

“The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.” – Dorothy Parker

Dear Waukesha County 4-H Families,

By now most of the youth will have decided what they are showing at the Fair. What you choose to show will determine your 4-H experiences this year. I wish you all the best! Please remember that March 1st is the last date for add and drop project information to reach the office through the club Organizational Leader.

Looking at what I just typed, the word ‘choose’ jumps out at me. The freedom to choose is so very dear to all human beings. We will make mistakes but we will not easily give up the option to choose what we want to do! Revel in the freedom to choose! On the lighter side, there is an old Latin saying (rendered politically correct) that claims: “A fool never learns, a clever person learns from his/her mistakes and the wise person learns from the mistakes of others.”

We are excited that the Fair Board has decided to let Milwaukee County join us for this year’s Fair. It will be a chance for us to make more friends in our neighboring county. The Fair Board, Waukesha County’s Key Leaders, Milwaukee County’s 4-H Program Assistant, Angela Houk and I are working closely to make this collaboration a positive experience for all.

Club Leaders, please remember that March 5th is our meeting with Shari Black, the Waukesha County Fair Board Executive Director. She will be going over the revised rules for the Fair, handing out the Fair entry forms and the new Fairbook. Please have one leader from every club in attendance at the meeting.

Best wishes,

Maria Habib

Waukesha County 4-H Youth Educator

Dear 4-H Friends and Families,

The 2008 4-H year is off and under way. This year brings some new changes to Waukesha County 4-H and the Executive Board. There are new officers, and 3 new District Representatives. As the new President, let me introduce myself. My name is Flash Gordon. I have been on the Executive Board for the past 3 years, 2 as the Dousman District Rep and currently as Director at Large. I am currently a Waukesha County Key Leader in Model Rocketry, Model Railroad, and the Shooting Sports Programs. I belong to the Zion 4-H along with my wife Mary Ann and son Dan who is a senior at Waukesha North.

Some of the new changes to Waukesha County 4-H this year is the merger of the old New Berlin District into the Sussex and Muskego Districts. Along with this change, was the re-naming of the Districts to give it a more of a “Geographical” versus a “City” location. Thus Hartland becomes NORTHWEST, Sussex becomes NORTHEAST, Dousman becomes WEST, Waukesha becomes CENTRAL, Mukwonago becomes SOUTHWEST, and Muskego becomes SOUTHEAST.

This year has also brought the formation of two NEW clubs, Canterng Clovers and the LaTEENo Leadership club. They were welcomed as new additions to the Waukesha County 4-H program at Family Fun Night.

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.

Flash Gordon

2008 4-H Executive Board President

WEBSITES/EMAILS OF INTEREST

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| Waukesha County 4-H | http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/index4h.html |
| Waukesha County Fair | http://www.waukeshacountyfair.com/pages/contact.htm |
| Wisconsin State Fair | http://wistatefair.com/static/sf2 |
| Maria Habib | mailto:mhabib@waukeshacounty.gov |
| Lisa Boyer, 4-H Secretary | mailto:lboyer@waukeshacounty.gov |
| Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development | http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/ |

Waukesha County UWEX 4-H, 1320 Pewaukee Rd, RM G-22, Waukesha, WI 53188
4-H Educator - 262-548-7784; 4-H Secretary - 262-548-7774; Fax - 262-548-7787

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MAR

- 1 **LAST DAY FOR PROJECT CHANGES**
- 1 Project Day
- 1 4-H Artbeat! Applications due
- 4 4-H Horse Association Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, N056, 7 pm
- 5 4-H Club Leader/Waukesha County Fair Mtg, CAC, G55-59, 7 pm
- 8 Basketry Mtg, Marilyn Anderson's home, 10 am
- 12 Shooting Sports Leader Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm C158, 7 pm
- 13 Clown Workshop, UW Waukesha, N045, 6:30 pm
- 15 4-H Basketball Tournament, Waynz World
- 15 Demo Day, Waynz World
- 15 Modelclub Special Train Building Mtg, Greenfield News and Hobby
- 15 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl
- 17 4-H Finance Committee Mtg, CAC, G55-59, 7 pm
- 18 4-H Goat Mtg, CAC, 7 pm
- 18 4-H Kitchen Committee Mtg, CAC, 355-59, 7 pm
- 18 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee, 7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC
- 19 Model Rocketry Mtg/Make It Take It, UW-Waukesha, Rm F006, 7 pm
- 19 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum Building, North Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Promotion Committee Mtg, CAC, G55-59, 7 pm
- 24 Countywide Photography Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm C101
- 28-29 4-H Artbeat!
- 31 Awards Committee Mtg, CAC, Rm G55-59, 7 pm
- 31 Pork and Meat Animal Quality Assurance Training

