

“A dream becomes a goal when action is taken toward its achievement.” – Bo Bennet

Dear Waukesha County 4-H Families,

Greetings from the 4-H office! After a long, cold, and snowy winter, spring is almost here. Personally, I am hoping it comes sooner rather than later, however, that might be up for debate. It seems Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow last week, which means six more weeks of winter. In any case, as spring begins, fair season enters into our not so distant future!

Please keep in mind that March 1 is the project change deadline. This is the last day to add or drop projects. If you plan to present at the fair, you must add the project. If you have any questions, please contact your project/club leaders or the 4-H office.

I would also like to extend my congratulations and thanks in welcoming our new representatives to the 4-H Leader's Association Executive Board. We are happy to have you and look forward another exciting year of 4-H!

Teens looking for volunteer leadership opportunities are invited to help judge projects completed by youth in the 4-H Afterschool program. Judging will take place on April 2. Selected projects will be displayed during the county fair. Please contact me at mnikolai@waukeshacounty.gov if you are interested.

And last, a favorite quote of mine comes from the 13th-century Persian poet Rumi, who said, “Let the beauty of what you love be what you do.” This philosophy is part of what makes the 4-H such a great organization. This is evident in every 4-H meeting, activity, and event I have attended since arriving in Waukesha. The passion and dedication each of you have for 4-H makes this program succeed for our youth, let's keep it up!

See you around!

Megan Nikolai

AmeriCorps VISTA, 4-H Youth Development

Dear 4-H Friends and Families,

My name is George Sonnentag, the new president of the Waukesha County 4-H Leaders Association. A new year is beginning and the times are not good for many. Many times however something positive can come from a bad situation. I was terminated at my salaried job at G.M. when I was 38, with a mortgage and three children. We managed to get by and I eventually got an hourly job which I retired from after 26 yrs. I made under \$30,000 yearly most of my life and yet all for of my children graduated from college. Our vacations were going to horse shows on weekends. If you ask any of my children, they would say we lived well and had many happy times. Much of it was do to a loving wife and mother.

Many people now are more interested in making as much money as possible, instead of taking a little time to enjoy life. I have found that I get my most enjoyment from volunteering and helping kids in projects and at camp etc. I worked full time and we had an 80 acre farm and boarded 20 horses, and yet we still found time to volunteer many hours. I just started chaperoning at the Madison youth conference the last couple years and again realized how much fun it can be.

We have difficulty in some districts in getting representatives. They are very essential in operating an efficient Leaders Assoc. These positions can be filled with very minimal hours if necessary. I'm available almost anytime until 10:00 pm at 414-425-6485. Our Executive Board still meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the UW-Waukesha campus. Everyone is welcome. We are in desperate need of Jr reps. Your voice is important. Board reps. in your area would be glad to give you a ride if you would need one. Do something different this year, Volunteer. I've had more change in my life in the past year than I've ever had. I hate change, yet it has turned out to be great. Hope you have a good year.

George Sonnentag

2009 4-H Executive Board President

4-H CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

28 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm A100, 9 am

MARCH

- 2 4-H Project Change Deadline
- 2 4-H Awards Committee Mtg, CAC, Rm G55, 7 pm
- 3 4-H Endowment Fund Mtg, CAC, Rm G23, 7 pm
- 10 4-H Horse Education Mtg, UW Waukesha Room N60, 7 pm
- 12 Llama/Alpaca Project Mtg, Ottawa Town Hall, 6:30 pm
- 14 Basketball Tournament, Waynz World
- 14 Demo Day, Waynz World
- 14 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm A100, 9 am
- 16 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC, Rm 255, 7 pm
- 16 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee, 7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC, Rm G55
- 17 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum, 6:30 pm
- 17 Rabbit Class, 4-H Forum, 7:15 pm
- 18 Dog Training Orientation (mandatory), 4-H Forum South Hall, 6:30 pm
- 18 Poultry Meeting, Expo Center, Fox River Room, 6:30 pm
- 18 Model Rocketry, UW Waukesha, Rm F006, 7pm
- 19 4-H Horse Education Mtg, UW Waukesha Room N60, 7 pm
- 20-22 Teen Winter Camp
- 24 4-H Goat Project Mtg., CAC, Rm G55, 6:30 pm
- 25 4-H Kitchen Committee Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm C158, 7 pm
- 26 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm C158, 7 pm
- 28 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm A100, 9 am
- 31 4-H Horse Education Mtg, UW Waukesha Room N60, 7 pm

