

“What is red and tastes like blue paint? What is brown and sticky? Why don’t ducks tell jokes while they are flying?” – Unknown

Dear 4-H Friends and Families,

Fun in the sun is my new motto! I hope everyone has been enjoying the sunshine and warm weather that we’ve had recently. I know I have!

Although summer has only just begun, work is already underway on the LaTEENo 4-H Club’s community garden. The club’s youth are doing an exceptional job planting and tending to the many plants. This year the garden includes everything from onions to tomatoes to carrots to squash!

I am also excited and anxious to attend summer camp for the first time ever! I will be heading over to Upham Woods with the 4-H campers in mid-July to help chaperone. I’m sure the kids will show me a great time. We have a great group of talented camp counselors and staff this year who will be leading our 4-H youth! If you are like me, and have never been to camp before, please remember to attend the New Camper Information Meeting on June 29, at 7 pm, in the County Administration Center Rm. G55-59.

Summer also means that it’s Fair season, and I hope to see you all there! Please remember to acknowledge the hard work of those volunteers who help with the Fair. Everyone from our 4-Hers to the Fair Board volunteers participate because they love what they do!

Also, be sure to thank you club and project leaders for all of the hard work they do throughout the year. One way of doing so is to nominate them for county awards. The nomination form is online under Award/ME Forms at www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/index.html. E-mail your nomination to proberts8@wi.rr.com.

See you at camp or at the Fair!!

Megan Nikolai
AmeriCorps VISTA, 4-H Youth Development

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Blockbuster Gift Card - Somewhere within this issue of the Clover Flyer are three jokes (riddles). Find them and e-mail Megan the answers at mnikolai@waukeshacounty.gov to be entered into a drawing for a Blockbuster gift card! Deadline for entries is July 10.

WEBSITES/EMAILS OF INTEREST

Waukesha County 4-H	http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/index.html
Waukesha County Fair	http://www.waukeshacountyfair.com/
Waukesha County 4-H Horse Association	http://www.wc4horse.org/Joomla/index.php
Wisconsin State Fair	http://www.wistatefair.com/2009_wsf/index.html
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Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development	http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/

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4-H Educator - 262-548-7784; 4-H Secretary - 262-548-7774; Fax - 262-548-7787

4-H CALENDAR

JUNE

- 19 Prairie Cookout. UW Waukesha Field Station, 5:30 pm
- 20 Horse Circuit Show #3, Expo Grounds, 8:30 am
- 21 Model Rocketry Launch (Fair Event), Wales Community Park, Noon
- 23 Cat Show (Fair Event), 4-H Forum, 5:30 pm
- 23 Small Animal Show (Fair Event), 4-H Forum, 7:00 pm
- 24 Style Revue (Fair Event), UW Waukesha Rm C101, 6:30 pm
- 24 4-H Kitchen Committee Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm C158, 7 pm
- 25 4-H Executive Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, 7 pm
- 29 New Camper Information Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 30 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee, 7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC Rm G55

JULY

- 1 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum, 6:30 pm
- 1 Rabbit Class, 4-H Forum, 7:15 pm
- 9 State 4-H Plant Science Day, Hancock Research center
- 11 Clown Setup, Fair Grounds, 10 am
- 13 Volunteer Orientation leader Training, Fair Grounds, 7 pm
- 13 Swine Pen Setup and Clinic, Fair Grounds, 7 pm
- 15 Mandatory Horse Project Fair Exhibitor Mtg, Fair Grounds - West Riding Ring, 6:30 pm
- 15-19 Waukesha County Fair
- 18 4-H Alumni Reunion Social at the County Fair
- 19 Deadline for 4-H State Horse Show paperwork
- 22-25 4-H Summer Camp
- 23 4-H Executive Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, 7 pm

AUGUST

- 6-16 Wisconsin State Fair
- 9 Open Horse Show, Expo Grounds
- 12 Record Book and ME Workshop. CAC, 6:30 pm
- 17 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 19 Club Enrollment Meeting, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 27 4-H Executive Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, 7 pm
- 28-30 State 4-H Dog Show, Jefferson County

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Record Books and ME Forms due to 4-H Office
- 14 4-H Awards Committee Mtg, CAC, 7 pm
- 21 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm 255, 7 pm
- 24 4-H Executive Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, 7 pm

OCTOBER

- 19 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 22 4-H Executive Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, 7 pm
- 24 ME Interviews

NOVEMBER

- 8 Adult Leader Banquet / Leader's Association Annual Meeting
- 16 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 21 4-H Planning Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm

This newsletter was posted/mailed on June 18, 2009.

Check Out 4-H Twitter!

Are you on Twitter? Do you Tweet? Be a follower the Waukesha County 4-H on Twitter, the popular social networking and microblogging service. Find out what we are doing . . . now at <http://twitter.com/WaukeshaCo4H>.

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.

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

4-H Support Staff Office Hours

Lisa Boyer's hours are 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.

McDonald's Receipts

Last call for Mc Donald's receipts! The brightly colored box will be in the 4-H Forum vestibule during Fair. Please bring any and all McDonald's receipts you have to the box. After Fair, my final order will be submitted.