APRIL

- 12 Basketry Mtg, Marilyn Anderson's home, 10 am
- 14 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee, 7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC
- 15 4-H Goat Mtg, CAC, 7 pm
- 16 Model Rocketry, UW-Waukesha, Rm F006, 7 pm
- 19 Modelclub Mtg, Greenfield News

APRIL, continued

- 21 4-H Finance Committee Mtg, CAC, G55-59, 7 pm
- 22 4-H Kitchen Committee Mtg, CAC, 355-59, 7 pm
- 22 Countywide Photography Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm N127

MAY

- 10 Basketry Mtg, Marilyn Anderson's home, 10 am
- 12 Countywide Photography Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm N054
- 12 Promotion Committee Mtg, CAC, G55-59, 7 pm
- 14 Model Rocketry, UW-Waukesha, Rm F006, 7 pm
- 17 Modelclub Mtg, Greenfield News
- 19 4-H Finance Committee Mtg, CAC, G55-59, 7 pm
- 20 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee, 7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC
- 27 4-H Endowment Fund Mtg, CAC, G23, 7 pm
- 27 4-H Kitchen Committee Mtg, CAC, 355-59, 7 pm

JUNE

- 11 Model Rocketry Mtg/Launch Info, UW-Waukesha, Rm F006, 7 pm
- 14 Basketry Mtg, Marilyn Anderson's home, 10 am
- 16 State Fair Animal Registration, CAC, Rm. 255-59, 3-7 pm
- 16 4-H Finance Committee Mtg, CAC, G55-59, 7 pm
- 17 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee, 7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC
- 18 Promotion Committee Mtg, CAC, G55-59, 7 pm
- 21 Model Rocketry Fair Launch, Wales Park, 10 am
- 28 Style Revue
- 28 Rain Date - Model Rocketry Fair Launch, Wales Park, 10 am

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

- July 6-9, 2008 – 4-H Youth Camp, Upham Woods
- July 16-20, 2008 – Waukesha County Fair
- July 31-August 10 – State Fair

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to New 4-H Families

Welcome to all the new 4-H families! 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. The 4-H language is in a world all it's own and we know it. That's why we publish a Family Handbook that has definitions (which can also be found on the website)!! Remember, there are no dumb questions.

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 published on or before the first of the other months as needed. For updates, forms and other information, check our Website <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/index.html>.

Use of 4-H E-mail Lists

Club Leaders and Project Leaders: Just as a reminder, please do not use the 4-H member e-mail lists that you have for personal announcements or for advertising one's business. Use of e-mail lists received from the 4-H office are restricted to 4-H business only.

Waukesha County 4-H Diaper Drive

The Waukesha County 4-H Promotion Committee is sponsoring an all-county Diaper Drive. Diapers will be distributed to the Waukesha County Food Pantry or other county community pantries.

Quoted from an ad that appeared in the Waukesha Freeman. "Food stamps and government agencies don't cover the cost of hygienic products, like diapers. But that doesn't mean there isn't a need. In fact, 5,339 people walk through Food Pantry of Waukesha County doors every month asking for assistance, including diapers and other baby needs. Many of them may be your friends and neighbors. Like the family next door who just brought home a new baby—and lost a job.

Food Pantry of Waukesha County provides food to hungry people in our community. But they also provide necessities like personal hygiene items, diapers, formula and more. It's more than food; it's someone to lift people up when the road isn't easy. It's knowing that "community" is just another word for family."

Your club or family can participate by providing diapers, all sizes are appreciated, but larger sizes are greatly needed. Drop off points are at Project Day on **March 1** and Basketball/Demo Day **March 15**.