APRIL

- 2 4-H Horse Education Mtg, UW Waukesha Room N60, 7 pm
- 9 4-H Horse Education Mtg, UW Waukesha Room N60, 7 pm
- 9 Llama/Alpaca Project Mtg, Ottawa Town Hall, 6:30 pm
- 11 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 13 MAQA/PQA Mandatory Training, 4-H Forum North Hall, 6:30 pm
- 14 4-H Horse Education Mtg, UW Waukesha Room N60, 7 pm

APRIL continued

- 15 Model Rocketry, UW Waukesha Rm F006, 7pm
- 20 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 21 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee, 7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC Rm G55
- 22 4-H Kitchen Mandatory Club Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm C158, 7 pm
- 22 Poultry Meeting, Expo Center Fox River Room, 6:30 pm
- 23 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm A100, 7 pm
- 23 4-H Horse Education Mtg, UW Waukesha Room N60, 7 pm
- 25 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 27 Fair Overnight Mandatory Meeting, 4-H Forum North Hall, 6:30 pm
- 28 4-H Goat Project Mtg., CAC, Rm G55, 6:30 pm
- 28 4-H Horse Education Mtg, UW Waukesha Room N60, 7 pm
- 29 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum, 6:30 pm
- 29 Rabbit Class, 4-H Forum, 7:15 pm

MAY

- 9 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 15 Archery Fair Shoot, Buck Rub, 4:30 pm
- 18 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm 255, 7 pm
- 18 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee, 7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC
- 20 4-H Kitchen Committee Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm C158, 7 pm
- 20 Model Rocketry, UW Waukesha Rm F006, 7 pm
- 23 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 26 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum, 6:30 pm
- 26 Rabbit Class, 4-H Forum, 7:15 pm
- 27 Archery Fair Shoot, Falls Archery, 4:30 pm
- 28 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm A100, 7 pm

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

June 17 – Wisconsin 4-H Rocketry Contest
July 15-19 – Waukesha County Fair
July 22-25 – 4-H Camp
August 6-16 – Wisconsin State Fair
August 28-30 – State 4-H Dog Show, Jefferson County

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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.wc4hhorse.org/Joomla/index.php
Wisconsin State Fair	http://wistatefair.com/home/wsfp/2008_FAIR/index.htm
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Megan Nikolai, AmeriCorps VISTA	mnikolai@waukeshacounty.gov
Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development	http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Newsletter—Clover Flyer

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

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

Welcome to New 4-H Families

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

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.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Come & VOLT!

All new leaders must attend a Volunteer Orientation Leader Training (VOLT) before working in 4-H. The February 26 VOLT was cancelled due to weather concerns. The makeup day is tentatively set for Thursday, March 12. Please call the 4-H Office at 262-548-7774 to sign up. You will be notified of the confirmed date, time and location.

4-H Kitchen Committee

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

4-H EVENTS

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.

Basketball Tournament

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

4H Showcase

Showcase was held on February 7, 2009 in conjunction with the Lego League and Curtain Call. Thank you to all the judges and volunteers who helped out this year. Showcase could not happen without these wonderful people. We also added dance as a new category to Showcase. We were excited to add this new category to see all the wonderful talents we have in our youth. All that participated received ribbons for their work.

