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WAUKESHA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER
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"Life is what you make it . . . always has been, always will be." – Grandma Moses

Dear Waukesha County 4-H Family,

Summer is here, County Fair is nearly here and there is a whole new world waiting to be discovered.

Older folks often tell young ones that they need to discover who they are. I think that discovering who you are is only part of the story: one needs also to work at creating oneself into what one wants to be. You work with the talents and abilities you have and develop them in the direction you choose. Nature may have endowed you with an excellent singing voice; you can leave it untrained or work towards becoming an opera singer or a country singer. The path you choose will determine the songs that you sing.

For many, the projects that they have been working on and plan to exhibit at the fair (or not!) are going to help determine the type of person they are going to grow into. Are they someone everyone can depend on or not? Do they see things through to end? The answers to these questions will not be so much the result of who they are born to be but who they choose to be.

I hope you enjoy your summer, the learning, the games and the fair. I hope you embrace the 4-H motto, "To make the best better" and maybe, just begin with yourself!

All the best,

Maria Habib
Waukesha County 4-H Youth Educator

Dear 4-H Families,

Now that school is out and summer is here, it only means one thing: The Fair is just around the corner! I hope that the Fair will have happy memories for all and that no matter what the outcome of a project, that it will come with a positive learning experience, because isn't that what 4-H is all about, "learning by doing?" Also, make sure to come out and see the Fair while it is going on and invite family and friends to enjoy it also. Be proud of what you have accomplished and the great organization you are involved with.

As the Fair approaches there are some judging and show events that happen before the week of Fair. Some of them include Style Revue on Wednesday, June 27th, the 4-H Cat Show and Small Animal Judging on Monday, July 9th, and the Dog Show on Sunday, July 15th. Come out and watch the shows and see what the other projects are all about, maybe it will spark a new interest. Please check the Clover Flyer for those dates, as well as the times, dates and locations of the shows listed here.

Don't forget that there will be a new project release procedure for Sunday, July 22nd. If you haven't received information about it, please contact your Organizational Leader.

See you all at the fair,

Tammy Lemay
President Leaders' Association

WEBSITES/EMAILS OF INTEREST

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

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

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JULY

- 2 Registration Deadline: Small Animals & Cats
- 4 Clowning, Waukesha July 4th Parade, 10 am
- 6-10 Senior Camp
- 9 4-H Cat Show, Fair Grounds, 6 pm
- 9 4-H Small Animal Judging, Fair Grounds, 7:30 pm
- 10 4-H Horse Association, UW Waukesha, Rm N045
- 10 International Project Mtg, CAC, 7 pm, Rm 155
- 12 Foodstand Committee, CAC, 7 pm
- 12 MAQA/PQA Training, Fair Office, 7 pm
- 16 Volunteer Leader Training, Fair Grounds, 7 pm
- 16 Rabbit Hopping Judging, 4-H Forum, 7:30 am
- 16-17 Non-Animal Exhibits Judging
- 18 Clown Judging, Expo Arena Building, 3 pm
- 18 Finance Committee, CAC, 7 pm, Rm G55
- 18-22 Waukesha County Fair
- 19-23 Animal Judging
- 21 Sheep Lead-In Class, Sheep Tent, 6:30 pm
- 29-1 Junior and Wilderness Camp
- 31 Adult Leader Recognition Nominations Due

AUG

- 2-12 Wisconsin State Fair
- 3-5 Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Show
- 7 4-H Horse Association, UW Waukesha N054, 7pm
- 14 Club Enrollment Night
- 30 Record Books Due
- 31 Adult Leader Award Nominations Due

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

- September 24 – 4-H Open House, 4-H Forum
- October 12-14, 2007 – 4-H North Central Volunteer Leader Forum
- October 20-21, 2007 – 4-H Art Camp
- November 17, 2007 – Fall Youth Leadership Conference

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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 come out in January/February, March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October and November/December. Look for the newsletter around the first of the month. For updates, forms and other information, check our Website <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/index.html>.

Club Enrollment Night

Enrollment Night to get all club resources will be Tuesday, **August 14** at the CAC at 7 p.m. Every club needs a representative or two there. Mark your calendar! All yearly materials will be handed out this evening.

Come & VOLT at the Fair!

Special VOLT session to be held on Fair Grounds

A special Volunteer Training session will be held at the fairgrounds on Monday, July 16, at 7:00 pm This session is aimed specially at college students who are down for the summer and parents who occasionally help with 4-H activities. Baby sitting services will be provided free of cost courtesy our dedicated 4-H youth leaders. Please call Lisa to register for this session by July 11. Please do tell us if you will need baby-sitting services. Folks, this is a great chance to get your volunteer training without having to make an extra trip to the office.