Contact Sandee Gross, Chairperson of Promotion Committee, 262-547-7425 or sgross@wi.rr.com.

4-H Awards

The Higher Awards for 2007 are:

- Danforth Award: Melissa Phillips and Megan Johnson
- Key Award: Melissa Phillips, Megan Johnson, Daniel Gordon, Jacob Pawley, Yvonne King
- National Conference: Shannon Sattler, Megan Johnson
- National Congress: Evan Bremberger, Mary Kuenzi
- Leadership Camp: Shannon Sattler, Kevin Hoeft.
- Citizenship Washington Focus Trip: Megan Johnson, Daniel Gordon, Rachel Gerdes, Erica Spiegelberg, Lisa Hamann, Jacob Pawley, Amanda Marheine.

Congratulations to all!

VOLUNTEERS

Come & VOLT!

The last Volunteer Orientation Leader Trainings will take place on **February 28** at **UW Waukesha** in room S108 at 7 pm. All new leaders **must** attend one of these trainings before working with children. Call the 4-H Office at 262-548-7774 to register.

4-H EVENTS

Basketball Tournament

The Basketball Tournament will be held at Waynz World at S68 W22665 National Ave., Big Bend on **Saturday, March 15**, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Demo Day

Demo Day will be held in conjunction with the Basketball Tournament at Waynz World on **March 15**.

Curtain Call

Curtain call was held on February 2. This year's 2008 State Fair picks are: "Old Mother Hubbard" presented by Mucky 4-H and "the Adventures of Jess Sanderson, Girl Scout and Her Rescue Dog Crispy" presented by Green' N Growing. The club chosen for alternate consideration to the State Fair was Phantom Clovers with their skit "So You Think You Can Rap!" Falls Busy Beavers presented "Giraffes Can't Dance", Minooka presented "Whatever Happened to Ebenezer Scrooge", New Berlin presented "A Visit to the Doctor." All were Blue Ribbon performances!

4-H Summer Camp

Do you want to meet new friends, have fun, explore the forest, hills and caves of Upham Woods, near Wisconsin Dells? Then join other 4-H members coming to Waukesha County 4-H Summer Camps. 4-H Summer Camp is open to all 4-H members age 9 years old (or completed 3rd grade) to 19 years old. Junior Camp is open to members 9 years old to 13 years old; Wilderness Camp is open to members 12 to 15 years old; and Senior Camp is open to members 14 years old and older.

Junior and Wilderness Camp will be held **July 6- July 9, 2008** at Camp Upham Woods. At Junior and Wilderness Camp, there is swimming, boating, canoeing, archery, volleyball and crafts. Evening campfires, songs, skits and a special theme program complete the day. At Wilderness Camp, there is tenting, making your own food, and having a rustic camping experience.

Senior Camp will be a camping trip at Wyalusing State Park. Enjoy canoeing, swimming, making your own meals and great times spent with 4-H friends from Waukesha County. Watch for further details on the dates of Senior Camp. Senior Camp is open to 4-H members 14 years old and older.

4-H Summer Camps are directed by teams of volunteer adult & youth 4-H leaders and by Maria Habib, the UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator.

The Camp meeting dates are:

March 18 – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

April 14 – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

May 20 – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

June 17 – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

FUNDRAISERS

4-H Annual Fundraiser - Raffle

Raffle tickets will be distributed to all 4-H clubs at the Basketball tournament on **March 15**. Each club must register a club raffle ticket coordinator with the County Fundraiser Committee. If your club has not registered, please do so as soon as possible to Sandee Gross at sgross@wi.rr.com or the 4-H Office.

Last Year's Raffle Fundraiser Rewards

Congratulations to the following four families who received \$25 for selling the most tickets during the 2007 Fundraiser.

Collins Family is from Center Oak

Gerdes Family is from Minooka

Husslein Family is from Braveland

Hebbe Family is from Washington

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 add the Waukesha County 4-H program to your list of designated agencies. 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 at 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.