The Showcase participants receiving a Special Merit award were: Nicolas Bast, Guitar Solo; Ashley Behnke, Piano Solo; Cheyenne Brandt, Piano Solo; Jenna Condon, Piano Solo; Abby Dedinsky, Violin Solo, Vocal Duet; Teddy Evert, Violin Solo; Dave Farrell, Trumpet Solo; Ruth Farrell, Declamation; Tim Farrell, Baritone Solo; Katie Hager, Clarinet Solo; Caleb Heinritz, Piano Solo; Ezra Heinritz, Piano Solo; Joshua Heinritz, Piano Solo; Taylor Heinritz, Clarinet Solo, Flute Solo; Kevin Hoefl, Piano Solo; Blaze Holmes, Piano Solo; Jade Holmes, Piano Solo; Raine Holmes, Piano Solo; Nathan Honeyhager, Piano Solo; Hannah Kasun, Duet; Hannah Kasun, Vocal Duet; Julia Klemm, Declamation; Samantha Kosanke, Duet; Julia Krautkram, Trumpet Solo; Tamar Lascelle, Violin Solo; Valarie Miller, Piano Solo; Garrett Missiaen, Piano Solo; Allison Quick, Duet; Bryn Quick, Duet; Kelsey Richter, Vocal Solo; Katelyn Rothschild, Piano Solo; Trevor Rothschild, Piano Solo; Shannon Sattler, French Horn Solo; Caroline Seymour, Piano Solo; Talia Spiegelberg, Declamation; Sarah Stock, Declamation; Ayla Visuri, Piano Solo; Ellie Visuri, Piano Solo; Isabel Visuri, Piano Solo. Congratulations to all!

Curtain Call

Waukesha County's 4-H Drama competition was held February 7 at Butler Middle School. Washington 4-H presenting "The Miss Witch Contest" and Muckey 4-H presenting "Snow White and the 7 other Dwarves" will represent our county at the Wisconsin State Fair this summer. 4-Leaf 4-H with their performance "Old McDonald's Farmyard Follies" is the alternate performance selected for State Fair. Muckey, Phantom Clovers, Prairie Pioneers Minooka, 4-Leaf 4-H and Washington were the participating clubs this year.

Waukesha County 4-H Open House

Open House will no longer occur, as we have known it in September. The Promotion Committee is researching new and exciting venues to promote 4-H that will reach out to all corners of the county. Watch for further details in the May/June Clover Flyer! The new promotion will take place in the month of August.

Summer Camp

4-H Youth Summer Camp will be held **July 22-25**, 2009. Come Join us for an experience you will remember all ways. Applications for camp will be posted on the 4H County website in the future. Look for a new camp website coming soon.

Summer Camp Committee Meeting Dates:

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

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

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

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

All meetings will be held in the County Administration Center (CAC). **All meetings are mandatory.** If you cannot make it to the meeting, please contact Jeff Rauworth. Jeff can be contacted at 262-391-4719 or 262-391-0257. You can also email him at jeff.rauworth@woodlands-school.org or thereasa27@yahoo.com.

Higher Awards / Trips Earned in 2007-2008

State Conference Trips (Madison – June 2009): Keith Bartholomew, Washington; Andrew Bauer, Phantom Clovers; Ashley Behnke, Falls Busy Beavers; Michael Blankenship, Minooka; Eric Buslee, Cleveland Challengers; Melissa Buslee, Cleveland Challengers; Karli Hintz, Minooka; Nathan Honeyhager, Saylesville Sparks; Leah Pelegrin, Clever Clovers; Lauren Roscizewski, Kettle Moraine Eagles; Brian Scharles, Phantom Clovers; Lauren Schnurbusch,

Cooney Clovers; Stephanie Seymour, Muckey; Kevin Smith, Minooka; Luke Tremaine, Cooney Clovers; Aislynn Wagner, Ottawa.

Achievement: Evan Bremberger, Zion; Katie Casucci, Cooney Clovers; Katherine Hager, Washington; Lisa Hamann, Cooney Clovers; Abigail Rekowski, Washington.

Citizenship: Daniel Gordon, Zion; Kevin Hoeft, Minooka; Jacqueline Kumba, Falls Busy Beavers; Jacob Pawley, Falls Busy Beavers; Jennifer Smith, Minooka.

Leadership: Mary Kuenzi, Minooka; James Heinritz, Center Oak; Tess Holmes, Kettle Moraine Eagles; Stephanie Lemay, Brookfield Blazers.

