

“The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” – Albert Einstein

Dear Waukesha County 4-H Families,

After more than 30 years of being a Waukesha County 4-H horse project member, alumni and now an adult volunteer leader, I couldn't be more proud to have been elected as the Waukesha County 4-H Horse Association (WC4-HHA) President to lead the effort of the county 4-H horse project.

I am just a small part of a wonderful group of adult and youth volunteers that are dedicated to making the horse project an exciting, educational and safe project for all of its members. Along with the myself and the officer team of Tim Smith (VP), Julie Roepke (Secretary) and Mick Heberling (Treasurer), there are more than two dozen adult leaders/volunteers and youth from horse project clubs across the county that lead committees to organize county level events and activities throughout the year.

The WC4-HHA Board continues to be dedicated to further develop the horseless horse project and also the educational side of the project through hippology and horse bowl youth teams. We plan on developing a solid infrastructure for educational activities relating to these programs to be rolled out in the fall for the 08-09 project year.

On the technological side, the WC4-HHA Board is very excited about the re-launch of the county horse project website. Steve Secosh, a WC4-HHA Board member, developed the new site and launched it for member use in February of this year. This new website is very user-friendly and based on the traffic data from the site, members and leaders are using it often. The website address is www.wc4horse.org. It has proven itself to be a wonderful communication tool for the entire membership body. Check it out if you haven't already!

The Waukesha County 4-H Horse Project is looking forward to some exciting changes this year. And,

change not just for the sake of change, but changes that will lead to sustainable improvements to “Make the Best Better”! Think spring and maybe we'll see you near the show ring!

Brenda Wolfe
WC4-HHA, President

Dear 4-H Friends and Families,

The snow is gone and everything is starting to sprout and turn green, it just means that summer is getting closer, youth are starting to plan and work on their Fair projects.

Everyone should have gotten raffle tickets to sell. The annual raffle is one of the major ways money is raised for the 4-H youth. The money raised helps to go towards reducing the costs associated with sending the youth on various trips and some activities. Everyone is encouraged to sell tickets.

Fair entries should have been received by all of the members. Please be aware that there is only one Fair book this year. It contains both the Junior Fair categories AND the Open Classes. 4-H project numbers and Fair numbers are DIFFERENT. Double check what you are entering to make sure that you put down the correct numbers.

If you have any questions or concerns that you feel might be of interest to the Executive Board, feel free to contact me via e-mail at flash_rescue31@hotmail.com.

Flash Gordon
2008 4-H Executive Board President

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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/
Wisconsin State Fair	http://wistatefair.com/home/wsfp/2008 FAIR/index.htm
Maria Habib	mhabib@waukeshacounty.gov
Lisa Boyer, 4-H Secretary	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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4-H CALENDAR

MAY

- 6 Horse Assn Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, 7 pm
- 6 New Camper and Parent Orientation Mtg, CAC, 7 pm
- 7 Rabbit Project, 4-H Forum North Hall, 6:30 pm
- 10 Basketry Mtg, Marilynn Anderson's home, 10 am
- 10 County-wide Quilting Mtg, South Park, 9:30 am
- 10 Horse Project Circuit Show
- 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
- 15 Camp Registration Deadline
- 16 Archery Shoot, Buck Rub, Pewaukee, 4:30 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
- 21 Archery Shoot, Falls Archery, Menomonee Falls, 4:30 pm
- 24 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm C158, 9 am
- 27 4-H Endowment Fund Mtg, CAC, G23, 7 pm
- 27 4-H Kitchen Committee Mtg, CAC, 355-59, 7 pm
- 28 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum North Hall, 6:30 pm
- 31 Horse Project Circuit Show
- 31 Bike Rodeo, Rose Glen Elementary, 10 am

JUNE

- 2 Fair Entry Tags due to Fair Office
- 2 Raffle Ticket Drop Off, Fair Office
- 3 Horse Assn Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, 7 pm
- 10 4-H Trip to Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility, 6 pm
- 11 Model Rocketry Mtg/Launch Info, UW-Waukesha, Rm F006, 7 pm
- 14 Basketry Mtg, Marilynn Anderson's home, 10 am

