

“We can draw lessons from the past, but we cannot live in it.” – Lyndon B. Johnson

Dear 4-H Friends and Families,

Just as the popular 90's rock band Semisonic once said, “Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end,” I am about to end my current beginning and begin a new beginning...Translation: My year of AmeriCorps VISTA service has ended, and as of August 21, I will be headed out into the big scary world of job searching. Wish me luck!

I would like to take this time to thank all of the Waukesha County 4-H community for making me feel so welcomed and allowing me into your 4-H lives. It was a pleasure to get to know all of you (even if we only knew each other via the countless emails I've sent you over the year!☺). I have had a wonderful time, and couldn't have asked for a better experience!

Please remember to check out the ReDiscover 4-H event that will be taking place on October 3. This is a great opportunity to explore more of what 4-H has to offer, as well as recruit new members for your club. If interested, visit <http://rediscover4h.org/> for more information.

As you already know, the Waukesha County 4-H has an amazing group of youth, volunteers and parents. I am so happy to have been able to work with you all. As a new year of 4-H is fast approaching, I wish you all good luck in whatever you do. Keep up the good work and make this the best 4-H program around!

Later gators,

Megan Nikolai
AmeriCorps VISTA, 4-H Youth Development

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Check Out 4-H Twitter!

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

WEBSITES/EMAILS OF INTEREST

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

AUGUST

- 27 4-H Executive Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, 7 pm
- 28-30 State 4-H Dog Show, Jefferson County

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Record Books and ME Forms due to 4-H Office
- 11-13 Wisconsin Wool & Sheep Festival, Jefferson County
- 14 4-H Awards Committee Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 14 4-H Camp Mtg, CAC Rm 255, 7 pm
- 17-20 State 4-H Horse Show, State Fair Park
- 19 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 19 County-wide Clowning Mtg, UW Waukesha, 9 am
- 21 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm 255, 7 pm
- 21 4-H Planning Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 24 4-H Executive Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, 7 pm
- 26 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm N045, 9 am

OCTOBER

- 3 ReDISCOVER 4-H, UW Waukesha, 9 am
- 3 Multi-county Cat Show, Sheboygan County Fair Grounds
- 10 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 17 ME Interviews, UW Waukesha
- 17 County-wide Clowning Mtg, UW Waukesha, 9 am
- 19 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 22 4-H Executive Board Mtg, UW Waukesha, 7 pm
- 24 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 26 Volunteer Orientation Leader Training, CAC, 7 pm

NOVEMBER

- 8 Adult Leader Banquet / Leader's Association Annual Meeting

NOVEMBER continued

- 14 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 16 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 16 4-H Camp Mtg, CAC Rm 255, 7 pm
- 17 Volunteer Orientation Leader Training, CAC, 7 pm
- 21 County-wide Clowning Mtg, UW Waukesha, 9 am
- 21 4-H Fall Leadership Conference, Chula Vista Resort
- 28 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am

DECEMBER

- 12 Registration deadline for Showcase
- 12 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 15 4-H Camp Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 19 County-wide Clowning Mtg, UW Waukesha, 9 am

JANUARY

- 16 County-wide Clowning Mtg, UW Waukesha, 9 am
- 17 4-H Camp Mtg
- 27 Volunteer Orientation Leader Training, CAC, 7 pm

FEBRUARY

- 6 Showcase, Butler Middle School
- 6 Curtain Call, Butler Middle School
- 15 4-H Camp Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 6:30 pm, 7 pm
- 18 Volunteer Orientation Leader Training, UW Waukesha, 7 pm
- 20 County-wide Clowning Mtg, UW Waukesha, 9 am

Check <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/4-HCalendar.html> for the most updated calendar.

This newsletter was posted/mailed on August 27, 2009.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Newsletter—Clover Flyer

Welcome to Waukesha County 4-H. This newsletter is published/posted six times per year for Families and Leaders in the 4-H program. This newsletter contains important information relating to you! Newsletters are published on or before the first of January, March, May, July, September and November.

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

4-H Support Staff Office Hours

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

ReDISCOVER 4-H – OCTOBER 3

On Saturday, October 3, Waukesha County 4-H will be holding a new event at UW-Waukesha – *ReDISCOVER 4-H*! The event will be from 9 am-3:30 pm; attend as your schedule permits. (Lunch will be available for purchase.)