American Youth Leadership Camp (Michigan - July-Aug. 2009): Lynn Bartholomew, Washington; Lisa Hamann, Cooney Clovers.

Citizenship Washington Focus (Washington D.C. - June-July 2009): Katherine Hager, Washington; Ethan Hebbe, Falls Busy Beavers; Kevin Hoeft, Minooka; Samantha Scharles, Phantom Clovers; Jennifer Smith, Minooka; Chantal Voss, Clever Clovers.

National Congress (Atlanta, GA - Nov.-Dec. 2009): Erica Spiegelberg, Cleveland Challengers; Stephanie Lemay, Brookfield Blazers.

National Congress Nominees (Washington D. C. - March-April 2009): Evan Bremberger, Zion; Lisa Hamann, Cooney Clovers.

Key Awards: Daniel Gordon, Zion; Evan Bremberger, Zion; Mary Kuenzi, Minooka; Jacqueline Kumba, Falls Busy Beavers; Stephanie Lemay, Brookfield Blazers.

Danforth Award: Daniel Gordon, Zion; Evan Bremberger, Zion.

Scholarships: Kristin Coveney, Washington; Daniel Gordon, Zion; Megan Johnson, Meadowbrook; Jasmine Kojis, Cleveland Challengers; Mary Kuenzi, Minooka; Jacqueline Kumba, Falls Busy Beavers; Jacob Pawley, Falls Busy Beavers; Justin Sattler, Green n Growing; Jacob Stellpflug, Ottawa.

James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership, Sponsored by James W Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund: Stephanie Lemay

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Selling at Animal at the Fair Auction?

The County Fair Livestock committee *requires* all exhibitors that intend to sell in the small and large livestock auctions to attend and participate in a MAQA/PQA session. MAQA is Meat Animal Quality Assurance; PQA is Pork Quality Assurance.

All youth selling in the auction are producers of food products meant for human consumption 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 2009 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.

The mandatory MAQA/PQA training is Monday, **April 13** at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be held in the North Hall of the 4-H Forum at the Waukesha County Expo Center.

Staying Overnight at the Fair?

The Overnight Meeting will be held on Monday, **April 27** at 6:30 in the North Hall of the 4-H Forum. This meeting is for any Livestock Exhibitor (Livestock Exhibitor is defined as anyone exhibiting, Sheep, Goats, Beef, Dairy, Swine, and/or Horses) interested in staying overnight at the Fair. Failure to attend this meeting will result in not being able to stay over at the Fair.

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

Dog Training

Reminder for 4-Hers who signed up for County Dog training: Orientation will be on Wednesday, **March 18**, at 6:30 pm in the South Hall of the 4-H Forum on the Expo Grounds. This is a MANDATORY meeting so everyone needs to attend. We will answer all questions you have concerning upcoming training dates and times, as well as teacher assignments. Do Not Bring Your Dogs! We look forward to a good year during which you will grow closer to your dog and have an enjoyable time doing it. Please remember to bring proof of all your dog's shots. This information will be given to your teacher at the first session. This is to keep your dog, as well as the other dogs healthy. See you March 18!

Llama/Alpaca 4-H Project

Llama/Alpaca project meetings will be **March 12** and **April 9**. The meetings will be held at the Ottawa Town Hall at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Parsons at theparsons@prodigy.net or 262-495-4944.

Poultry Meetings

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

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

All Rabbit Members

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

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

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

April 29- When your rabbit is not feeling well

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

May 26 - Breed ID practice and Showmanship practice (Please bring your rabbit)

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

June 24 - Final questions before event and fair

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

Any rabbit members interested in helping with these classes please contact Donna Towell at dlwoolees@centurytel.net or 262-392-3553. Help is always appreciated and needed.

Rabbit Hopping

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

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

March 17, Tuesday (new date) – North Hall

April 29, Wednesday – Arena

May 26, Tuesday (new date) – North Hall

June 24, Wednesday – North Hall

Please note the practice locations above. The time is 6:30 to 8:00. You can come when you can and stay as long as you want. Practice will continue during class time.