JUNE, continued

- 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
- 18 State Dog Show Registration Due to Jo Ann Hubacek
- 18 Horse: Beginner Showmanship and All Skill Level trail Clinic, Waukesha Expo, 6:30 pm
- 21 Model Rocketry Fair Launch, Wales Park, 10 am
- 21 Horse Project Circuit Show
- 23 Fitting and Showmanship Clinic, Cozy Nook Farm, 7 pm
- 24 Cat / Small Animal Show, 4-H Forum, 6 pm
- 25 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum North Hall, 6:30 pm
- 25 Style Revue, UW Waukesha, 7 pm
- 26 Badger Livestock Judging Camp, UW Madison
- 28 Rain Date - Model Rocketry Fair Launch, Wales Park, 10 am

JULY

- 2 Area Animal Science Day, Green County Fairgrounds
- 6-9 4-H Youth Camp, Upham Woods
- 14 Rabbit Hopping Fair Event
- 16-20 Waukesha County Fair
- 31-Aug 1 State Fair

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

- August 7 – Record Book Workshop
- August 8-12 – Senior Camp
- August 18 – Record Book Workshop
- August 22-24 – Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Show
- October 4-5 – 4-H Arts Camp, Upham Woods
- November 2 – Adult Volunteer Recognition

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 published 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>.

4-H Awards

The youth awarded the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference trip this year were Eric Buslee, Sarah Driefke, Luke Tremaine, Marjorie Davis, Rachel Hardekopf, Anna Boelk, Katherine Hager, Abigail Reikowski, Karli Hintz, Kristi Knuth, Kevin Smith, Kelsey Richter, and Ethan Hebbe.

4-H Annual Fundraiser - Raffle

Attention all club leaders – all raffle tickets, sold and unsold, are due on **June 2**. For your convenience, a Central District coordinator will be on hand at the Fair Office to collect the tickets when you drop off your fair entry tags on June 2.

County Wide Record Book Workshop

Ellen Pawley, a member of the Waukesha County 4-H Awards Committee, is holding two County-wide Record book workshops. All 4-H Youth are welcome! Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! You can attend either one of the two workshops.

When: **Thursday, August 7, Monday, August 18**

Where: Room C 101 at U W Waukesha

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.

Attention Club Leaders

June is Dairy Month and the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board has provided promotional kits for our 4-H Clubs. Please contact the 4-H Office at 262-548-7774 if you would like a kit to use with your Club.

Silent Auction

The Leader's Association will again be holding a Silent Auction during the Fair this year. The purpose of the auction is to supplement and generate funds for the 4-H Youth Program and the 4-H Endowment Fund. These funds will benefit youth and volunteers in the Waukesha County 4-H Program.

The Silent Auction donation sheet is at

http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/documents/SilentAuctiondonationsheet2008_000.pdf.

VOLUNTEERS

4-H Adult Volunteer Recognition

Save the date of Sunday, November 2, 2008 for the 4-H Adult Volunteer Recognition. The Recognition will be held at the Venice Club in Brookfield. Watch for additional details in future Clover Flyers.

Volunteer Orientation Leader Training

All new leaders must attend a Volunteer Orientation Leader Training (VOLT) before working with children. To accommodate those who were unable to attend one of the four evening sessions we have held this year, we are considering holding a morning training. Please contact the 4-H Office at 262-548-7774 or email lboyer@waukeshacounty.gov if you would like to attend a morning training.

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 will be posted on the 4-H website.

Thanks bunches,

Jean Kumba

Competitive Exhibits Chairperson (all the exhibits in the Forum)

Cowstodians wanted!

Remember 4-H's silver cow, Cowversions? She was donated to Waukesha County 4-H Leader's Association after the 1999 Cows on Parade in Chicago. She is named Cowversions, painted silver and maroon, with words relating to the financial/insurance company who sponsored her, in a global map representing their offices all around the world.

Cowversions has her own special 'pasture' out in front of the 4-H Forum building, where she attracts the attention of the fair-goers and entices them into the Forum building. It was discovered that certain cows might leave the pasture if left outside for the night. So in order for Cowversions to remain safe, she needs teams of two cowboys or cowgirls to herd her out in the AM, bring her back into the Forum at night. No milking required. Please contact Jean Kumba at kumba@wi.rr.com or 262-250-1509 to volunteer.

4-H EVENTS

Basketball Tournament Results

The 2008 4-H Basketball Tournament held on March 15th was summed up from the Cloverbuds to the High School/College members as just a fun great day! The first player – Erin Dietzler arrived 1st to the tournament by 7:30 a.m. all ready to start her day and with her jersey on that even read #1!