If anyone is willing to take over the McDonald's receipt program, please contact Jean Kumba at kumba@wi.rr.com (no phone calls, please.) Managing the program requires internet usage, a map of the state of Wisconsin and Northern Illinois (Google works) and ability to collect receipts at many 4-H functions. Kitchen and Camp committees are the two committees that most benefit from what the McDonald's receipt program offers.

AWARDS

Adult Award Nominations

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Please make your forms as complete as possible. I NEED home addresses, as I mail letters to all nominees. Phone numbers help, too. You can e-mail Lisa in the 4-H office at lboyer@waukeshacounty.gov for that information.

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4-H Youth Awards

Need Help with your Record Book or ME Form?

Terri Johnson, a member of the Waukesha County 4-H Awards Committee, is holding a County-wide record book and ME Form workshop. All 4-H Youth are welcome! Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

When: Wednesday, **August 12**

Where: County Administration Center

When: 6:30-9:00 pm.

What to bring: record books, pen, pencils, red marker, notes, calendar of events participated in over the year in 4-H, 3 ring binder with record book sheets in.

Record Books, Project Medals, State Conference Trip & ME Forms

All member record books eligible for County level awards are due to the County 4-H office by Friday, **September 4** at 4:00 pm. Members must have completed 6th grade or above for County Project Medals. All scholarship applicants must turn in record books.

If you have completed grade 7 and are interested in attending the State Youth Conference in Madison in June of 2010, complete the State Conference Trip form. Complete the ME form if you have already attended State Youth Conference and are interested in applying for other trips for 2010.

The State Conference trip form and ME form are available on the county website. All record books, State Conference Trip and ME forms are to be turned in by the Club Organizational Leaders. Please refer to your Awards Handbook for award criteria.

Award Changes for 9th Graders

The 4-H Awards Committee has made a change to the awards available for **9th graders!** If you have completed the 8th grade and have already been awarded the State Youth Conference trip, and think there is no reason to fill out your ME form this year because there is no trip for you - Wrong!!

The Waukesha County Leader's Association has made it possible for you to attend State Youth Conference a second time as an awarded trip. You need to fill out your ME form (the full version) and participate in the ME interviews. This opportunity has been made available to replace the Discover Wisconsin trip that was offered in the past. If you have any questions, please contact me at terrijohnson@wi.rr.com.

Terri Johnson, Awards Committee Co-chair

4-H EVENTS

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4-H Silent Auction

The Leader's Association will again be holding a Silent Auction during the Fair this year.

Please support 4-H by donating gift boxes/baskets, clothing items, craft items, plants, gift certificates/cards, and children items to the Silent Auction. All items should be new and nonperishable. Donated items can be dropped off at the Fair on Monday, July 13 and Tuesday, July 13 between 1 and 7 pm. For more information or to make a donation, see the Silent Auction Donation form online at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/documents/SilentAuctionDonation09.pdf>.

Any one wishing to join the Silent Auction Committee and help at the Silent Auction should call Betty Otter at 262-542-3441.

Milwaukee County 4-H will again be joining us at the Silent Auction Booth. Remember to come see us in the North Hall of the Forum. Bid high and bid often.

Second Annual 4-H Prairie Picnic

Members and families of the Waukesha County 4-H are cordially invited to attend our 2nd Annual 4-H Prairie Picnic at the UW-Waukesha Prairie Field Station on Friday, **June 19**.

Events will include a *dinner cookout*, *guided tour of the prairie*, and educational sessions on *water bugs* and homemade *cleaning products*.

Please click on the flyer link below for additional information: [Prairie Picnic Flyer](#)

If you plan to attend, *PLEASE REMEMBER TO RSVP!* We need to know if enough people are coming so we can hold the event.

Contact Megan by calling (262) 970-4751 or send an email to <mailto:mnikolai@waukeshacounty.gov> by June 17.

Farm Technology Days 2009

I'm looking for musical and drama performers or interesting demonstrations to perform on the Youth Stage at Farm Tech Days, July 21-23, at the Crave Bros. Farm in Waterloo. If you are interested, please contact Phyllis Agnew at 920-474-4349 or pagnew@execpc.com.

Summer Camp

4-H Youth Summer Camp will be held **July 22-25**.

Committee Meeting

Our last meeting before camp is **June 30** - 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting!

New Family Information

All families new to 4-H Camp are encouraged to attend an informative meeting on **June 29** at 7 pm at the County Administration Center in room G55.

4-H Alumni Reunion Social

Come and reminisce with 4-H friends at the 4-H Alumni Reunion Social at the Waukesha County Fair on **July 18** from 11 am to 1 pm. Members, parents and leaders (past or present) are all welcome.

Come and see what is happening in 4-H today on display and at the 4-H Youth in Action and take a walk down Memory lane

4-H NEWS

The Waukesha County 4-H Blog has a Name!

Jayden is the winner of the Waukesha County 4-H's "Name the Blog" contest! After tallying all of the online votes, Jayden's "[The Club Hub](#)" was chosen as the new name for the blog. As thanks for Jayden's creative efforts, she also is the winner of a movie theater gift card! Congratulations!

To explore the blog, visit: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/waukeshaco4h/>

Teddy Bear Patrol Success!

The Waukesha County 4-H would like to extend a big "thank you" to all 4-H members, leaders and community members who helped us collect for the Newsradio 620 WTMJ Teddy Bear Patrol.