McDonald’s Receipts

Keep saving those receipts from southeast Wisconsin McDonald’s restaurants. Keep a bag in your glove box of the family cars to collect receipts and drop them off whenever you see the brightly colored (green w/polka dots) receipt box or turn them in to your club leaders. Look for the McDonald’s receipt box at Demo Day/Basketball Tournament, Style Review, Fair Set up and Judging, and in the 4-H office. You may also give receipts to Maria at Executive Board meetings or Jackie at Camp Staff or Kitchen Committee meetings. Thanks bunches!

WAUKESHA COUNTY FAIR

4-H Club Leader Fair Meeting

All materials needed to sign up for the 2008 Waukesha County Fair will be handed out to all general leaders on **March 5** which begin at 7 pm.

Overnight Camping for Livestock Exhibitors at Fairgrounds

Any youth livestock exhibitor who is interested in overnight camping privileges during the Waukesha County Fair must attend a mandatory informational meeting **Monday, April 14** at 7:00 pm in the 4-H Forum on the Expo Grounds. If the livestock exhibitor is unable to attend, a responsible family member may serve as their representative. All the necessary forms and permission slips distributed at this meeting only will require the signature of either the youth exhibitor or their family representative. **FAILURE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WILL FORFEIT ANY OVERNIGHT CAMPING PRIVILEGES DURING THE FAIR.** Only exhibitors of dairy, beef, goats, horses, sheep and swine are allowed to stay over.

Beef Exhibitors

You must call or email the Fair Office by **March 15** to register your steers for the 2008 Waukesha County Fair. The following information is required; Exhibitor Name, Club, address, phone number, breed of steers to be exhibited. You may tag a maximum of three (3) steers. Once this information is received you will receive tags in the mail. You must have these tags placed in your steers ear and take a picture. The picture must then be sent to the Fair Office by

mail or email by **May 1st**. Waukesha County Fair Attn: Shari Black 2417 Silvernail Road Pewaukee, WI 53072
waukfair@bizwi.rr.com 262-544-5922.

Waukesha County Fair Livestock Auction Participants -- 2007-2008 Year Announcement

Plans are underway for the 2007 - 2008 year in regards to the County Fair Livestock Auctions. The County Fair Livestock committee requires all exhibitors that intend to sell in the small and large livestock auctions to attend and participate in this PQA/MAQA session. (PQA = Pork Quality Assurance and is mandated for all swine producers. MAQA = Meat Animal Quality Assurance is required by the Waukesha County Fair Livestock Committee). The PQA/MAQA session is being planned for **Monday, March 31, 2008** at the Waukesha County Expo Center - 4-H Forum Bldg in the evening. (Watch for official time announcement).

All youth selling in the auction are producers and must adhere to good production practices. Therefore all youth who are in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, rabbits and poultry projects who plan on being in the 2008 County Fair Auctions must be in attendance. If you cannot attend this session, you must make arrangements to attend a session in one of the neighboring counties.

Parents, leaders and interested others are welcomed to attend. If there are questions, please contact Kevin Konkol via the Waukesha County Fair.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

State Fair Animal Registration

Animal registration for the State Fair will be on **June 16**, from 3:00-7:00 pm. A reminder that all animals-dairy, beef, goats, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbits need to be registered for State Fair through Waukesha County. Anyone is eligible to register their animal. Quotas apply only for top dairy exhibits. Watch the Clover Flyer for more details.

2008 Badger Dairy Camp

Badger Dairy Camp is summer youth activity camp that focuses on fitting and showing of dairy cattle, judging, and dairy science related workshops. This year's camp will be **June 15-17** at the UW-Madison Campus. Camp is for youth between the ages of 12-18. For registration or more information go to: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth/bdcamp.html>

"Buy Wisconsin First" Swine Directory Available

Wisconsin Pork Association's Quality Seedstock Committee would like to announce that the "2008 Buy Wisconsin First" Directory will be available in early March. This directory features Wisconsin Seedstock and show pig producers. The directory was printed to highlight the top quality show pigs and breeding stock available here in the state.

The directory also has tips on showmanship, information on Pork Quality Assurance Plus, as well as some helpful hints when it comes to selecting a show pig.

The directory is free of charge. If you are interested in receiving a directory please call the WPA office at 800-822-7675 or email us at wppa@wppa.org.