172 players made up the tournament from the following clubs: Falls Busy Beavers, Washington, Minooka, Prairie Pioneers, Minooka, Phantom Clovers, Kettle Moraine Eagles, West Vernon, Fox Valley, Ottawa, Moriah, Center Oak, Zion, Green N Growing, Cleveland Challengers, Cooney Clovers, Meadowbrook, Muckey and New Berlin.

After a total of 29 games played throughout the day and some very very close scoring games the results came out as follows:

Boys A – Grades 9 thru 13 – 1st Place players were from Zion, Center Oak, Green N Growing and Cleveland Challengers clubs, 2nd Place players were from Ottawa and Moriah clubs, 3rd Place players were from Prairie Pioneers, Minooka, Phantom Clovers, Fox Valley and New Berlin clubs

Girls A – Grades 9 thru 13 – 1st Place players were from Ottawa and Moriah, 2nd Place players were from Washington, West Vernon, Muckey clubs, 3rd Place players were from Green N Growing, Cooney Clovers, Center Oak and Cleveland Challengers clubs

Coed B – Grades 6 thru 8 – 1st Place players were from Center Oak, Cooney Clovers, Meadowbrook, Cleveland Challengers clubs, 2nd Place players were from Ottawa and Moriah clubs, 3rd Place players were from Kettle Moraine Eagles, West Vernon, Fox Valley, Minooka clubs

Coed C – Grades 3 thru 5 – 1st Place players were from Falls Busy Beavers club, 2nd Place players were from Prairie Pioneers, Phantom Clovers, Kettle Moraine Eagles, Washington clubs, 3rd Place players were from Prairie Pioneers, Phantom Clovers, Kettle Moraine Eagles, Washington clubs

Cloverbuds – fun was had by all and all went home wearing medals!

Thank you to all who participated and had great sportsmanship! The refs complimented the players and the coaches and were really impressed with the true fun that was being had by all.

Thank you to all who helped make the day successful and lets hope we can do it again next year!

Lori Stellpflug

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

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, **August 8-12**. 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.

New Camper and Parent Orientation meeting

The date for the new camper and parent orientation night is **May 6** from 7 -8:30 pm.

Camp Registration Due May 15

All camp registrations – Junior, Wilderness and Senior Camp – are due in the 4-H office on **May 15**. All campers must submit a Health Form and Behavior Form with their Camp Registration. All the necessary forms can be found on the 4-H website. <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/camp.html>

The Camp meeting dates are:

May 20 – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

June 17 – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Cat/Small Animal Show

The Cat and Small Animal Show will be held on **Tuesday, June 24** at the 4-H Forum at 6 pm.

Little Britches Showmanship

At the County Fair we will again be holding the Little Britches Showmanship Contest during the dairy show. 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 us at karirenn@sbcglobal.net or (262)367-4427. Thanks!

Rabbit Hopping

Rabbit Hopping event will be held in the 4-H forum **July 14** from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm Practice dates are **May 28** and **June 25**. Members can come any time between 6:30-8:00 and practice as long as they want.

Rabbit Project

The countywide 4-H Rabbit Project meeting will be **May 7** at 6:30 pm in the North Hall at the Fairgrounds. Please bring your rabbit and any questions that you might have. Please also bring a show table and or carpet square. Attendance is vital to your success in this project!

We will be discussing breed identification, showmanship, and how to care for your rabbit. We would like experienced member to attend in order to assist new members.

Please contact Laura (key leader) at 262-662-3353 or via email at lschramke@wi.rr.com or Maggie at 894-3647 with any questions

State 4-H Dog Show

Information and registration material for the 2008 State 4-H Dog Show is now on the State 4-H website. Registration is due to **Jo Ann Hubacek by June 18** and can be found on page 24. The Show will be held in Washington County **August 22-24, 2008**.

http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/documents/2008_Dog_Show_Rules_and_Registration.pdf.

State Fair Animal Registration

Animal registration for the State Fair will be on **June 16**, from 3:00-7:00 pm. 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.

Horse/Horseless Horse Project

Thus far, the Waukesha County 4-H Horse Association (WC4-HHA) members have organized and hosted several education clinics whereby 4-H members either directly participated in or audited the learning topic. We have several more of these hands-on clinics activities planned for this year. Horse owning and horseless horse members are invited to attend these educational events.