4-H has so much to offer! Even those of us who have been in 4-H for years are still learning. The purpose of the event is to help people *ReDISCOVER 4-H* as it *Recruits* new 4-H members, *Retains* current members, and *Reveals* to everyone that 4-H offers more than ever before! *ReDISCOVER 4-H* has three components – Project Workshops, Performances and Hands-On Exhibits.

Project Workshops: Learn a new skill or get a start on a project for fair in these one or two hour workshops. Workshop leaders will teach and help youth as they work on projects such as rocketry, robotics, and woodworking. Two Project Workshop sessions will be offered, 9-11 am and 1:30-3:30 pm. (See related article for more information and how to register.)

Performances: 4-H groups and individual members will show the performing arts side of 4-H with dance, drama, declamations, demonstrations, and instrumental music from 11 am to 1:30 pm. (See related articles for more information and how to help.)

Hands-On Exhibits: From 11am-1:30 pm, booths will show some 4-H Projects, Waukesha County 4-H Clubs, and 4-H Committees.

- Project Exhibits – Interest 4-H members and other guests in a variety of 4-H projects. Whenever

possible, these booths will involve the youth in trying the skill. (See related article for more information and how to help.)

- Waukesha County 4-H Clubs – Introduce interested attendees to the 4-H clubs in Waukesha County. The Hands-On Exhibits portion of *ReDISCOVER 4-H* will give 4-H clubs a chance to inform interested attendees about your club – who you are, when and where you meet, what activities people in your club like to do, etc
- 4-H Committees – Inform 4-H youth and families about 4-H county level committees - what they do, what they provide, and how others can help.

Visit our web site www.rediscover4h.org for more information, future updates, and signing up for project workshops and/or volunteering.

ReDISCOVER 4-H Project Workshops

ReDISCOVER 4-H will be having Project Workshop Sessions: a Morning Session from 9-11 am and an Afternoon Session from 1:30-3:30 pm. The one or two hour workshops in each session provide an opportunity for youth to try new projects and/or get a start on a project they want to do for fair. Workshop leaders will teach and help youth as they work on projects such as rocketry, robotics, and woodworking. Project Workshops require pre-registration and the cost or materials for the project. Attend as many of these workshops as you want. For the complete list of Project Workshops available, go to www.rediscover4h.org and sign up to attend!

ReDISCOVER 4-H Project Workshop enrollment for 4-H youth begins on Sept 1. After Sept. 15, interested non-4-H members can sign up for the workshops. Workshops will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Class sizes are limited.

ReDISCOVER 4-H Performances

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4-H groups will perform dance and drama, plus individuals will do demonstrations, instrumental solos/ensembles or declamations. (The demonstrations will be critiqued and will count as county-level demonstrations for project medals and project honors. See the related demonstration article for details.)

At *ReDISCOVER 4-H*, we will have some 4-H members performing instrumental solos or ensembles. We will also have some 4-H members perform declamations (dramatic readings, speeches, story telling, or poem/story recitations).

If you are interested in performing an instrumental solo/ensemble AND/OR a declamation, sign-up on www.rediscover4h.org website by clicking on the Performance clover on the top of the page. Groups may also go to the Performance page to select to sign their group up for a dance and/or drama performance.

ReDISCOVER 4-H Demonstrations

ReDISCOVER 4-H will be providing times for Demonstrations from 11 am - 1:30 pm.

As at Open House in the past, these will be critiqued and will count as a county level demonstration for your record book. To sign up for doing a demonstration, go to www.rediscover4h.org and click on the Performances clover at the top of the page and sign up under Demonstrations.

Adults willing to critique the demonstrations should sign-up at www.rediscover4h.org or contact Sue Wegner at 574-1306.

ReDISCOVER 4-H Project Exhibits

ReDISCOVER 4-H will be having Hands-On Exhibits from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Project Exhibits will be operating during this time. We still need adult and youth leaders would be willing to show how to do projects.

The Project Exhibits will allow 4-H members and other guests to learn about some of the different activities that 4-H offers. These exhibits are set in an open house format and do not require registration - just come and go as you desire.

Most Projects Exhibits - such as knitting, robotics, model railroading - would take place in the UW-Waukesha Commons Area and Hallways. Some Project Exhibits - such as Bike Rodeo (bring your own bike and helmet) - would take place outside, weather permitting.