Open House

Open House will be Monday, September 24, 2007 from 5-9 pm at the 4-H Forum on the Waukesha Expo grounds. All clubs are encouraged to participate

and set-up a booth to display their clubs high-points of interest. Animals are welcome and will be put with their club in the East hall. Club brochures and signage of club location will be available. Further details needed, call Chris Calvert @ 262-968-4216.

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

All member record books eligible for County level awards are due to the County 4-H office on/by Thursday, **August 30, 2007** at 4:30 pm. Members must have completed 6th grade or above for County Project Medals. All scholarship applicants need to turn in record books. Complete the State Conference Trip form if you have completed 7th grade and are interested in attending the State Youth Conference in Madison in June 2008. Complete the ME form if you have already attended State Youth Conference and are interested in applying for other trips for 2008.

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.

Adult Awards

Nominations for Adult Leadership Recognition Awards are due Friday, **August 31, 2007**. The form is available on the County 4-H website. Please nominate your Club Leader or any Leaders you have seen doing outstanding 4-H work through this year. The Awards Committee is looking for any adults or youth interested in participating in the Adult Awards selection process in September. Please contact Pat Roberts at 262-789-1593. You do not have to belong to the Awards Committee to help with this selection process.

Check Out the New 4-H Blog!

The Wisconsin 4-H Spotlight Blog has been launched! That's the good news! The news that's even better is that one of the young people featured on the blog spot is no other than Le'erin Voss of Waukesha County. Check it out at <http://wisconsin4hspotlight.blogspot.com/> or by clicking the new button the state Web site home page. If you'd like to contribute to the stories featured on the page, please contact the blog's editor, Erik Ernst at erik.ernst@uwex.edu. There are some great stories out there waiting to be told!

Silent Auction

This year's Silent Auction will again be held at the Waukesha County Fair. Your donations to this event

would be greatly appreciated. You may bring items to the Fair grounds beginning Monday, July 16th or you may drop off at Betty Otter's home (call the 4-H Office for directions).

We hope you will again be generous in donating items to the Silent Auction as you have in the past. The Silent Auction donation sheets will be on the 4-H web site for your convenience.

Safety Day Camp – K-6th Grade

Every day youth are exposed to situations where they are making safety decisions. Recognizing that one accident is too many, UW-Extension provides an annual safety program to educate youth. The goal of Safety Day Camp is to educate youth of the potential dangers around the home and farm, how to prevent accidents and how to respond correctly if an accident does occur. Area professionals will teach a variety of safety stations on Fire Safety, Seatbelt Safety, Gun Safety, Food Safety, Weather Safety, Poison Identification, Benefits of Handwashing, 911 Station and more. In addition, MedFlight helicopter is scheduled to make an appearance and youth will be entertained during lunch by EnRoute Music.

The Safety Day Camp will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Jefferson with registration in the Activity Center. Although the program is designed for educating youth between kindergarten and 6th grade, adults are welcome to register for the days events.

Parents and youth can register for Safety Day Camp by printing the form from the website: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/forms.htm> and mailing it to UW-Extension – Safety Day Camp, Jefferson County Office, 864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549. The educational program registration fee is \$5 per participant, make checks payable to UWEX Jefferson County. Registrations will be accepted through Thursday, July 12th.

If you would like additional information or would be interested in volunteering during the event, please contact Kim Buchholz at the UW-Extension, Jefferson County Office at (920) 674-7297 or kimb@co.jefferson.wi.us.

Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival will be held **September 7-9** in Jefferson. It's a family weekend, full of entertainment and education.

You'll see sheep, sheep shearing, Border collies in action, yarn by the yard, and wool in every color imaginable. There are 50 *Wonders of Wool* fiber arts

classes and workshops this year, taught by twenty-five nationally recognized instructors. There will be quilt and wall hanging competition and a wall hanging challenge class. You can show your market lamb. There are also fun skillathons for youth. Check out the website for details: www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com

Make it With Wool

The 2007 Wisconsin "Make it With Wool" contest will be on Saturday, September 8th during the Sheep & Wool Festival.

Use your creative skills to make a quilt, afghan or apparel. Rules regarding fiber content, registration and other details are available on the web at www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com. The entry deadline is August 31st. There are age categories for pre-teens, teens and adults.

Host Family Wanted for German Girl

World Peace begins with you!!! CETUSA is looking for a host family for Annaluisa, a 17 year-old girl from Germany. **Annaluisa loves horses**, piano and skiing. Her dream is to own her own horse and become a lawyer. By providing room, board and the special opportunity for Annaluisa to become an active member of **your** family you will bring new knowledge and attitudes to the people around you. You do not need to have teenagers of your own; she may share a room with another girl, but must have a separate bed. She has her own medical insurance and spending money. Annaluisa will attend Oconomowoc High School. If you would be willing to open your home to Annaluisa or for more information call: Lisa Forman at 414-531-4544, CETUSA – Council for Educational Travel USA, www.cetusa.org.

