to a church camp mission in Honduras. Everyone has been very appreciative of the supplies.

### **Minooka 4-H Club**

At their December meeting, the Minooka Club held a taste table of cookies from around the world as part of their Geographical focus. Members also brought gifts to donate to the Guatemalan Scholarship children.

### **Ottawa 4-H Club**

Ottawa 4-H Club annual cookie auction will take place on December 15, at 6:30 pm in the Dousman Village Hall. The public is welcomed to stop by and bid on delicious treats. Proceeds will go towards making a Christmas special for a needy family through the Waukesha County Christmas Clearing Council. Thank you to Advanced Auto Parts for their sizeable donation.

We will also be serving concessions and baked goods at Santa Comes to Dousman on December 7. Ottawa 4-H club has been busy collecting mittens, scarves, and hats for needy families sponsored by Milwaukee Public Television. The group also remembered the Masonic Home by making Thanksgiving cards.

### **Washington 4-H Club**

Congratulations go out to club members Rachel Bugenhagen, Abigail Reikowski and Anna Boelk for your fine Photography showing. The November General Meeting was held at Washington School, and featured Halloween themed games and refreshments. The club also met on November 15 to make caroling gifts and recycled cards.

### **West Vernon 4-H Club**

The Clever Clovers and the West Vernon 4-H Clubs joined to visit the Country Springs Water Park on November 19, 2008. The wonderful offer to all 4-H Clubs was just too good to pass up! We really want everyone to know what an exciting, relaxing and fun evening we all had. The water park has a lot to offer for a smaller indoor water park. The two big slides are awesome, not to mention the big deep hot tubs, which are indoor and outdoor! We enjoyed the star gazing!”

### **Zion 4-H Club**

At the November meeting, old members showed us the awards they have earned. The new members made collages about themselves to show everyone. We had a potluck at one of the member's home. In addition, everybody brought food for Thanksgiving to give to the food pantry.

## **4-H FUNDRAISERS**

### **Pick ‘n Save Cares Program**

The Waukesha County 4-H program was approved to participate in the Pick ‘n Save Cares program in 1999. Just a reminder to verify that Waukesha County 4-H is your designated agency. This will ensure that we continue to get funds from this Roundy’s program. Our number is 918500.

### **Endowment Fund**

There have been some questions as to what and why we have an Endowment Fund. We hope the following will help you understand what we are trying to accomplish with our Endowment Fund.

The Waukesha County 4-H Endowment Fund is organized and operated for the exclusive purpose of providing long-term financial support for 4-H activities in Waukesha County. Your contribution will not only be used to enrich and expand current 4-H activities but also develop new 4-H programs within Waukesha County.

The Endowment Fund supports: Educational resources and program materials; Youth and Leader training; Youth scholarships to leadership development programs such as State 4-H Youth Conference, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference; Awards and college scholarships to recognize 4-H achievement; summer camp.

*How the Fund Works.* The Waukesha County 4-H Endowment Fund can accept gifts and donations to the Waukesha County 4-H program. The goal of this fund is to distribute earnings to the Waukesha County 4-H Leader’s Association. The Trust Board is authorized on an annual basis to distribute up to 75% of the income of the Trust for the calendar year. The Trust Board is instructed to retain all capital gains recognized until such time as the trust reaches \$50,000. We are currently around \$35,000.

*Who can contribute?* Anyone can contribute. Gifts of any size are welcome and appreciated. As a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, your gift to the Waukesha County 4-H Endowment Fund is fully tax deductible. Cash gifts as well as gifts of stock, real estate and land are acceptable.

Your gift can be a memorial or a bequest, or can be made in honor or in remembrance of a special person, event, or occasion. All gifts will be acknowledged to the honoree or family of the memorialized as appropriate.

## **MORE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Science Fair**

Simply put, a science fair is one of the most amazing educational and personal experiences youth can. Explore real life challenges, create original scientific study, develop scientific method analysis, develop public speaking skills, improve written talents, boost self-confidence, add to a resume, and win prizes and scholarships while interacting with other students, parents and leaders in our community with similar interests. All Wisconsin high school aged students are eligible to participate. Students can attend regional fairs in spring and/or the state fair competition which will be held on March 28, 2009 at



Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. Find out more: visit [www.bssef.org](http://www.bssef.org). The Badger State Science & Engineering Fair is affiliated with the International Science & Engineering Fair (INTEL ISEF)

**Wisconsin 4-H International Program Exchange**

Wisconsin 4-H challenges youth to become global citizens by offering international homestays and hosting experiences as well as intercultural workshops offered on a county, district and state level. Currently, travel and host opportunities are available with in Japan, Korea and Mexico, Norway and Finland, Australia or to host high school students from Japan, Korea, or Eurasia on a school year program. Exchanges are available from three weeks to one year, with most in the four-week range. For applications and more information go to the website: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm> Adult volunteer leadership positions are available, as well. The application deadline is January 1, 2009.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT FLYER BELOW**