COMMUNICATION & CULTURAL ARTS

4-H Art-Beat

It's time to break out to the new beat! The 4-H Artbeat that is! Created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders, 4-H Artbeat! is the new introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! Scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29, 2008**, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods, the weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more! Also on the program will be a special "surprise" performance by one of Wisconsin 4-H's most acclaimed performers!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of

sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sights throughout camp, including outdoors. Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on cabin hill. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm.

The \$40.00 dollar fee will include all materials and supplies, special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your county for some genuine 4-H bonding time?

Come join the excitement of this brand new opportunity available to some of our youngest (and often most enthusiastic!) 4-H members!

Registration Deadline: **March 1**. For an application go to: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/4-HArtBeat.cfm>

Basketry

Do you want to learn how to weave a basket or learn a new weaving technique? Learn from experienced basket weavers who have been teaching 4-H kids for many years. Classes will be the 2nd Saturday of each month (March thru June) at 10 am at Marilyn Anderson's home. If you have any questions or need directions, please call either Marilyn Anderson at 262-542-4787 or Diana Craft at 262-547-8179.

If you plan to show at the Fair, be sure to have your leader add Basketry (project 346) to your project list!

Clowning

The Clowning project is countywide so everyone is invited to sign up and join us. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm at the UW-Waukesha Campus.

For more information on clowning, call Mary Rose Kuenzi at 262-547-2428 or Chris Calvert at 262-968-4216.

County-wide Quilting / Knitting / Crocheting

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the countywide Quilting, Knitting and Crocheting meetings scheduled for March and possibly April have been cancelled.

Photography

The next County Photography meeting will be **Monday, March 24** UW Waukesha in Room C101 (must bring cameras to this session) from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Other scheduled meetings are:

- **Tuesday, April 22** Room N127
- **Monday, May 12** Room N054

Style Revue

Style Revue will be held on **June 28**. Watch the upcoming Clover Flyer or One Liner for more details.

MECHANICAL SCIENCES

FIRST Lego League (FLL) Membership Openings for the 2008 Season

We will be forming two new First Lego League teams this fall. If you would like to be a member of this project, please contact Maria Habib by e-mailing her at mhabib@waukeshacounty.gov. A team consists of up to 10 youth ages 9-14. The theme for the 2008 challenge is Climate Connections. Team members will be asked to help cover registration charges with FIRST and at the Regional level. The amount to be contributed will depend on whether the team is sponsored and the amount that the team sponsor (GE or Rockwell) covers.

Our teams from last year, the Dread Reckoners and the Solar Revenge, did an excellent job and are ready for the 2008 season. Contact Maria if you want to re-enroll.

For more information on First Lego League, go to <http://www.usfirst.org/what/fll/default.aspx?id=390>.

FIRST Lego League Coaches Needed

Do you work at GE or Rockwell? Please consider volunteering as a coach for the 4-H FLL teams. Both these organizations will sponsor teams that are coached by their employees. This is an enormous help to the youth, as this is an extremely expensive project . . . the cost of a season for new team can run up to a thousand dollars. You do not have to be the only coach to obtain sponsorship for a team. You will also have a great time! We promise.

Model Rocketry

PLEASE NOTE: All model rocketry meetings are now at the UW-Waukesha in the Field House, Room F-006 (as you enter the doors off of the parking lot, the room is down the hallway to your left).

Model Rocketry will be having its upcoming meeting on **Wednesday, March 19th**, 7:00 pm which will be our Make-it/Take-it. Bring your rocket to work on and any questions you might have. Schedule of events for the year will be handed out at the meeting. The meetings for the rest of the year will be Wednesday's **April 16, May 14, and June 11**. Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon at 262-544-0405 or e-mail flash_rescue31@hotmail.com.

Shooting Sports

There will be a Shooting Sports Leaders meeting on **Wednesday, March 12**, 7:00 pm at the UW-Waukesha, Room C-158. This meeting is for the adult and junior leaders in the Shooting Sports Program. Topics of discussion will include Archery and Rifle Fair Shoots, etc. Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon at 262-544-0405 or e-mail flash_rescue31@hotmail.com.