In addition, the WC4-HHA will host five horse shows in order to give 4-Hers ample opportunity to exhibit their projects. All of these shows are held at the Waukesha Expo and the dates are **May 10** and **31** and **June 21**. There is no admission fee. I would encourage 4-H members of any project to come out and watch our horse project members and their four-legged projects in action. If you have any questions while you are there, feel free to chat with any of the youth about their projects. I am sure they would love to tell you about the horse or pony they are showing!

On **August 10**, we will be hosting our annual open show. This show is open to public and weather permitting, we are expecting a great turn out. This is another great family event! Come out and enjoy the fun!

In addition to these wonderful events, the Board is planning on a slew of fun and entertaining activities for the 2008 Waukesha County Fair. Many clubs are already in the planning stages for developing unique stall decorations for Fair that always seem to be a hit with Fair goers. The horse project will be hosting a parade of breeds, costume contest, judging contest, fun show and educational clinics during the Fair. Great fun for participants and spectators alike! And once again, our Saturday horse show judge will be selecting a candidate to represent the horse project at the Showman of Showmen contest that evening.

Additional Horse Project Activity: **June 18** Beginner Showmanship and All Skill Level Trail Clinic at the Waukesha Expo (weather permitting) at 6:30 pm

Fitting and Showmanship Clinic

Come and participate in a hands-on fitting and showmanship clinic. It is open to all youth in dairy, swine, horse, beef and sheep project members. This clinic will count towards your total of two clinics that must be attended to participate in the auction at the Fair. It is also a good opportunity for those exhibitors interested in the County Fair's "Showman of Showmanship" competition.

Pizza and door prizes also! The clinic will be held Monday, **June 23**, at 7:00-8:30 pm at Cozy Nook Farm, S18 W30780 Summit Ave (Highway 18) Waukesha. Please contact Tom Oberhaus at 262-968-2573 with any questions.

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>

Badger Livestock Judging Camp

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Badger Livestock Judging Camp to be held on **Thursday, June 26** at the Stock Pavilion, University of Wisconsin – Madison. This camp is for youth who have completed 3rd grade through one year past high school that are interested in building their knowledge on the evaluation principles associated with market and breeding beef, swine and sheep. There will be a separate Beginner Track and an Advanced Track for youth to learn the basics of selection, oral reasons and answering questions. Livestock coaches are also invited to

attend. The cost of the camp is \$25 which includes lunch, refreshments, and materials. For a registration form and additional information go to <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/badgerlvstkcamp.cfm>

COMMUNICATION & CULTURAL ARTS

Style Revue

The 2007 Style Revue will be held on **Wednesday, June 25** at 7:00 pm at the UW Waukesha Campus. Remember, this is a pre-County Fair event. Entries are limited to one garment per member in each of the Clothing and Looking Good projects, if enrolled in both projects, plus entries for another individual in the Intermediate and Advanced categories. You must abide by the entries for your grade level as listed in the County Fair Book. Unlike the fair, where garments are examined and judged on construction, garments modeled in the Revue are judged on appearance and fit. **Remember that style revue garments must be listed on your Junior Fair entry blank.** If you are planning on entering the Style Revue, please e-mail Maria at mhabib@waukeshacounty.gov. The Style Revue at the Fair will be held at 4:30 pm on Saturday.

If you would like to enter for the State Fair Style Review, please call Sharlene Tetzlaff at (262)392-3133 or e-mail Maria.

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 2 Saturday of each month 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.

Clowning

JULY 4 Parade – Waukesha – Friday, July 4 – 10:00 am Stepoff. All clowns can participate! Lineup is at the library on Maple St at 9:30 am. Be in costume and makeup and have a parade prop if necessary. Don't forget a water-bottle for warm weather. For details, call Mary Rose Kuenzi @ 262-547-2428.

CLOWN Fair Setup – Saturday, July 12, 10:00 am. Chris Calvert 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 Chris @ 262-968-4216.

CLOWN judging at the Fair – Wednesday, July 16 – 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Judging will be at **THE ARENA**. Clown Alley will be open at 1:00 pm for clowns wanting to get an early start with putting on their makeup. Please make sure to bring ALL supplies and ALL props for judging. ALSO, bring your FAIR TAGS!!!! Questions? Call Chris @ 262-968-4216.