This year, community members throughout the region worked together to collect over 10,000 stuffed animals for the drive. Thanks to your generous donations and help, the donation from the Waukesha County 4-H was one of the largest of the year, totaling over 900 stuffed animals! A special "thank you" to 4-Hrs Anne Bast, Nicolas Bast and Dorothy Boxhorn for all their cooperation and help transporting the donations.



Donations were distributed to area emergency response departments for distribution to children in need of comfort during emergency service calls. Let's work to make next year even better!

Visit the [blog](#) to see photos from the event!

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

4-H Adult Volunteer Recognition

Save the date of Sunday, **November 8** for the 4-H Adult Volunteer Recognition. Watch for details in the next Clover Flyer.

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Come & VOLT!

All new leaders must attend a Volunteer Orientation Leader Training (VOLT) before working in 4-H. We will be holding a VOLT at the Fair grounds on Monday, **July 13** at 7 pm. Please call the 4-H Office at 262-548-7774 to sign up.

Volunteer in the 4-H Forum during Fair

Want to learn more about your projects, and help out at the same time? Fair is a very large volunteer organization; it wouldn't be possible without help from wonderful people like you! A bonus is you have an opportunity to learn much from the judges. Please check your schedules and sign up to help. A sign up form is on the 4-H website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/documents/FairVolunteerForm.pdf>.

Thanks bunches,

Jean Kumba

Competitive Exhibits Chairperson (all the exhibits in the Forum)

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ANIMAL SCIENCE

Multi-County Cat Show

A Multi-County 4-H Cat Show will take place on Saturday, **October 3**, at the Sheboygan County Fair Park in Plymouth, WI. For registration go to: <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4h/CurrentProgramsandRegistrations.html>. The entry deadline for the show is September 12. Please call Sheboygan 4-H Cat Project Chairperson, Alice Samse, at (920) 467-1558 with any questions.

Dog Fun Match

Sheboygan County Dog project is hosting a Fun Match on **July 11** and you are invited to join them. For more information and registration forms, please go to the She Sheboygan Dog project web page at: <http://www.uwex.edu/CES/cty/sheboygan/4h/SheboyganCountyDogProject.html>.

Little Britches Showmanship

At County Fair we will again be holding the Little Britches Showmanship Contest during the dairy show on Saturday. Little Britches is open to children from 4-8 years old with the calves, either beef or dairy, less than 2 months old. We do not provide the calves for the children to use. The contest will be during the dairy show at noon. Anyone that has a child that plans on exhibiting in Little Britches should contact Kari Renn at karirenn@sbcglobal.net or (262)367-4427.

All Rabbit Members

Our last Rabbit meeting will be on **July 1** (changed from June 24):

July 1 - 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")

Rabbit Hopping

Our last Rabbit Hopping practice will be on **July 1**, Wednesday in the North Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Come when you can and stay as long as you want.

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

Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Youth Events

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

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

Youth Sweepstakes offered at Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

Youth Sweepstakes is an exciting opportunity for youth who participate during the September 11-13 Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Any youth who enters any of the events listed is automatically entered in and eligible for Sweepstakes awards. Be sure to pay close attention to all rules, regulations and participation schedules within each event.

Events included are: Educational – Jr. Showmanship, Skillathon, Judging Contest, Poster Contest and Lead Line. Exhibits – Jr. Breeding Sheep and Jr. Market Lambs.

Age Divisions are (Age is as of January 1, 2009): Beginners 8-10, Junior 11-13, Intermediate 14-16 and Senior 17-19.

Individuals are encouraged to compete in any and all of the events. Points will be awarded based on participation and placing within each event. Overall sweepstakes points will be determined by a combination of total points from an individual's four highest scores; with no more than two of those scores from exhibiting breeding animals or market lambs.

Cash premiums sponsored by Farm Service Agency will be awarded to the Overall Sweepstakes Winner in each age category. 1st place - \$75, 2nd place - \$50, and 3rd place - \$25. An embroidered award will also be presented by Profiles Embroidery to the highest placing individual in each age division.

Read more about the event [here](#). Please contact Todd Taylor at taylorssheep@yahoo.com.

Swine Pen Set-Up

Swine pen set-up will take place on Monday, **July 13**, at 7 pm in the swine barn on the Fair Expo grounds in Waukesha. All swine project participants should plan to attend. Many hands make for quick work. Please be sure to

bring gloves, and wear boots or shoes. NO SANDALS OR FLIP FLOPS! You may also want to bring water to drink.

Swine Clinic

Following the pen set-up on **July 13**, there will be a swine clinic focusing on showmanship. This clinic will be in a Jeopardy format, and be quick and fun! There will be a sweet treat at the end, so study up! Visit [Riemer Show Pigs](#) (click on Showmanship) or try [Pork @ Purdue](#) for interesting swine info! These are great resources for questions the judge may ask you.

Horse

For the most updated information regarding the Horse Project, please see the Waukesha County 4-H Horse website at www.wc4hhorse.org. Updates will be made on a weekly basis as the 2009 Waukesha County Fair approaches. As of now, here are dates to remember:

June 20 WC4-HHA Circuit Show #3 8:30 am

July 1 Interview Finals for Equine Ambassador Contest (UW-Waukesha Campus), 6 pm.