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

Rabbit Project Website

There are more Rabbit Project opportunities for 4-H youth and you can find out about them at: <http://www.geocities.com/waukesharabbitproject/4H.html>

Horse Education Meetings (for Horse Bowl)

Horse Education meetings are open to all horse and horseless horse project members. Our goal is to form a strong county wide Horse Bowl team and compete at the state level in Wausau. Everyone is welcome to participate.

The meetings are from 7 – 8:30 pm at UW Waukesha. All meetings are in Room N60 except the February 24th meeting which is in Room N54. (See below of a link to directions.)

March 10, Tuesday, UW Waukesha Room N60

March 19, Thursday, UW Waukesha Room N60

March 31, Tuesday, UW Waukesha Room N60

April 2, Thursday, UW Waukesha Room N60

April 9, Thursday, UW Waukesha Room N60

April 14, Tuesday, UW Waukesha Room N60

April 23, Thursday, UW Waukesha Room N60

April 28, Tuesday, UW Waukesha Room N60

Contact Cheryl Huebner at (262) 470-3755, madzshowmomz@yahoo.com or Donna Kuehl (262) 352-6033, dnnkuehl@yahoo.com

For directions to UW Waukesha - <http://waukesha.uwc.edu/maps/directions.html>

For a map of the UW campus (meetings are in the Northview building) - <http://waukesha.uwc.edu/maps/maps.html>

Horse Show Clothing Clinic

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

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

ARTS & COMMUNICATION

4-H Digital Mayhem Challenge

The 4-H programs in Illinois and northeast Missouri are inviting all youth, ages 8-18 years old to produce their own digital photography, digital audio, digital video or mixed media production that demonstrates your abilities with digital media of all kinds. Top entries may be used in various promotional products throughout the region and prizes will be awarded. Select your own theme and message. Submit your contest entry by any of the review dates and you or your team might win a \$100 Amazon.com gift certificate! For more information visit: <http://extension.missouri.edu/4hdmc/>

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. We will be holding basket classes beginning in March (dates to follow) – once per month.

Please call either Marilyn Anderson at 262-542-4787 or Diana Craft at 262-547-8179.

FAMILY, HOME & HEALTH

Knitting and Crocheting (County-wide)

Monthly meetings will be held for youth interested in starting to knit and crochet as well as experienced knitters and crocheters.

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

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

Contact Debi Marheine at 262-542-1253 or demarheine@wi.rr.com for any questions.

Quilting Workshops (County-wide)

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

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

March 14, 2009 – Machine quilting options **April 11, 2009** – Advanced machine quilting options **May 9, 2009** – Binding, rod pockets, and labeling your quilt.

If you have any questions, please contact Debi Marheine at dmarheine@wi.rr.com or 262-542-1253.

Crazy Quilters Annual Quilt Show

Crazy Quilters 22nd Annual quilt show to be held April 4 and 5. Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm and Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm. Park View Middle School, Mukwonago, WI. \$5.00 admission, under 10 free of charge. Lunch and beverages available both days. Vendors, raffle, auction, bed turning.

Website: www.mukwonagocrazyquilters.com has an entry form to download (under Annual Show) or contact Cindy Osinski at 104 Carpenter Court, Mukwonago, WI 53149

MECHANICAL SCIENCES

Wisconsin 4-H Model Rocketry Contest

The Wisconsin 4-H Model Rocketry Contest will be held in Madison on **June 17**. Waukesha County can send two representatives from grades 6-8 and two from grades 9-13.

The Contest will include a written exam, parts identification, rocket building, rocket judging, and rocket launching. For more information see: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/documents/WI4-HRocketContest2009.pdf>

To apply to represent Waukesha County, please contact Maria Habib at 262-548-7784 or mhabib@waukeshacounty.gov by **April 16**.

Modelclub News

The Modelclub held its 10th annual Modelcrawl in December. During the event, the club visited various stores in the area for some holiday shopping and enjoyed a group lunch.

4-H Waukesha Train Club (County Wide)

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

Model Rocketry

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

The March meeting will be the Make-it / Take-it where we will be building a "simple" rocket for launching. The cost should be no more than \$10.