County-wide Knitting / Crocheting

Our next county-wide knitting and crocheting meeting will be on **Saturday, May 24**, from 9am to noon. We meet at UW-Waukesha, 1500 North University Drive, Waukesha in room C158. Any questions, please contact Debi Marheine dmrheine@wi.rr.com.

County-wide Quilting

Our next county-wide quilting meeting will be on **Saturday, May 10**, from 9:30 am to noon. We meet at South Park, N5W27300 Northview Road in Waukesha. Any questions, please contact Debi Marheine dmrheine@wi.rr.com.

Photography

The next County Photography meeting will be **Monday, May 12** at UW Waukesha in Room N054 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

4-H Arts Camp

If you're in Middle School, grades 6-8, don't miss 4-H Arts Camp! Where else can you go to one place to learn about music, drama, visual arts, photography, communications, and juggling! This year, 4-H Arts Camp will be **October 4-5**.

You'll rotate through the different Arts tracks each day, participate in a group Arts experience Saturday evening, and close with a ceremony for parents and families, celebrating the results of your group Arts Camp experiences. You'll also meet new friends, participate in camp games, and enjoy the great natural setting of Upham Woods, a 300-acre environmental education center on the Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells.

4-H Arts Camp is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Extension and is funded through registrations and a grant from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. The program is planned and led by a talented group of 4-H high school youth, assisted by UW-Extension specialists, 4-H staff and key adult volunteers. You'll learn lots of creative ideas to take home to share with your family and friends.

If you haven't been a part of the Arts Camp experience, come and see what you've been missing! Space is limited. For more information go to <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm>

MECHANICAL SCIENCES

4-H Bicycle Project

The annual 4-H Bike Rodeo will be held **Saturday, May 31** at Rose Glen Elementary School in Waukesha. Participants should arrive between 9 and 10 am. This activity consists of a written exam, parts identification and skill riding events. Contestants must bring your own bicycles and helmets. No helmet - No Competition. The rodeo is designed to be a practical demonstration and to simulate actual operating conditions; therefore, the contestants must remain seated while riding in the skill event.

Be sure to list the bike rodeo on your County Fair entry card (Department 240, Class C, Entry #4 if 13 yrs. and younger or Entry #5 if 14 yrs. and older)

Please e-mail johnreneb@hotmail.com to say "YES I will be attending" or "NO I will be unable to attend" so we know how many participants to expect.

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.

Modelclub

The Waukesha County 4-H Modelclub was represented at the **24th Annual Southern California Area Historical Modeling Society International Show**. Dan Gordon received a Letter of Merit (Highest Award Available in Class) For Dragon in the juniors division.

Ashley Behnke won a Bronze Medal for her model of Dumbledore. As a universal decision of the Judges, Ashley was promoted to Advanced Painters Class. In the 24 years of this event, **NO JUNIOR HAS EVER BEEN PROMOTED TO A HIGHER CLASS LET ALONE 3 CLASSES**. Others in this class this year included Randy Meyers, Carson Van Osten, Jim Faubus and Lars Lilleblad. Our highest congratulations to Ashley for her work. Ashley's work will be in Historical Miniature #62 coming out in June.

In the adult division, Painters Class Ordinance, Michael Luedke received a Letter of Merit For Lee-Enfield 303 Rifle and Christopher Luedke received a Bronze Medal for 1/72 RCAF C-47 Rescue. In the General Class, Patti

Luedke received a Pewter Medal For Merlyn and Michael Luedke received a Pewter Medal For Just A Yorkshire Tommie.

The **Hobbytown Show in Germantown**, sponsored by Brians Model Cars, had 58 models for adults and 10 models for youth.

Nicholas Bast took 1st place for diorama in Youth I (ages 8 to 15). Dan Gordon took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for figures in Youth II (ages 16 to 20).

In Junior Awards, Nicholas Bast - People's Choice Award for his diorama and Dan Gordon - Best of Show for Firewyrn (Dragon). Dan's dragon is going on to the National competition.

Model Rocketry

Thanks to all of those who showed up for our Spring "Egg" launch held on Saturday, March 29. There were about 10 families and around 25 youth and adults who launched rockets. There were a few "exciting and different" launches. Only a couple got lost, and one nose cone with parachute took off into never-never land. We think it's finally come back to Earth.