July 15 MANDATORY - HORSE PROJECT FAIR EXHIBITOR MEETING, 6:30 pm at west riding ring

July 16 Parade of Breeds, Horse Fashion Show and Costume Class, 1-2 pm.

July 16 Judging Contest at the Fair (for those members that signed up), 3-5 pm at west riding ring

July 16 Fun show in west ring, 5 pm to finish

July 17 Riding participation clinics at Fair in east and west rings, 1-3 pm.

July 17 Hippology Contest at the Fair (for those members that signed up), 4-6 pm at the show office

July 19 Deadline to submit 4-H State Show paperwork (show office), 6 pm. (Bring your checkbooks and copy of coggins)

August 9 Waukesha County 4-H Open Horse Show - Waukesha Expo (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin

Youth Leadership Derby

Start your engines! The Youth Leadership Derby is the perfect opportunity for all students ages 15-18 to hone their leadership skills and explore all aspects and opportunities in the dairy industry. With interactive labs, engaging workshops, and show stopping tours, the Youth Leadership Derby is going to be an award-winning, action-packed weekend filled with fun and learning.

This year's Youth Leadership Derby will be November 7-8 at the Milton High School. Youth will experience two dairy tours at Me-Do Meadows and Larson Acres, along with a stop at the world renowned NASCO International Inc. Students will also learn about ruminant digestions, correcting cropping techniques, and effective communication. Other highlights include bovine reproduction, an interactive dairy foods lab, and outstanding communications exercises! Youth will also get a first-hand look at furthering their education in agriculture. A panel that represents the best agriculture and dairy education programs from around the state will be ready and willing to answer questions to help prepare students for success as they make college decisions.

Along with these valuable workshops and learning labs, the Youth Leadership Derby is loaded with networking opportunities and fun activities. All students ages 15-18 are invited. Dairy experience is not necessary!

To register or receive additional information, visit www.pdpw.org or call 800.947.7379

ARTS & COMMUNICATION

Clowning

CLOWN Fair Setup – Saturday, **July 11** – 10:00 am. Debbie Hoeft will need assistance with setting up the clown display for Fair on Saturday morning. It takes only an hour with many hands. All supplies will be at the 4-H Forum East Hall, only hands and bodies are needed. Call Debbie @ 262-549-4989.

CLOWN judging at the Fair – Wednesday, **July 15** – 4:00 pm. Judging will be at **THE EXPO ARENA**. Clown Alley will be open at 3:00 pm and close down between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. Tables for putting on makeup and dressing area will be provided. Parents are asked not to enter Clown Alley. Please make sure to bring ALL supplies and ALL props for judging. ALSO, bring your FAIR TAGS!!!! Questions? Call Debbie @ 262-549-4989.

CLOWN “Meet & Greet” – Saturday, **July 18** – 10 to 11 am at the County Fair. This event is not judged, but a Participation Ribbon will be given to any member participating. Please arrive at the **Youth in Action Stage** at 9:45 am so you can receive instructions. This activity is open to ANY youth in clown costume.

Make it With Wool

The Wisconsin Make It With Wool Contest will be held on Saturday, September 12 as part of the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The contest is open to youth and adults who enjoy sewing, knitting or crocheting, felting or quilting with wool fabric, yarn or fibers.

For information on the Make It With Wool Contest, visit www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com and click on Competitions for all the details. You can also contact MIWW State Director Carol Battenberg for Make It With Wool entry forms at batten2@tds.net or 920-699-2233.

Wisconsin 4-Hers have been very successful in the Make It With Wool Contests on the state and national levels. Make your plans now to join the fun in September!

FAMILY, HOME & HEALTH

Home Food Preservation

Those of you who are doing home food preservation are reminded to make sure the information you are using is up to date. Processing times are reviewed periodically so may have changed from older information booklets. UW Extension has a set of 8 booklets updated in 2008. One or all can be ordered from Cooperative Extension Publishing – call toll free 1-877-947-7827 or the web site: www.learningstore.uwex.edu. The Waukesha County Extension Office has a copy of each which can be photocopied for you for a fee. Another excellent web site is University of Georgia Food Preservation: www.uga.edu/nchfp. You can also purchase *Ball Blue Book* at most hardware stores. www.homecan.com.

If you have food preservation questions you may call Jean Draeger at the UW Extension Office, 262-548-7882.

MECHANICAL SCIENCES

Modelclub News

Greenfield News and Hobby recently named Adam Cochenet their ‘Hobbyist of the Month.’ Read more about Adam’s achievement and view photos of his F-15E Strike Eagle [here](#). Adam recently received a bronze medal at the 2009 Southern California Area Historical Miniatures Society 25th Annual California International Show in the Adult Advanced Ordinance Class. Adam estimates that he spent roughly 150 hours perfecting his F-15E Strike Eagle model. Congratulations Adam!

Model Rocketry

Help!!! Because of changes in the number of activities now being conducted at the Wales Community Park, the availability to use the park for launching rockets has become nearly impossible! Also, starting this fall, they want to charge us \$50 for rental and a \$100 refundable deposit each time we use the park. In order to keep the cost to a minimum (preferably free), I need help in trying to locate a new location to launch rockets. This is done 3 times a year, spring (around Easter), June (Fair launch) and fall (around Halloween). If you know of any possibilities, please contact me. We need roughly the size of 4 football fields (2 long x 2 wide). Thanks for your help. Flash Gordon - 262-544-0405, flash_rescue31@hotmail.com.