The Project Exhibits will interest 4-H members and other guests in the variety of 4-H projects. Whenever possible, the youth visitors should have an opportunity to participate for a few minutes to let them try a new skill; these would not be take-home projects. (Example: Latch hook project - leader works on a latch hook project, explains how to do the hooking, lets interested booth visitor do a few squares, and then continues on, or helps next visitor.)

This would be a great opportunity for youth leaders to work on a project, explain how it is done, and help others learn it. (We would encourage youth leaders to save at least 30 minutes of the 2 ½ hour exhibit time to see other exhibits. Maybe you could work as

a team with other youth demonstrating the same project and taking turns.)

If you are willing to help in this area, please sign-up on-line at www.rediscover4h.org (click on Exhibits clover at the top of the page) or contact Nancy Farrell at 262-544-0753.

4-H YOUTH AWARDS

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

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

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

Award Changes for 9th Graders

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

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

***** Due to a scheduling conflict at UW Waukesha the M.E. interviews for October 24th has been changed. **The new date for the M.E. interviews will be October 17.** We encourage all 4-H members 8th grade and older to submit a M.E. form to participate in the award trips offered. If you have any questions please contact Terri Johnson at terrijohnson@wi.rr.com. *****

Terri Johnson, Awards Committee Co-chair

4-H EVENTS

4-H Fall Youth Leadership Conference

Take the Plunge, Get Hooked on 4-H! The 5th Annual State-Wide Fall 4-H Youth Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday, **November 21** at the Chula Vista Resort & Conference Center in WI Dells. This conference is open to 4-H youth, in 7th grade and older, from across the state and is sponsored by Southern District Leadership Team members (SDLT). There are many exciting leadership sessions you have to choose from and then enjoy the indoor water park with your new friends! The cost is only \$45 and your parent may attend the conference for only \$15 (which covers lunch, but not a water park pass)

Make this a family outing...rooms at Chula Vista are \$129 per night for November 20 or 21. Rooms can be reserved until October 21. Contact Chula Vista at 800-388-4782 for additional information. Mark your calendars and save the date. Recruit your friends and join the fun. The flyer and registration form is at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/rock/4h/index.html>.

Showcase – Saturday, February 6, 2010

Come share all of your talents. Showcase is an opportunity for kids to play, sing, or dance a musical piece in front of a judge. After the performance, the judge provides an encouraging and reflective evaluation. Students receive tips and strategies to make their musical performances better. Showcase also prepares students for upcoming Solo Ensemble competitions at their schools.

Along with the musical performances, students can do a DECLAMATION. Students recite a piece of writing with emphasis on vocal inflection and expression. Many students choose to perform a Declamation because it helps them grow in confidence and speaking skills.

DANCE is again being offered at Showcase this year. If you are taking dance lessons, are in a dancing ensemble, or performed during county fair, please consider dancing for Showcase. *(If there are not enough registrations for dance, this category will have to be cancelled.)*

BAND JAM! BAND JAM! Do you want to see how it is to play with a band? Do you want to see how fast a group of talented musicians can play a piece beautifully? Then Band Jam is for you. During the morning of Showcase, students join a other students and learn new music, practice in between judging, and perform together after judging is completed. 4H members are encouraged to invite their friends to participate in this event. Band Jam combines young

musicians with experienced musicians creating music. *(If there are not 15 students signed up by the deadline, Band Jam will not be offered.)*

There's no time like the present to start preparing your music, dance, and declamations for this year's Showcase. This year's Showcase will be on Saturday, **February 6**, 2010, at Butler Middle School, Waukesha, from 8:00 to 11:50 am. Join other 4H performers and share your talents. Duets, groups with friends (4H and non 4H members) are welcome. There will be refreshments and snacks for the performers throughout the morning.

Registration deadline is **December 12**. See your club leader or the 4-H website for a registration form. If you have any questions, MaryAnn Rauworth 262-662-2906 or Theresa Rauworth 262-391-0257 are the people to contact.

Summer Camp

We had a great time at summer camp this year. What great leaders 4H is growing. Please see the list below and recognize all the great leaders your club has.