Model Rocketry will be having its upcoming meeting on **Wednesday, May 14**, 7:00 pm at the UW-Waukesha Field House, Room F006. Bring your rocket to work on and any questions you might have. The last meeting of the year will be **Wednesday, June 11**. On that night we will be going over the information for the Fair Launch.

The Fair Launch is scheduled for **Saturday, June 21**, Wales Community Park, starting at 10:00 am and going till around 2:00 pm, depending on the number of participants. After the judging is finished, there will be time for additional "fun" launches. Rain date is Saturday, June 28.

REMINDER: ONLY ONE ROCKET IS ELIGIBLE FOR JUDGING. ROCKETS MUST BE BUILT FROM A KIT. The Fair Rocket Launch is listed under Mechanical Sciences, Department 240, Class G, #'s 4, 5 or 6.

For questions or for more information, contact Flash Gordon by e-mail at flash_rescue31@hotmail.com or by phone at 262-544-0405.

Shooting Sports – Archery

Please note the following dates for the Fair Archery Shoots: **Friday, May 16**, Buck Rub in Pewaukee, 4:30, Cost - Shoot \$2.50, Rentals \$5.00. **Wednesday, May 21**, Falls Archery in Menomonee Falls, 4:30, Cost \$6.00 (includes rentals). **YOU CAN ONLY PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE SHOOT.**

Make sure you sign up in the correct entry for the Fair Shoot. **NOTE:** there are now three (3) different age classifications, and the age is based as of January 1. The Fair Archery Shoot is listed under Natural Sciences, Department 216, Class J.

Shooting Sports – Rifle

We are still planning on holding a Fair Rifle Shoot for .22 Rifle. **THE LOCATION AND DATES ARE YET TO BE DETERMINED!** The Fair Rifle Shoot is listed under Natural Sciences, Department 216, Class K.

For questions or for more information, contact Flash Gordon by e-mail at flash_rescue31@hotmail.com or by phone at 262-544-0405.

WAUKESHA COUNTY FAIR

Waukesha County Fair Website

The Fair has launched its 2008 website; please check it out at www.waukeshacountyfair.com!

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!

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.

Step 7: All exhibits must be picked up Sunday, July 20 after 7 pm. Pick up prior to 7 pm results in forfeiture of premium money. Back this year-Forum exhibitors will be allowed in the Forum building shortly after 7 pm, once the building has been cleared of visitors. Please line up outside of Door #1 of the 4-H Forum building, in the line for the Hall you want to go to first (North, South, or East,) rather than waiting inside the building. Signs will be posted if rain plans are needed. Entry into the building will occur shortly after 7 pm. Have claim checks ready for your articles.

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.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

State Fair Animal Registration

Animal registration for the State Fair will be on **June 16**, from 3:00-7:00 pm. 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.

State Fair Dairy Managerial Project Forms

Managerial forms are due to the 4-H office by June 2. Forms are located on the State Fair website: <http://www.wsfp.state.wi.us/home/wsfp/AGRICULTURE/junior.htm>

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.

Brookfield Blazers

The club has had a food drive for Hunger Task Force, Club Demonstration Night and made angel necklaces for Elmbrook Hospital. They also have been having an ongoing collection of blue jeans for the Operation Quiet Comfort project and diapers for the Waukesha County 4-H Diaper Drive. Up coming events include the voting in of officers for the 2008-2009 club year and the June potluck meeting. Also congratulations to club member Stephanie Lemay, for recently being name the 2008 Wisconsin Brown Swiss Queen and also on becoming President of the Waukesha County 4-H Council of Teens.

Cleveland Challengers 4H

Cleveland Challengers member Erika Spiegelberg is going to Mexico for a mission trip.

Darren Blair's basketball team took first at the 4-H basketball tournament.

Cassandra Wind from "Wind Touch Healing" was the guest speaker at the March meeting and taught members how to remain healthy through their feet. Later, Corey Missiaen demonstrated his "spin cycle" bike that he had invented.