Fair Launch

The Fair Launch will be on Sunday, **June 21** starting at noon until at least 3:00 pm at the Wales Community Park south of Wales off of Highway 83. This will be the only opportunity for the Fair Launch. There is no rain date.

Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon at 262-544-0405 or e-mail flash_rescue31@hotmail.com.

NATURAL SCIENCES

Shooting Sports News

The Tri-County 4-H Statewide Invitational Tournament was held on April 3-4, 2009 in Washington County. The following 4-H youth won a medal or ribbon in the competition: David Turner, 2nd Place-Junior Individual,

Compound 3 Aids; Matthew Schroeder, 4th Place-Intermediate Individual Compound 3 Aids; and Matthew Schroeder, David Turner, Melanie Watson and Melissa Watson, 2nd Place-Mixed Teams Archery Team 8-19. Congratulations everyone!

Archery

The county Fair shoots were held at Buck-Rub in Pewaukee and Falls Archery is Jackson. There were 34 participants this year. The final results will be available at the County Fair posted on the Archery Target.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Shooting Sports Leaders for their help during the shoots; Shielah Andersen, Perry Bartkiewicz, Aaron Behnke, Mark Cochenet, Dan Gordon, Nick Niedermann, and Lenny Wegner. I want to also thank Mary Ann Gordon for handling and keeping track of the registrations, as well as the other various parents who helped with the scoring, making the shoot possible. Thanks again to all who helped out.

Rifle

Practices for both .22 rifle and air rifle will be beginning this fall, probably in October and running to April. They will be on Monday nights, at the indoor range at Hillcrest Park (the old Nike Site). Stay tuned for more information!

Shotgun

I would like to thank Mark Lemay for starting up the counties first shotgun practices this year.

Flash Gordon

PLANT & SOIL SCIENCES


State 4-H Plant Science Day


Plan now to be part of the State 4-H Plant Science Day to be held **July 9** at the Hancock Research Station in south-central Wisconsin. Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography and speaking contests. See the Horticulture Contest Study Manual (2002) which is available from your County Extension Office or online from the National Junior Horticultural Association <http://NJHA.org/>. For more details call Chuck Prissel at 715-485-8600.

The event begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. Registration is \$10.00, which includes all materials, handouts, and lunch. Walk-ins are welcome but pre-registration is preferred for lunch and material count. Send no money now, but fill out the registration that can be found at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/4-HPlantScienceDay.cfm> and mail it to: State 4-H Plant Science Day, Polk County UW-Extension Office, 100 Polk Plaza, Suite 210, Balsam Lake, WI 54810. Registration Deadline is **June 25**.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS – My World

The July/August “My World” focus is a review of how some 4-H Clubs explored their world:

 **Clever Clovers 4-H Club** – We had an international speaker address our club at our January meeting and held our monthly meeting in the back area of the Chocolate Factory in Oconomowoc. Maikel Ooms from Holland, who is an exchange student at Arrowhead High School, told us about his country. We learned about the subtle differences between the Netherlands and Holland and also that the word Dutch is similar to Deutsch (German). Club members had many questions for him. Biking is very popular there because there are no hills! In April, senior member Melissa Watson led us in an Earth Day presentation showing us the differences between alternative energies and the impact of that on our world. She presented a PowerPoint and answered members’ questions. Our actions do impact our world. Good job, Melissa!

 **Cooney Clover 4-H Club** – The club held an international evening at its meeting in January. Most families in the club gave a short presentation on their country of origin. Many of the members had displays of German culture. Some brought baked goods, ethnic clothing, books and beer steins. A family exhibited Scottish attire and talked about Scottish customs, some of these included: Wellington boots, a Kilt & 'Nessie' (Lock ness monster). Another family displayed some Croatian items, and talked about their home country. We all enjoyed sampling the foods from different countries, especially the Rosettes from Scandinavia. Another interesting display was a land grant signed by President Zachary Taylor, which has been passed down with the family farm for seven generations!

We also enjoyed hearing of a member's trip to Europe with the People to People organization. Overall, the meeting was a lot of fun and we learned many things about other countries that we didn't know.

🌍 Minooka 4-H Club – For the political focus we held mock elections with voting booths and ballots, incorporated the voting booths ballots into our officer elections at year end. For geographical, we had a cookie exchange using cookie recipes from different countries and Christmas gifts to needy children in Guatemala. For environmental, we cleaned up the school grounds where we have our meetings and each family was given an evergreen tree from Nature's Nook to plant in their yards. For SET we had presentations by members emphasizing this topic.

🌍 Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club – We had an exciting foreign pot luck. Each family picked a country from a hat and had to make a dish from that country and tell about it, the agriculture, traditions, government and anything else of interest. It was quite a learning experience!

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 UW Extension Office.

4 Leaf 4-H Club

The club held its last meeting before the Fair in May. The club worked with a brush dump as a community service project on May 16. Volunteers signed up for one-hour shifts to work. The club also practiced for the Fair with a “mock Fair judging” activity. Club activities for the month included bowling and a cookout. Congratulations to Riley Turinske, who won the scholarship for summer camp.