For those adult volunteers interested in acquiring certification in any of the Shooting Sports Disciplines, or members interested in attending any of the state competitions, there are various opportunities throughout Wisconsin. To check availability, go to the Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Website <http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm>. Then under "Events", either click on Certification Workshops or Competitive Shoots for further information. Keep checking regularly, the web site is constantly updated. Just a reminder that all adult volunteers MUST be VOLT certified and registered as a leader in that discipline. Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon, Waukesha 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator at 262-544-0405 or e-mail flash_rescue31@hotmail.com.

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 Maria Habib in the Extension Office.

4 Leaf 4-H Club

January's meeting began with a special presentation from the Wildlife in Need Center. The club listened to Mrs. Leslie talk about a few animals and then we met Dakota, a Great Horned Owl, Winnie the Woodchuck, Jewel, a box turtle, and Slither a fox snake.

Instead of the December meeting, the club went bell ringing and sang many Christmas Carols in the entranceway of Pick N Save on Moorland Rd to raise money for the Salvation Army. The club had a Planetarium outing in January. The club Bake Sale was held at Butler Middle School after Showcase and during Curtain Call on February 2.

Cleveland Challengers 4-H

The club is getting more involved with the Lego Robotics (FLL) project after the success of the Dread Reckoners team last year. Most of the members of the Dread Reckoners are from the Cleveland Challengers. The club's community service project was National Avenue cleanup. The club was also involved with collecting Operation Christmas Child boxes over the holidays.

Falls Busy Beavers

The club is busy planning its trip to Chicago in June. They will be visiting the Museum of Science and Industry, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Admission is free from the 17th through the 22nd of June. Members are also tracking their Travel Bug, Clover at the geocaching site www.geocaching.com.

New Berlin 4-H Club

The New Berlin 4-H has been lifting the spirits of seniors at the National Regency Assisted Living. They play Bingo once a month and get to visit with the residents and hand out great prizes. Our skit at showcase, directed by Rob Jones (who is starring in the Wizard of Oz at Waukesha North), with a cast of younger members, was awarded a blue ribbon!

Minooka 4-H Club

Minooka presented the club skit "Whatever happened to Ebenezer Scrooge". They won a blue ribbon for their performance.

Minooka 4-H Club had another successful poinsettia fundraiser. The club's three top selling families are Rod Kuenzi, Andersen, and Kevin Hoefl. Many thanks to Julie and Kelsey Richter who handled the sale this year. The club will hold its third SWEET TREAT auction at the February meeting. The first \$150 will go to sponsoring Minooka 4-H club members as a club team for the Relay for Life American Cancer Society. The remaining proceeds will go to scholarships for 4-H summer camp for our members.

Community service projects for the rest of the year will include making birthday bags for the Waukesha Food Pantry, May baskets to distribute to friends and neighbors, painting flowerpots, planting flowers at Senior Center and participating at the Relay for Life-American Cancer Society, Friday, August 1st, opening ceremony 6 pm until Saturday 10:00 am August 2, at Waukesha West High School.

Muckey 4-H Club

Muckey's January meeting was fun. There were demonstrations, declamations and show and tell for the younger members. It gave them a chance to warm up for the upcoming 4-H events. Members who attended the Junior and Senior Awards banquet had a great time and thank everyone who made it possible. The club is looking forward to the February meeting because they are having the Wildlife in Need Center come to the club. Members are planning to donate items needed to help them. Members had a lot of fun with their play, Old Mother Hubbard, which they presented for Showcase. The play was selected to be presented at State Fair. The club will also be making cards for the troops during the March meeting and sending DVD's to them. Over the holidays the Club had donated money to the Christmas Clearing House.

Ottawa 4-H

The Ottawa 4-H Club has been busy this holiday season. 4-H members provided decorative turkey center-pieces for the residents of Three Pillars Senior Living Community, and they also raised money selling baked goods and snacks during Santa's visit to Dousman. The money from the bake sale as well as money raised during the Club's annual December Cookie Auction was used to provide food and gifts to a deserving family in the local area during the holiday season. Numerous other community service projects were completed by Club members that contributed to the overall charitable cause. The club voted to donate the money earned at the County Fair Kitchen to the Christmas family.

Washington 4-H Club

Washington 4-H community service project for February was making Valentine Cards for nursing homes and providing refreshments. The club presented the play Sillon, Sillon which was directed by Darryl Boelk and Anna Boelk.