Counselors in Training: Zachary McKee, Casey Hoppe, Kerianne Pawley, Crisma Santos, Stephanie Seymour, Ellie Visuri, Bethany Wandsnider, Rebecca Wandsnider

Counselors: Karli Hintz, Joe Rankin, Aislynn Wagner, Katie Cataldo, Katie Hager, Kristi Knuth, Jennifer Smith, Kevin Smith

Program Staff: Abby Kluth, Tanishia Schulze, Lauren Bugenhagen, Kevin Hoeft, Jackie Kumba, Shannon Sattler

Wilderness Staff: Jacob Rankin, Mike Blankenship, Rachel Bugenhagen, Kelly Hoppe

Camp Meetings

September 14 – 7 pm Ice Cream Social to talk about how camp went this year.

November 16 – 7 pm For everyone interested in becoming a Counselor in Training (CIT), Counselor, Program Staff, Adult Staff

December 15 – 7 pm Committee Meeting, come with your applications to be on staff

January 17 – All day camp selection and training

February 15 – 6:30 Adult / Program Staff Meeting, 7 pm Youth meeting

March 16 – 6:30 Adult / Program Staff Meeting, 7 pm Youth meeting

April 21 – 6:30 Adult / Program Staff Meeting, 7 pm Youth meeting

May 17 – 6:30 Adult / Program Staff Meeting, 7 pm Youth meeting

June 22 – 6:30 Adult / Program Staff Meeting, 7 pm Youth meeting (this meeting depends on the 2010 camp dates received from Upham Woods)

All meetings are mandatory. All weekday meetings will be held in the County Administration Center (CAC).

Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival

Attention knitters, sewers, rug hookers, photographers, sheep project members, foods project members and anyone looking for a fun event, the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival will be held **September 11-13** in Jefferson. It's a family weekend, full of entertainment and education.

You'll see sheep shearing, Border collies in action, yarn by the yard, and wool in every color imaginable. There are over 50 Wonders of Wool fiber arts classes and workshops for adults. There are a number of youth activities including a knitting workshop, a spinning workshop, and a felting workshop. There are cooking demonstrations, the Make it with Wool Style show, a photography contest, a hooked rug exhibit, and so much more. For those in the sheep project, you can show your market lamb. There are also fun skillathons for youth. Check out the website for details at www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

4-H Adult Volunteer Recognition

The 4-H Adult Volunteer Recognition Banquet will be held on Sunday, **November 8** at the Radisson (Hwy 164 and I94) at 4 pm. Watch for your invitation coming soon!

Come & VOLT!

All new leaders must attend a Volunteer Orientation Leader Training (VOLT) before working in 4-H. The VOLT sessions are scheduled for Monday, **October 26**, Tuesday, **November 17**, Wednesday, **January 27** and Thursday, **February 18**. Please call the 4-H Office at 262-548-7774 to sign up.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Multi-County Cat Show

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

Llama / Alpaca Project

The Fair is Over, the Llama/Alpaca project is looking Forward to 2010!

Now is the time to sign up for the Llama/alpaca project for 2010. We had a very successful year. Many new members joined in for the fun this past year.



Llamas are fun, clean, safe and easy to handle. You don't have to own one to show one!

Contact Barb Parsons if you want to learn more. 262-495-4944 or theparsons@prodigy.net

Horse

Congratulations to the 36 riders who will represent Waukesha County at the 2009 State 4-H Horse Expo.

In many 4-H projects county fair represents the end of the 4-H season. For others a trip to the Wisconsin State Fair is earned with a championship ribbon in their class. Within the 20+ Waukesha County Horse Projects hard work and a blue ribbon ride, in select classes at county fair, earn you the privilege of representing the county at the Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Expo, **September 17-20**, at State Fair Park.

Imagine trying to fit over 700 horses, and riders, into the already full Wisconsin State Fair! For this reason we have our own dedicated event filled with 4 days of early morning to sometimes late night competitive events. We even have a wide variety of educational classes where project members can earn a trip to regional or national competition and represent the State of Wisconsin.

Waukesha County has consistently been well represented at the Expo. We are known as one of the top counties in the state for delivering quality participants. Every year we strive to improve and do better than the previous year. Last year we earned a new honor receiving the State, 1st place, Barn Award for the first time ever. Counties are judged on decoration, theme, safety, cleanliness, knowledge and personality of riders.