Brookfield Blazers 4-H Club

The Brookfield Blazers had an "Around the World" New Year's celebration in January and participated in the "Kids Against Hunger" day. During the February meeting a representative from the Waukesha County Recycle Center came and spoke with our group. In March, we had club demonstration night and went to the waterpark at Country Springs Hotel. At the April meeting, we decorated plastic eggs and filled them with candy, then gave them to Meals on Wheels.

LaTEENo 4-H Club

The dancers from the LaTEENo 4-H club performed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Waukesha on May 31. The group put on a great performance in front of over 200 people. Way to go! Congratulations also goes out to Jose Palacios and Christian Beiza Both play on a soccer team that recently won first place at tournaments in Madison and Illinois. Club member Emiliano Campos was recently nominated for the People's Program at UW-Madison. Emiliano plans to keep up his grades to complete the program during high school, and eventually enter UW-Madison on a full-ride scholarship.

Minooka 4-H Club

The club held elections for its 2009-10 officers during the general meeting in June. We are also continuing to collect teddy bears for kids for alumni Dawn Smith-Lewis. We are looking forward to going to camp at Upham Woods with the theme of “Under the Sea.”

Have you heard the saying, “Can you dig it?” Well, our 4-Hers can say “yes!” Forty-one of us received a free tree for Earth Day. Trees were planted in our yards at home. As you can see by the photo, we were all very excited to get home and plant our trees.



Washington 4-H Club

The May club meeting took place at Washington School and included officer elections and the Curtain Call play presentation.

WAUKESHA COUNTY FAIR

Waukesha County Fair Website

The Fair has launched its 2009 website; please check it out at www.waukeshacountyfair.com!

4-H Fair Calendar Overview

July 11 Forum set up for fair; Competitive Exhibits equipment repair & painting

July 12 Competitive Exhibits equipment repair & painting- Forum, Open Photo room & North Hall

July 12 Kitchen Foodstand set-up

July 12 Dog Show Forum, South & East Halls

July 13 Rabbit Hopping, East Hall

July 13 Cloverbuds, Department 218 judging

July 13 Pen set up for swine exhibitors

July 14 Face to Face Judging: Depts. 210, 214, 215, 216, 218, 220, 221, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 330, 340.

Please check Waukesha County Fair website for more info <http://www.waukeshacountyfair.com>/ Click on 'The Scoop' NOT 'Enter here' to read updates

July 15 Fair Opens 3 pm

July 15 Clown judging

July 16 Beef, Rabbit, Poultry, Sheep, Swine Judging

July 17 Goat, Poultry, Hippology Judging

July 18 4-H Alumni Reunion Social, 11 am

July 19 Exhibit Release, 7 pm

Youth in Action Stage

Any member who wishes to perform a solo, demonstration, group act or other entertainment during Fair may schedule a performance by calling Sandee Gross, 262-547-7425. Those that will be participating through a County Fair exhibit will be notified by mail/email when scheduled to perform.

The stage is open Wednesday – Sunday, from 2-8 pm.

Come join us to show off your talents and 4-H spirit. Remember, if you signed up for this on your Fair registration, you must participate to receive your premium! If you are dancing, singing, playing piano or repeating a demo from Demo Day, you will not be critiqued.

All members are encouraged to consider Action Demonstrations. These would be actually making an item and explaining what you are doing while you are doing it. Examples: Decorate a cake in the foods area; put together a model in the models area, etc. These would be critiqued and would promote 4-H projects at the same time. These would not be done on the Action Stage but rather in the project display areas.

Fairest of the Fair

It's that time of year again! The Fair is just around the corner and we are looking for anyone 18 and older who is interested in running for the Fairest of the Fair. This is a great opportunity to represent the Waukesha County Fair and its' many years of history. The Fairest of the Fair participates in parades, attends county functions and speaks at community engagements and clubs.

Entry applications can be obtained by calling Sherry Black at 262-544-5922, or by emailing the Fair office at waukfair@bizwi.rr.com. Deadline for entries is **July 1**. We hope that you consider this great opportunity!

4-H Alumni Reunion Social

Come and reminisce with 4-H friends at the 4-H Alumni Reunion Social at the Waukesha County Fair on **July 18** from 11 am to 1 pm. Members, parents and leaders (past or present) are all welcome.

Come and see what is happening in 4-H today on display and at the 4-H Youth in Action and take a walk down Memory lane

Things to Know About County Fair Judging

You've entered the County Fair and now you have your exhibitor tags. Perhaps you're wondering what to do next. Hopefully, the following information will help you prepare for County Fair.

Preparing for Face to Face Judging

To help prepare for face to face judging, the 4-H member should be able to answer questions like:

- What was the most important thing you learned as you worked toward this goal?
- How did you go about working towards your goal?
- What ideas or plan do you have for the future, based on what you have learned or discovered?

As you work with your 4-Her, you might want to have them role-play the judging experience.

Criteria used by Judges

It is important to consider three major criteria used by judges:

1. The Learning Involved
2. Workmanship and Techniques
3. General Appearance

The judge should use the appropriate standards in each category that relates to the 4-Her's goal and exhibit.