Zion 4-H

January's meeting was held at Buck Run, which was the club's archery fun night. Zion club's next meeting will be held at Hartbrook Lanes for bowling and pizza. Members had the opportunity to go to an Admiral's game. The club attended the Dairy convention that was held during Christmas week. We went to two working farms in Waukesha County. Community service had included shopping for their adopted family for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Library exhibit looked nice and was done by Evan, Marissa and John.

A special thank you to all the clubs who sent in their Club News for this issue of the Clover Flyer. Maria

SCHOLARSHIPS / LOANS

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is providing 25 educational scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H youth. The deadline is **March 1**. Please go to <http://4h.uwex.edu/foundation/scholarship.cfm> for details and forms.

Scholarships for Youth 6-18 Years Old

Do you know a young person who volunteers their time for local community service? Reward their good deeds by nominating them for the Kohl's' Kids Who Care Scholarship Program. This year Kohls plans to recognize 1,900 youth with prizes ranging from \$50 gift cards to \$5,000 scholarships. Scholarship nominations will be accepted **February 1 to March 15**. Details on the Kohl's' Kids Who Care Scholarship Program and forms for nominating youth can be found at:

<http://www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/scholarship/program-information.asp>

NASA Aeronautics Offers University Scholarships

NASA's Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate will accept applications from undergraduate and graduate students through **March 17, 2008**, for its fall 2008 scholarship program. The purpose of this new scholarship program is to attract highly motivated students to aeronautics and related fields. Undergraduates in their second year of study can earn up to \$15,000 per year for two years, and graduate students can earn up to \$35,000 per year for three years. For details or to apply, visit: www.asee.org/nasaasp. For information about NASA's aeronautics programs, visit www.aeronautics.nasa.gov.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Science, Engineering & Technology (SET)



NASA Plant Challenge

The NASA Engineering Design Challenge meetings will soon begin. Youth who have registered will be informed about the meeting schedule! The seeds that have flown in space have reached the office and are ready to go! We still have spots if you would still like to join. Please e mail Maria if you would like to join.

What is this all about? The challenge encourages students to design, build, and evaluate their very own lunar plant growth chambers. They will also receive seeds that have flown in space on the last Space Shuttle mission with Educator Astronaut Barbara Morgan. They could use the space flown seeds to validate their designs.

Volunteer Opportunities to Improve the Environment

An exciting volunteer opportunity for Clubs (and youth) is under development for this summer. Are you interested in conserving the environment and having fun at the same time? There are two opportunities to do just that.

Labeling Storm Drains – if you like painting and meeting neighbors, this may be for you.

Did you know that storm drains connect streets with local waterways? Water that enters the storm drain is not filtered or cleaned in any way - just delivered to the nearest river or lake and discharged. It takes with it many pollutants that run off lawns, driveways, and streets such as pet waste, grass clippings, fertilizers, pesticides, oil and many more.

Youth will label storm drains to indicate that the water in storm drains flows directly into waterways and is not treated. They will also hang informational door hangars on front doors around the block. Waukesha County Land Resources Division will provide paint, safety vests, stencils, wire brushes and educational door hangers. Not only will clubs learn how pollution enters our local waterways, but will be taking action to stop the pollution and educate neighbors.

Water Testing Programs – if you like visiting local waterways armed with cool equipment, collecting water samples and testing them, consider this.

Over the years, millions of dollars have been invested in water pollution control efforts throughout Waukesha County. However, it is difficult to know if our lakes and streams are getting cleaner, or if these efforts are outweighed by development pressures.

Waukesha County would like to change that through citizen water quality monitoring. In this program, a network of volunteers are trained and equipped to do basic water quality monitoring. Volunteers check a variety of water quality indicators such as temperature, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and aquatic insect diversity at several key times each year.

Once the data is collected and analyzed, students can look beyond the water's edge to the landscape draining to the lake or stream and the effect human activities have on water quality. They may even discover a few ways they may help to improve water quality.

If you are interested in participating in one of these opportunities, contact Maria Habib.