For most 4-Hers this is the biggest riding event they will ever participate in. Many riders will tell you that your first year at state is spent adjusting and getting over being overwhelmed by the level of riding, the number of horses and riders, and the stress of wanting to do well. There is no better feeling than knowing you have been recognized as one of the best and you are gaining experience and knowledge to pass on to

your fellow 4-Hers in hopes of earning them a trip to state.

If you know of any Waukesha County riders going to the State 4-H Expo wish them good luck and congratulate them on a great season.

Rabbit Hopping

The Rabbit Hopping project would like to announce that we had another successful year training our rabbits. Each year our kids learn to work as a team training their rabbits to go over a series of 8 to 10 jumps ranging from 2 inches to 14 inches.

This year's 2010 hopping event will be our 7th year of having Rabbit Hopping as an official 4-H project. Our project is growing with several new advanced jumps and course lengths. Rabbit Hopping as a 4-H project is starting to catch on throughout the state because I have been contacted by several other counties to help them get started with this fun project. If you like animals, but don't have space for the large animal projects Rabbit Hopping is perfect for you.

Rabbit Hopping practices are held at the 4-H Forum Wednesday evenings once a month any time between 6:30 to 8:00. Come when you can and stay as long as you need. You will learn the guidelines, rules and prepare your team for a 4-H Rabbit Hopping event around fair time. Remember to add the Rabbit Hopping project, number 20761, to your enrollment form. The project can be found on page 6 of the updated 4-H Project Enrollment Guide.

For information contact Donna Towell - dlwooles@centurytel.net, 262-392-3553.

Youth Sweepstakes offered at Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin Youth Leadership Derby

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

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

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

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

Wisconsin State Fair Herdsmanship Update

At State Fair the Waukesha County Junior Dairy kids won fourth blue in Herdsmanship! This is only the

second time in about 20 years this happened! They earned this achievement by working hard, working as a team and having fun.

Congratulations to Marissa Arndt, Evan Bremberger, Caitlyn Cull, Alex Gander, Angie Greenman, Yvonne King, Jacob Kuehl, Emily Kipp, Olivia Koszarek, Stephanie Lemay, Taylor Mehring, Charlie Oberhaus, Danny Ohm, Courtney Smith, Allison Quick, Bryn Quick, and Zach Zandi.

ARTS & COMMUNICATION

CLOWNING PROJECT

Hello all. My name is Theresa Rauworth. I am the new County-wide project leader for Clowning.

This year's meeting dates are as follows:

September 19 - 9 am - Information meeting for everyone, 10- noon - Beginner Clowns (Deciding what type of clown to be, picking a clown name, choosing a clown face)

October 17 - Clown Rules / Makeup

November 21 - Costumes

December 19 - Props, tricks, acts, skits

January 16 - Juggling and possible guest speaker

February 20 - To be determined

March 20 - To be determined

April 17 - To be determined

May 15 - To be determined

June 19 - Preparation for Fair

All meetings will be at UW Waukesha Campus from 9 to noon. If you are interested in being in the clowning project or if you have questions, feel free to contact me. My phone number is 262-391-0257 and email is thereasa27@yahoo.com.

ReDISCOVER 4-H Performances

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FAMILY, HOME & HEALTH

County-wide quilting workshops

There will be county-wide quilting project meetings held from nine to noon usually on the second Saturday of each month from September through May. All meetings will be held in room A100 at UW-Waukesha, 1500 North University Drive, Waukesha 53188. Directions can be found on the UW-W website at waukesha.uwc.edu/maps/index.html. 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.

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

The dates for 2009 are **September 19**, **October 10**, **November 14**, and **December 12**. Please note that the September meeting will be held on the third Saturday of the month.

We teach a new technique each month and planned topics are published through our e-mail group. If you would like to get e-mails concerning the quilting meetings and what we are up to, please contact me.

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

Calling all Quilters and Would-be Quilters

Project Linus is a community service opportunity to make quilts for children who are less fortunate or in crisis. Members (and parents, grandparents, etc.) who choose to participate in this project will be taught to make one block each month to complete a four-block sampler quilt. Then we will be sewing borders, layering the quilt, quilting or tying it, and, finally, adding a binding. All materials are being provided through the generosity of Pamella's Place in Genesee Depot. All you need to provide is a spool of neutral-colored thread, off-white or beige. You will be able to show the finished quilt at the fair and then we will collect them, deliver them to Pamella's Place, and they will send them off to Project Linus.