What the Ribbon Colors Mean

While at the Fair, exhibits are awarded a ribbon placing. Think of the placement this way:

Blue – Very Good Work

Red – Above Average Work

White – Average work

Pink – Needs Improvement

Yellow (Award of Merit)—represents a standard of perfection, unique quality or special technique.

Purple (Grand Champion) – honors the single most outstanding entry in a class or department.

Red, White and Blue (State Fair Rosette) –Sponsored by Farm & Fleet and identifies exhibits selected to be shown at State Fair.

The color of the ribbon should not be considered more important than the experiences and skills the member gains from being in 4-H.

Self-Determined Judging

If you enrolled in a self-determined project, check your Fair-book for judging day information. All self-determined entries will be judged in their respective related area.

For Example: If you enrolled in a Self-Determined Arts & Communications project, your entry will be judged on Monday, along with the Arts & Crafts. If you enrolled in a Self-Determined Mechanical Science project, your entry will be judged on Tuesday, with either Electricity, Woodworking, etc., whichever area is the closest to your Self-Determined project.

What to Do on Judging Day

Step 1: If you don't have your entry tags, get them from your club leader prior to judging or at the Fair office trailer on judging day. Attach all your entry tags to your exhibits.

Step 2: Remove your claim checks from each entry tag. **Write a description on the back of the claim check that will help you identify the item at pick up time.** Keep all your claim checks together in a safe place, such as an envelope (labeled for each child,) in Mom's purse, or in the glove box of the car, where you can find them on Sunday night for exhibit release.

Step 3: Take your exhibits to the proper areas for judging. Check informational posters for the exact location. After judging, entries are put in place for exhibit and through Fair.

Step 4: Wait at a judging station until your number is called. Your station number reserves your place. You don't need to wait in line to stay in order. When a judge is ready, and your number is next for the station you are waiting for, you will be called next.

Step 5: For face -to-face judging entries, check your exhibit(s) in with the clerk in the judging department's judging area. For animal judging, check your animal(s) in at the designated area and return at judging times.

Exhibit Release Procedure

All exhibits must be picked up Sunday, July 19 after 7 pm. Pick up prior to 7 pm results in forfeiture of premium money. Forum exhibitors will be allowed in the Forum building shortly after 7 pm, once the building has been cleared of visitors.

Exhibitors are asked to line up OUTSIDE the building at Doorway #1* to await Exhibit Release. After the Fair Office has made the 7 pm closing announcement over the public address system, Competitive Exhibits volunteers will clear the Forum building of all visitors and exhibitors. Once the building is cleared, exhibitors will be admitted through Doorway #1, with one line going left to East Hall, one line to South Hall, and one line to North Hall to retrieve their items. Exhibitors may travel among the halls freely as needed. Exhibitors arriving after the lines have been admitted will be able to enter with no additional waiting.

Exhibitors should have their claim stubs organized to be matched and collected within each department. Anyone missing claim stubs will be asked for identification information to be recorded by the superintendent or their helpers.

After you get your articles safely in your cars, please remember to offer your help in the exhibit areas with taking down equipment and packing things up for storage. Many, many of you are already doing this, and it is very much appreciated! Thank you!!

Superintendents and their listed helpers are asked to remain in the building at 7 pm to prepare for exhibit release. Exhibit areas will be roped off to limit access through entry points *by department*. Each department reserves the right to limit the number of exhibitors allowed in the area at one time, at the discretion of the department superintendents.

(* In the event of rain, line up under the tents south of the Forum, and enter through doors 12, 14, and 16 when the building has been cleared. Signs will be posted. Do not line up under the tents if lightning is likely!)

That Judge at The Fair Wasn't Fair!

During or after the County Fair and State Fair people often want to know how judges get to be judges and who selects them to be a judge. To be a judge at fairs in Wisconsin, the person must be licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. A person must submit a written application listing their qualification along with letters of recommendation. There are 34 departments and the applicant must state which department they feel qualified to judge. If the application is accepted, a license is issued listing those departments. Lists of qualified judges are sent to all Wisconsin County Fairs and the State Fair. The fair organizers then contact the judge with an offer and if accepted, a contract is signed by both the fair and the judge. Judges are paid by the fair organization.

Many animal breed associations also sanction judges for their own organization. In that case, a judge would be licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and the animal breed association, but they would be paid by the fair organizers. Judges at shows that are organized by the breed association outside of a state or county fair would not necessarily have to have a Wisconsin Department of Agriculture license.

Fairs usually try to rotate judges periodically so that participants have experience with different judges. Judges try to be as objective as possible, but it is impossible not to have some personal preferences that influence decisions.

Department Superintendents are responsible for letting a judge know whether the judging will be "face to face", Danish (which means that a certain number of "placings" are allotted to each category) as well as champions, merits etc. Each fair can be somewhat different.

In 4-H judging, what the member has learned and how they can present that information is part of the placement while open classes are judged without knowing who the participants are and so are judged against a "perfect" for the item or animal.

Jean Draeger, a Nutrition Program Educator here in Waukesha County and a lady with much experience judging at fairs, was kind enough to write this article for the Clover Flyer.