Election Results: Sr. President: Erika Spiegelberg, Sr. Vice President: Sarah Dreifke, Sr. Reporter: Seth Missiaen, Sr. Historian: Natalie Missiaen, Sr. Sergeant of Arms: Eric Buslee, Jr. President: Talia Spiegelberg, Jr. Vice President: Lacroshia, Jr. Secretary: Hudson N., Jr. Treasurer: Kevin Krause, Jr. Reporter: Isaiah Rogowski, Jr. Historian: Ransom, Jr. Sgt of arms: Preston Missiaen

Talent Night participants: Talia Spiegelberg, Seth and Natalie Missiaen, Luke Roedl, Jamie Ehlert, Ben Kojis, Melissa Buslee, Nick Roedl, Hudson N., Isaiah Rogowski

Falls Busy Beavers

The Falls Busy Beavers club has much to celebrate! At the 24th Annual Southern California Area Historical Modeling Society International Show, Ashley Behnke, the club President, won a Bronze Medal for her model of Dumbledore. As a universal decision of the Judges, Ashley was promoted to Advanced Painters Class. In the 24 years of this event, NO JUNIOR HAS EVER BEEN PROMOTED TO A HIGHER CLASS LET ALONE 3 CLASSES. Our highest congratulations to Ashley for her work. By the way, Ashley's work will be in Historical Miniature #62 coming out in June.

Congratulations to Anne and Nicolas Bast for their up coming trip to space camp! Anne was selected to be one of the 10 chaperones nationwide! She is very excited. Anne is really looking forward to attending and seeing how she can promote this trip in our county for next year. "I think our promoting it within the aerospace project will be a great place to start and continue from there."

One of the Busy Beaver teams took home the Basketball Championship Trophy. Both teams were splendid examples of good sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the participants in the show case performances! Participants were Ashley Behnke, Nicolas Bast and Taylor Herold. Special merits were received by all three!

Fox Valley 4-H Club

Fox Valley 4-H Club helped an underprivileged family thru the Clearing Council at Christmas this year. The club had its annual Bowling night in February at Fox View lanes. They had a great time. During their April meeting, members met and handmade Easter Cards and had them delivered to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee. In April and May the club will be holding 4-H Record book workshops. All members are eagerly looking forward to Fair time!

New Berlin 4-H Club

Members all had a blast at the basketball tournament and made some new friends there too. The club paid its monthly visit to the National Regency Assisted Living Center to play bingo with the seniors. There was a record turnout of both senior and club members. For the service project the club will be looking for treasures along National Ave. (also known as highway clean up to some) as soon as the weather warms up a little and it is not so wet.

Prairie Pioneers

Club meeting activities for February and March were a talk by the 2007 Fairest of the Fair and Foreign Dishes Potluck, respectively. Erin Kluth got a prize for answering the question from the Clover Flyer. Family binder awards were handed out to Markelle Grabo, Abby Schreiber, and Amanda Schreiber. Sara Johnson won the one liner question award and Breanna Schultz got the minutes question award.

Minooka

Minooka recently had a club T-shirt design contest. Noah Kuenzi's "Got 4-H"?" was the winner. The third annual Sweet Treat Auction a success!!

Congratulations to Curtain Call participants for a blue-ribbon performance on Saturday, February 2nd at Butler Middle School. Minooka 4-H members acted out "What Ever Happened to Ebenezer Scrooge?" directed by Jennifer Smith and Kelsey Richter. Cast members included: Kelly and Casey Hoppe, Kristi, James, and Becky Knuth, John Spranger, Kevin and Jennifer Smith, Jeremy, Mackenzie, Tyler Norem, Ayla, Ellie, Isabel, Owen Visuri. Minooka Players will perform the skit at the March general meeting. Congratulations to basketball team members Lauren and Michael Blankenship, Jake, Karli, Zachary Hintz, Kristi, James, Becky Knuth, Emma McCoy, Dillon and Andrew Nelson, Jennifer and Kevin Smith, John Spranger, Owen Visuri. A special "Thank you!" to Mike Hintz and his team of coaches and helpers.

Muckey 4-H

In April the club elected their new officers. Congratulations to all of them. Everyone is very excited about Muckey's fund raiser in May. Monies raised will be used for club trips, supplies, etc.