If interested in joining us in this great community service project, contact Debi Marheine at

dmrheine@wi.rr.com or 262-542-1253 immediately so I can have fabric available at our first meeting in September.

County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Meetings

Monthly meetings will be held for youth interested in starting to knit and crochet as well as experienced knitters and crocheters. Parents are welcome to attend and learn with their child(ren). Bring your current knitting and crocheting project or, for first-timers, buy a skein of yarn that you love and buy the appropriate straight needles (for knitting) or crochet hook for the yarn you picked. The size of the appropriate tools is on the band of the yarn you choose. If you have trouble figuring that out, contact me. (See below.) If you would like to learn to knit with a loom, bring one skein of yarn and we have the looms.

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

The meetings will usually be held in Room A100 (in the University Commons Building) at UW-Waukesha at 1500 North University Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188. Directions can be found on the UW-W website at waukesha.uwc.edu/maps/index.html. We will be meeting on the fourth Saturday of each month from nine to noon from September through May (except December).

The dates for 2009 are **September 26, October 24, and November 28**. Please note that the September meeting will be held in N045 in Northview Hall.

We teach a new technique each month for both knitting and crocheting and the pattern and materials are published through our e-mail group. If you would like to get e-mails concerning the knitting and crocheting meetings and what we are up to, please contact me.

This year we will also be doing a small afghan and each member has the option to learn the techniques to complete one block a month. Through the year, we will learn how to swatch, block, and assemble an afghan.

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

Helping Others by Knitting and Crocheting

This year's projects will be Warm-Up America and Shawls for Persons in Need. Warm Up America is an organization made up of volunteers who create

handmade afghan blankets, clothing, and accessories to help those in need. The beauty of this project is for those new to knitting and crocheting you just need to create a 7" by 9" square and other volunteers sew the squares together to make afghans. For more information, go to www.warmupamerica.com.

For the experienced knitters and crocheters, the shawl project will be a welcome, interesting project. There are four different patterns for crocheting as well as knitting. These shawls will be going to people in need. This is a project that is co-sponsored by Lion Brand Yarn Company. To learn more about, go to www.lionbrand.com/shawlstories/html.

More information and patterns will be available at the county-wide monthly knitting and crocheting meetings or by contacting Debi Marheine at 262-542-1253 or dmrheine@wi.rr.com.

Home Food Preservation

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

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

MECHANICAL SCIENCES

Modelclub News

Since its inception some 17 years ago Modelclub has maintained a policy of providing Awards to its members for outstanding service. This year's award go to:

- The Andrew Telford Courage Award, Will Whitmore and Bob Whitmore
- The Berner-St. Mary Award for Community Service, Nick Bast
- The Christopher Luedke Outstanding Modeler Award, Adam Cochenet
- The Nick Niedermann Artistry Award, Ashley Behnke

Model Rocketry

This year's fair rocket launch happened on June 21. The sun was out and it was a perfect day for launching rockets. There were 25 members who showed up for the launch. Every one had a great time; there were only a couple of rockets with minor damage. After all of the judging was finished, there were about 15 youth and adults who stayed and launched rockets for about another hour.

This year's winners were Tim Burrie for Seniors and Jackson Sewell for Juniors. There is a change to the way the state rocket launch competition is held. The state competition is held during the week of the State Youth Conference, in June, in Madison. Because of the timing, this year's county winners will represent Waukesha County at the State Launch in June, 2010.

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

NATURAL SCIENCES

Shooting Sports News

Archery

I want to express my congratulations to our 3 archery champions for this year's fair shoot. The top awards go to: Colton Carney, Junior Compound with aids; Samantha Carney, Intermediate, Compound with aids and Tim Jenkins, Senior, Compound with aids. With a maximum possible score of 150, this year's top score was 136. Congratulations to all ribbon winners.

Rifle

I am hoping to start practices in October for this upcoming year. It will be for both the .22 rifle and .177 air rifle at the same time, on Mondays, 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 eight lanes available and can be divided into four for rifle and four for air rifle. You MUST bring your own rifle, ammunition, hearing and vision protection. At this time, there are NO RENTALS AVAILABLE. There is also the possibility of doing .177 air pistol at the same time depending on the numbers. More information will be coming out in the next month or so.