WAUKESHA COUNTY EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MOOR DOWNS - Sunday Family Day

Good news for those of you with cabin fever: golf season is just around the corner! And boy, do we have a great deal for you! Join us for Sunday Family Day at Moor Downs where any youth golfer (age 17 and under) golfs FREE after 12 noon, with a paying adult. (Limit one child per adult). Moor Downs is participating in a nationally-run program called *Sticks for Kids*, which provides the tools and opportunities necessary to allow as many junior golfers as possible to enjoy the game of golf. This allows Moor Downs to offer the use of junior clubs free. This is a great opportunity to introduce golf to your children or grandchildren. Contact the clubhouse for more details.

If your youth golfer is looking to learn more about golf or for more structured play, Moor Downs has both a Junior Golf League and lesson program. Moor Downs is offering a summer league for youth golfers 10 to 17 years of age, as well as lessons (*Stick for Kids* clubs are available). For more information, contact Deb Halla, Moor Downs clubhouse supervisor, at dhalla@waukeshacounty.gov or 548-7821.

GPS Aided Hiking

Are you interested in using or exploring GPS techniques in your hiking? Explore the nature trails at Retzer Nature Center. Try a Retzer GPS unit, or bring your GPS, and sharpen your skills. Family sessions will be held on Saturday, March 29 and Saturday, April 19 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. An adult-only session will be held on Tuesday, April 8 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Registration and a fee of \$4.00 per person are due five days before chosen session. For more information, or to register, call the Park office at 548-7801.

HAWS Events

The Waukesha Humane Animal Welfare Society has the following sessions scheduled:

Want to Know More About Your House Rabbit? - Sunday, March 2 1:00pm-3:00pm

Rabbits aren't as easy a pet as many people believe. This free seminar will talk about what you need to do to meet your rabbits needs, how to read your bunny's body language, dealing with common behavior problems, and common health problems experienced by rabbits.

How to Raise a Puppy – and Keep Your Sanity! - Monday, March 3 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Raising a puppy isn't always as easy as you'd think. Learn how to raise a socialized puppy that develops into a well behaved adult canine member of your family at this free seminar. This seminar is geared for puppies between 8 and 16 weeks of age. *We will need a small number of pups for demonstration purposes. Please call if you would like to bring your puppy.*

Patricia McConnell, Ph.D. Talk and Book Signing “The Other End of the Leash” - Thursday, March 20 7:00 pm, \$10 registration fee – pre-registration required

Learn how canine body language and communication differs from that of primates, and how those differences can impact our relationship with our doggy friends. Pre-registration is required. Last year Dr. McConnell's talk filled a month prior to her speaking date. Early registration is strongly recommended. To register contact Khris Erickson at 262-542-8851 x118 or khris@hawspets.org

Solving Common Canine Behavior Problems - Monday, March 31 6:30-8:30 pm

Is your dog jumping on your guests, counter surfing, barking too much? Are you still dealing with housetraining issues or chewing on your stuff? Come to this free informational seminar and get some solutions to these problems! *We will have demonstration dogs available – please leave your canine friend at home!*

Wisconsin House Rabbit Society Presents - Bunny Day at HAWS - Sunday April 27 - Times TBA

If you are already living with a house rabbit or want to learn all about them, come join other bunny lovers for an afternoon of socializing and learning. Featured will be talks and Q&A sessions with House Rabbit Society experts such as George and Susan Flentke as well as a local veterinarian. There will be great bunny items for sale for you and your rabbit! Please note, this event is for house rabbit care-givers only. Please leave your bunny friends at home where they will be happier.

How to Raise a Puppy – and Keep Your Sanity! - Monday, April 28 6:30-8:00 pm

Raising a puppy isn't always as easy as you'd think. Learn how to raise a socialized puppy that develops into a well behaved adult canine member of your family at this free seminar. This seminar is geared for puppies between 8 and 16 weeks of age. *We will need a small number of pups for demonstration purposes. Please call if you would like to bring your puppy.*

Solving Common Canine Behavior Problems - Monday, May 5 6:30-8:30 pm

Is your dog jumping on your guests, counter surfing, barking too much? Are you still dealing with housetraining issues or chewing on your stuff? Come to this free informational seminar and get some solutions to these problems! *We will have demonstration dogs available – please leave your canine friend at home!*