COUNTY FAIR 4-H VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer in the 4-H Forum during Fair

Want to learn more about your projects, and help out at the same time? Fair is a very large volunteer organization; it wouldn't be possible without help from wonderful people like you! A bonus is you have an opportunity to learn much from the judges. Please check your schedules and sign up to help. A sign up form is on the 4-H website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/documents/FairVolunteerForm.pdf>.

Thanks bunches,

Jean Kumba

Competitive Exhibits Chairperson (all the exhibits in the Forum)

Sunday, July 19 After Exhibit Release - Take down help needed

Some areas of the Forum building that need helping hands:

- Bring silver cow into North Hall
- Bring white Exhibit Hall sign into South Hall.
- Remove magnetic signs from Forum doors and bring into South Hall (Any Kitchen Committee signs go to Kitchen)
- Bring green bushel-basket flower containers inside the Forum, East Hall
- Help take down big, brown two-tier tables (Wally tables) and stack them on pallets
- Help Open Division Foods store their riser boxes into the big crate.
- Take down any fundraiser or sponsorship signs, and bring them into South Hall
- Clear any Fair items from the center hallways, and bring them into South Hall
- Collect crowd-control posts and roping. String some on quilt rack, put the rest on pallets
- Wrap up Fair mural (East Hall)
- Wrap up mural of cows (East Hall)
- Other areas will appreciate your help too! Ask the superintendents in your exhibit areas if they need help, please.
- We have to have everything packed up and ready for Expo to move before we go home Sunday night. Help out as much as you can! Thanks!

Thanks so much everyone! I have really enjoyed serving on the Fair Board these past three years, and look forward to enjoying my last year on the Fair Board with you this Fair! Have a great Fair!

Jean Kumba, Competitive Exhibits chairperson

WAUKESHA STATE FAIR

Wisconsin State Fair

The Wisconsin State Fair will run August 6-16. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.wistatefair.com/>.

Wisconsin State Fair Update

New this year: Counties are limited to two tri-folds/poster displays. This means that only two tri-folds/poster displays will be chosen from the Waukesha County Fair to go to State Fair.

4-H FUNDRAISERS

The Sixth Annual Moo-la-palooza is coming to Muskego!

For the first time ever, the Cousins Subs Moo Team is scouring the state for the best moo-ers! The Moo-Mobile will stop at 10 Wisconsin locations this summer to qualify the most creative and loudest moo-ers for Moo-la-palooza® at the Wisconsin State Fair.

Have you got what it takes to win this world famous moo-ing contest? Come to the Muskego Car Show on June 26, from 4 to 8 pm to compete and show off your moo-ing talents! Moo Tour contestants can win free Cousins subs, Wisconsin State Fair tickets and more.



Cousins Subs is dedicated to supporting the more than 100,000 4-H youth throughout Wisconsin. They will be contributing \$20 for every contestant in this year's mooing contest.

Go to <http://www.cousinssubs.com/moo/> for more information.

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

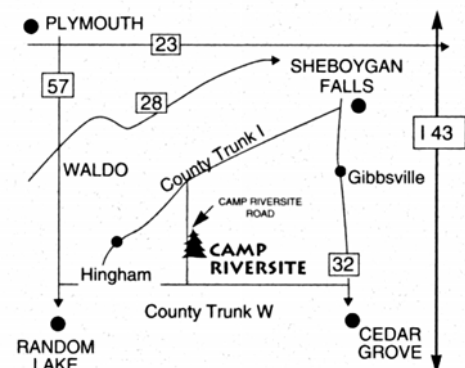
Captain Planet Foundation Grants

The Captain Planet Foundation is accepting applications for funding projects that help students better grasp environmental issues. Projects must promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on activities, involve students ages 6 to 18, promote interaction and cooperation within a group, help young people develop planning and problem-solving skills, include adult supervision, and commit to follow-up communication with the Foundation. Visit the Captain Planet Foundation Grants website at <http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/Default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply> for more information. Deadlines are March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31(annually).

Message from Sheboygan County 4-H

Sheboygan County 4-H would like to invite you to the "Enchanted Forest." This event will be held on Saturday, October 24, at Camp Riversite in Hingham from 1-3 pm. (See map)

The Enchanted Forest consists of various Sheboygan County 4-H clubs who perform nursery rhyme or fairy tale skits throughout the nature trail that leads through the woods. Each club hands out Trick or Treat candy after their skit is finished. Other events around the grounds include hay rides, pumpkin bowling, games, face painting, pumpkin pleaser contest, button making and other craft tables. There's something for everyone!



Admission is a donation of a non-perishable food item. Monetary donations are also accepted. These contributions are divided among three area food pantries.

Our Enchanted Forest is promoted as a safe and unscary Halloween. Everyone is invited to dress up in their favorite Halloween costume and trick or treat with us.

Our Camp Riversite Committee is in charge of the concession stand. The menu includes hot dogs, soda, chips and homemade baked goods.

Please come and enjoy this wonderful event. Mark your calendars and come stroll through the “Enchanted Forest.” If you have any questions, please call the Sheboygan County UW-Extension Office at (920) 459-5900.

Blockbuster Gift Card - Somewhere within this issue of the Clover Flyer are three jokes (riddles). Find them and e-mail Megan the answers at mnikolai@waukeshacounty.gov to be entered into a drawing for a Blockbuster gift card! Deadline for entries is July 10.