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

4-H and Nickelodeon Partner to Launch New Online Game

National 4-H Council has partnered with Nickelodeon's "Big Green Help" to create a brand-new, interactive online game-- "Flip N' Flow"--featuring the network's animated boy-genius Jimmy Neutron. The game is in support of 4 H's Science, Engineering and Technology communication campaign to spark youth interest in science and prepare one million new young people for America's technology workforce.

Nickelodeon's "The Big Green Help" is a kid-led movement that provides information and tools to help explain climate change to young people, and connects them to energy-saving and earth-friendly activities in their everyday lives.

The "Flip N' Flow" game is available online at 4-H.org. Youth can play the game and access materials to share with friends. Check out this fun activity, which gives youth and mentors the opportunity to learn about water conservation and challenges them think about steps they can take to participate in going green!

NATURAL SCIENCES

Shooting Sports

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

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

Archery

Archery practices for Waukesha County will run every Friday in February, March and April EXCEPT April 3 and April 10. The fees have gone up this year. The cost is \$3.00 to shoot and \$6.00 for rentals. Note: Due to Buck Rub's policy they will only hand out arrows with blunt tips with the rentals. However, you can bring your own arrows to use with the rental bows. I am currently trying to work out some arrangements to purchase some bulk arrows at a reduced cost for those who might need arrows.

The County Fair shoot is scheduled for Friday, **May 15**, also at Buck Rub starting at 4:30 pm. There will also be a Fair shoot scheduled at Falls Archery on Wednesday, **May 27** starting at 4:30 pm.

Rifle

There will be rifle practice for both the .22 rifle and .177 air rifle at the same time and will be held starting in March on Mondays for 5 to 6 weeks, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Hillcrest Park (the old Nike site off of Davidson Road behind Skateland). Cost will be \$2.00 per night to shoot. There are 8 lanes available and can be divided into 4 for rifle and 4 for air rifle. You **MUST** bring your own rifle, ammunition, hearing and vision protection. At this time, there are **NO RENTALS AVAILABLE**. The building does have some heat, but it takes a while to warm up, so dress appropriately. Stay tuned for further details for the fair shoot.

Shotgun

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

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 (NJHA.org) <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 March/April “My World” focus is Science, Engineering & Technology. Here are some topic ideas for clubs to explore:


 Learn about important feats of engineering that have taken place throughout the world and in your own backyard. *Example:* The World (Dubai, UAE), Rion-Antirion Bridge (Greece), and the Marquette Interchange (Milwaukee, WI)

 Learn about the impact science and engineering has on this part of the state. (Why does the 4-H have a SET emphasis?)

 How do robots have an effect on our everyday lives? We may not realize it, but robots are all around us. *Example:* Industrial robots used in manufacturing, Robots used for detecting weapons/bombs, and Bio-robotics use in hospitals

 Explore how the U.S. Defense Department has guided innovation in our country and throughout the world. Much of its research has led to in-home innovation. The department is currently exploring areas such as alternative fuels and energy conservation. *Example:* Defense Department research led to the invention of one of our generation’s favorite household appliances, the Microwave!

 Think about the struggling U.S. auto industry. What changes are companies trying to make? What has failed in the industry? What has helped the international automakers to succeed? What can the U.S. auto industry do to reestablish itself among top automakers?

 For thousands of years, men and women have been suffering from premature hair loss. Find out some of the re-growth remedies tested and used throughout the ages. What has the evolution of hair loss remedies included?

CLUB NEWS

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

Falls Busy Beavers 4-H Club

The club continues its monthly coin drive benefiting the High School scholarship fund. The club puts the coins toward a savings for upcoming scholarships from the Falls Busy Beavers. In December, the club collected toys for the Christmas Clearing Council. Members also worked on quilt squares for Operation Quiet Comfort. Recently, the Busy Beavers sang Christmas carols for nursing home residents in Menomonee Falls, attended a club outing at Sunburst Ski & Recreation Area, and attended a CPR class. Congratulations to Ethan Hebbe, who will attend the CWF trip this summer!