Shotgun

This past spring was the first time trap shooting was introduced to the Waukesha County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. There were approximately 7 youth that participated in the program. Thanks to the Shotgun Instructors, Mark Lemay, Bill Reed and Jason Condon for running this program.

Reminder, each 4-H member involved in any shooting in the Shooting Sports Program MUST fill out both the Waiver/Code of Conduct AND the Medical Consent forms NEW EACH YEAR. 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! I will also have forms available that can be filled out at the practices.

Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon 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 Megan Nikolai in the UW Extension Office.

Brookfield Blazers 4-H Club

In June, the Brookfield Blazers club had a potluck meeting and elected new officers. Also during June, we went glow golfing and helped out at the Brookfield Farmers market where we had a table for promoting 4-H and sold raffle tickets.

Falls Busy Beavers 4-H Club

The Falls Busy Beavers 4-H Club is finalizing its work with the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. The club received a community grant sponsored by the Wisconsin Energy Foundation for its "Blankets for Seniors at Adult Day Care" project. The community grant asked for clubs to come up with ideas of community service that would improve their community. Kerianne and Maryellen Pawley came up with the idea of having their 4-H club make fleece blankets for the center that their Grandmother attended. Their grandmother had mentioned that afternoons at the center were cool, but there were not enough blankets for everyone there. The Grant was written by the two Pawley members and the club voted on the idea.

Once the club was awarded the grant, members got together at a local fabric store to select fleece fabric. Next, the club got together at their monthly meeting and began making the fleece blankets. The club was able to complete 49 fleece blankets for the center.

Minooka 4-H Club

The first meeting in September will be an ice-cream social. The meeting will include the installation of officers and project displays.

Muckey 4-H Club

During the summer our club was very busy. We helped Cousin's Subs in Muskego during their Moo-La-Paloosa (encouraging people to moo), and earned money for our club too.

In July, we all entered our projects into Waukesha County Fair and had a few of our member's projects chosen to go to State Fair. At the Waukesha County Fair we also helped in the kitchen and put on clogging shows.

Two of our members competed in the Waukesha County Fairest of the Fair Contest. Kimberly Marek won the Miss Congeniality award and took home 2nd runner up. Rachel Hardekopf won Fairest of the Fair and was immediately whisked away to perform her duties during the Waukesha County Fair. Rachel is also representing Waukesha County at the Wisconsin State Fair. She is extremely busy.

During State Fair, some of our members were invited to perform our Curtain Call production, and others were clogging on the AG stage.

Washington 4-H Club

Congratulations to the new 2009-10 club officers: President, Abbi Reikowski; Vice-President, Rachel Bogenhagen; Secretary, Katie Hager; Treasurer, Ceci Heberling; Newspaper Reporter, Lynn Bartholomew; Jr. Representatives, Katie Bogenhagen and Michaela King.

The activity during the club's July meeting was preparing for the fair. Members picked up fair tags and tickets. At the August meeting, the club met at the Vernon Town Hall for a picnic and a wrap-up meeting for the 2008-09 4-H year.

WAUKESHA COUNTY FAIR

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.

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

Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are needed on Sunday, September 13! The Team Up organization is having a "Park-N-Play" family picnic at Roosevelt Park in Oconomowoc. There is a new Imagination Station accessible playground for the kids. Team Up is a volunteer organization for families with special needs children. They would like help serving the food (ie. Hot dog warmer and a slushy machine). They would like help with running a few games with prizes: a bean bag toss and a few other games that we can come up with. It would be great if we could make a simple bookmark. They need people to apply tattoos, too. The event starts at noon and runs until 4 pm. If this sounds like something you and your family would like to get involved with please contact Debbie Hoelt at 262-549-4989 or email at: flossboss28@hotmail.com.

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

The Captain Planet Foundation is accepting applications for funding projects that help students better grasp environmental issues. Projects must

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

Message from Sheboygan County 4-H

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

The Enchanted Forest consists of various Sheboygan County 4-H clubs who perform nursery rhyme or fairy tale skits throughout the nature trail that leads through the woods. Each club hands out Trick or Treat candy after their skit is finished.

Other events around the grounds include hay rides, pumpkin bowling, games, face painting, pumpkin pleaser contest, button making and other craft tables. There's something for everyone!

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

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

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

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