The club was lucky to have a lady come and demonstrate puppetry. Members had a wonderful time. Everyone, including adults, had a chance to work the puppets and learn about their care and the technique of working them. For the last meeting in June will be a picnic with games, food, and lots of fun. Mucky 4-H

Officer elections were held in April. The new officers are: President: Kimberly Marek, Vice President: Rebekah Hovey, Secretary: Laura Schachner, Treasurer: Sarah Hovey, Sergeant of Arms: Teddy Evert and Cora Trexell, Reporter: Caroline Seymour, Historian: Julia Krautkramer, Recreational Leader: Stephanie Seymour

Washington 4-H Club

The Washington club would like to thank Darryl and Anna Boelk for running the Curtain Call Skit, Russ Hager for manning the Family Fun Night Camp Booth and to the Rauworth and Bugenhagen Families for running the Club's game.

Congratulations to Club Higher Award winners Melissa Phillips and Yvonne King! Both girls won the State's highest 4-H award, the Key Award. This is given to members considered "key" to making the 4-H program work in the County.

Melissa also won The Danforth Award. It is the highest 4-H award given. This award may be given to up to two winners each year. The winners are considered the best examples of 4-H Leadership and skills learned. Winners have worked with 4-H on a local, County and State level, usually for many years.

Zion 4-H

The club's March meeting doubled as the bowling and pizza night and was held at Hartbrook Lanes. All participants had an enjoyable evening.

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 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 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 Style Review, Fair Set up and Judging or 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!

SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Science, Engineering & Technology (SET)



Seeking Youth Participating in 4-H Science, Engineering and/or Technology Projects

Are you a 4-H member working on projects in environmental science, robotics, rocketry, GIS/GPS systems, animal science and more? National 4-H Council is looking for 4-H members to feature in an upcoming promotion. Take a moment to fill out this short 10-minute survey! Go to <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/setsurvey.aspx> to access the survey or to learn more about the 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology (4-H SET) program.

WAUKESHA COUNTY EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Garbage to Carpets Trip

What happens to the 3,250,000 water bottles used hourly in America? They get turned into carpet! Learn how at the Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility.

4-Hers of all ages are invited on **Tuesday, June 10** at 6:00 pm to the Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility, 220 S. Prairie Ave., Waukesha, (262) 548-9707

K-5th grade youth can choose from the following options:

- (1) Educational Room with Recycle Raccoon, view machines and products, and a scavenger hunt. 1 hour.
- (2) Educational Room with Recycle Raccoon, view machines and products, and a scavenger hunt. Then, participate in a "trash-to-treasure" arts and crafts workshop. 1½ hours.

6th grade and up can choose from the following options:

- (1) Tour facility to see the machines and products used with your recyclables while discovering the environmental and economic benefits of recycling. 1 Hour.
- (2) Tour facility to see the machines and products used with your recyclables while discovering the environmental and economic benefits of recycling. Then, participate in a facilitated brainstorming session to develop your own Community Service learning project suitable for projects or the Fair. 1½ hours.

Email Maria at mhabib@waukehsacounty.gov to register.

Theatre Arts Opportunities

The Waukesha Civic Theatre offers special rates to educational groups of \$10 per ticket (compared to this year's ticket price of \$16.) You must have a group of 10 or larger attending. This ticket rate applies to any of their main-stage productions both this year and next. Remaining this year are performances of "Over the Tavern," running from May 2nd through May 18th., and "Little Women," running June 13th through June 29th. For more information about the upcoming productions, see their website at <http://www.waukeshacivictheatre.org/>. When ordering your tickets, please identify that you are a 4-H group and are seeking their discounted rate.

The Waukesha Civic Theatre is also offering a number of acting classes this summer. Descriptions of those classes can also be found on their website. New this year is the opportunity to be in a member in a full-length production. For those who are 6 - 12 years old, the play is "The Dirty Room." For those who are 13 - 19 years old, you can be in a production of "High School Musical." Registration for all classes are handled through the Waukesha Parks and Recreation Department.

HAWS Events

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

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!*

Solving Common Feline Behavior Problems

Monday, June 9 6:30-7:30 pm

Join Feline Behavior Consultant Linda Guerrero to learn about why your cat does the things he does. Discover solutions to common behavior problems such as litterbox issues, scratching on things other than the scratching post, nipping, and inappropriate play. Find out how to play appropriately with your cat while engaging her mind and tiring her out.

Want to Know More About Your House Rabbit?

Sunday, June 15 1:00-3:00 pm

Rabbits are a little more complex a pet than 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.

For additional events, check their website at <http://www.hawspets.org/events.html>.