Meadowbrook 4-H Club

The club met at Linden Heights Assisted Living Center in February to play games and socialize with the residents. Thanks to everyone who attended. Members continue to collect jeans and signatures for Operation Comfort Quilt. The club is planning a Lazer Tag activity in February, as well as a Ceramics Day for its March activity.

Minooka 4-H Club

Minooka would like to welcome Trevor Nelson and family to the club. Club activities during Family Fun Night included Tattoos, Face painting, and Puppet making. The club's "Around the World" cookie-tasting table was a huge success! Cookie recipes include Mexican Churros, Russian Tea Cakes, Finish sliced Cardamom cookies, and more!

Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club

The club is off to a great start this year. In November, the Prairie Pioneers had their annual potluck dinner and awards night. In December, they held a bake sale during "Breakfast with Santa" at the North Prairie village hall. They also made Christmas gift baskets for handicapped and disabled residents in Waukesha County. In January, the club's clover buds will be making worm farms, and members will be practicing for curtain call and basketball. Club members enjoyed an ice-skating outing in Delafield, and have many activities coming up including an outing to Timber Ridge Lodge Waterpark in Lake Geneva.

Washington 4-H Club

The club will be making Valentines for a nursing home as its February activity. Community Service night will take place during the club's March general meeting.

Zion 4-H Club

Congratulations to the new officers: Evan – Secretary, and Nathan – Sunshine Chairman. The club held a cookie auction at the December meeting. Money raised was used to buy Christmas gifts for a family sponsored by the club.

4-H FUNDRAISERS

Pick 'n Save Cares Program

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

Endowment Fund

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

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

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

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

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

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

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

4-H International Program Exchanges

Have you been looking for a great way to get to know a person from another country and learn about a different culture? Hosting opportunities are available for families with youth 12-18 years old through the Wisconsin 4-H International Program Exchanges with exchanges from Japan, Korea, Mexico, Norway and Finland. Currently we are looking for host families for 3-4 weeks this summer. Applications can still be submitted until March 31, even though initial family matching began February 15.

Please check out the online information at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm> or contact Jacey Heller, 4-H International program-Waukesha county coordinator, at jgheller@netzero.net with further questions.

Science Fair

Simply put, a science fair is one of the most amazing educational and personal experiences youth can. Explore real life challenges, create original scientific study, develop scientific method analysis, develop public speaking skills, improve written talents, boost self-confidence, add to a resume, and win prizes and scholarships while interacting with other students, parents and leaders in our community with similar interests. All Wisconsin high school aged students are eligible to participate. Students can attend regional fairs in spring and/or the state fair competition which will be held on March 28, 2009 at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. Find out more: visit www.bssef.org. The Badger State Science & Engineering Fair is affiliated with the International Science & Engineering Fair (INTEL ISEF)



HAWS Events

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

How to Raise a Puppy - and Keep Your Sanity! (free)

Sunday, April 5, 1:00 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. Bring your 8 to 16 week old puppy and participate, or just come and sit in. Learn how to raise a socialized puppy that develops into a well behaved adult canine member of your family at this free seminar. Puppies must have at least their first round of shots to attend. Registration is required if you are bringing a puppy.

Bird Seminar (free)

Sunday, April 19, 1:00 pm Learn how to meet the unique needs of your avian pet! Speakers will include Dr. Jennifer Bloss from Brook-FallsVet Clinic, who will discuss health, diet and bird illnesses. FREE!

HAWS Annual Bunny Day

Sunday, April 26, 12:00 pm, Admission: \$5.00, proceeds benefit rabbit rescue/care. (Registration not required.) Spend an exciting day learning about your pet rabbit. Whether you are a new bunny caregiver or an experienced one, you will find lots to learn about enhancing your relationship with these amazing creatures. Our guest veterinarian speaker will be available to answer your questions.

Children under 12 years must be accompanied by a parent. This event is for bunny caregivers only. Please leave bunnies at home.

See the HAWS website for more information at <http://www.hawspets.org/>