VOLUNTEERS (Waukesha County Fair)

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. You may remember that two years ago she had her own special 'paddock' out in front of the 4-H Forum building, where she attracted attention of the fair-goers, enticing them into the Forum building.

Sadly, it was discovered that certain cows might break out of the pasture when left out of the barn for the night, so in order for Cowversions to return to her

pasture, she needs teams of two cowboys or cowgirls to herd her out in the morning and bring her back into the Forum at night. No milking required. Please contact Jean Kumba by e-mail at kumba@wi.rr.com or call her at 262-250-1509 to volunteer.

Fair Livestock Auction

Volunteers are needed to help register buyers at the annual Waukesha County Fair Livestock Auction on Friday evening July 20th. We are looking for 4-6 volunteers to assist with making sure new and past livestock buyers are registered and receive their buyer numbers. We are also seeking some teens to assist in being 'runners' at the Auction. If you can assist please contact the Waukesha County Fair Office 262-544-5922 or telephone Tamie Koop at 262-542-4471 (leave a message.)

Guarding Exhibits at the County Fair

Help is needed to guard exhibits during the County Fair. There are 22 shifts during the Fair (Wednesday through Sunday) and 2-3 people are needed for each shift.

Duties include:

1. Wear an official "Guard" ribbon and circulate throughout the three halls in the 4-H Forum Exhibit Building.
2. Answer questions as needed.
3. Encourage people to enroll youth into 4-H, then direct them to the Information Booth to register for 4-H.

Shift times are:

Wednesday	Thursday/Friday/Saturday
3:00 pm-5:45 pm	9:00 am-11:45 am
5:45 pm-7:15 pm	11:45 am-2:30 pm
7:15 pm-10:00 pm	2:30 pm-5:15 pm
	5:15 pm-8:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 pm-10:00 pm
9:00 am-11:45 pm	
11:45 am-2:30 pm	
2:30 pm-5:15 pm	
5:15 pm-7:00 pm	

Contact Jean Kumba, kumba@wi.rr.com or 262-250-1509 to sign up for a shift.

Kitchen Committee

Kitchen Committee is looking for a few good young men and women, ages 15-80. No previous experience necessary, other than knowing your way into the 4-H Forum. This is an excellent opportunity especially for teens, or parent and teen teams to work together during Fair, have a lot of fun, and provide a valuable benefit to Waukesha County 4-H. Don't have a teen

yet? We accept families who can help in limited capacities too.

Kitchen Committee members work as Supervisors in shifts during Fair according to their availability. The function of Supervisors is to aid the clubs working the kitchen shifts by providing stock, trouble-shooting problems, changing cash register tapes, and just generally keeping the kitchen running. Most tasks take a minimal amount of time to learn, you may become very proficient quickly. Training will be provided, along with a supervisor t-shirt, and passes to Fair for the days you are working.

Kitchen Committee would like to train you this year, so you can become a trainer for others next year, and keep Kitchen Committee going forward. This very important fundraiser for our County 4-H program needs you! Won't you sign on today? Contact Jean Kumba, kumba@wi.rr.com, 262-250-1509 to be added to our all-volunteer roster of wonderful people. 4-H rocks!

Superintendents and Volunteers Needed

County Fair is the largest volunteer run event in Waukesha County! Your help is needed! Teens and adults are needed to be Superintendents, exhibit arrangers, runners and with clerking.

Whether you can help only on set-up, or judging, or exhibit release, or anywhere in between, your help will be appreciated! We have a super crew of dedicated volunteers, but always enjoy bringing new people into the group. We welcome you! To volunteer, contact Jean Kumba, kumba@wi.rr.com or 262-250-1509.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

MAQA/PQA

Last opportunity to attend! If you missed the first session on PQA/MAQA held in April, here is your opportunity to attend. Held on July 12th, 7PM at the Waukesha County Fair Office on Silvernail Rd. (Farm Bureau Office Bldg). Please call Kevin Konkol to register at 262-252-3022.

Rabbit Hopping

The Rabbit Hopping judging event will be held in the 4-H forum July 16th from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm.

COMMUNICATION & CULTURAL ARTS

4-H Arts Camp: October 20-21, 2007. 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!

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. Call your county 4-H Youth Development Agent for more information about camper, counselor, and/or chaperone opportunities now!

The cost is \$60 per camper (Adult Chaperones are \$30). Registration deadline is September 10. For registration forms and more information, see: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm>

Books on the Move

The Books on the Move is a project about the love of books and part of that project is bookcrossing. Bookcrossing is part world wide program that makes the entire world a library. Waukesha County 4-H is the only 4-H in the whole wide world that participates in bookcrossing. (Boy Scout troupes are bookcrossing as a community service project.)

And the nice thing is that you can do the project even if you don't want to list it as a project. It sure makes a good community service choice as well. You can start any time. You don't have to wait until September to sign up for it. I'd absolutely love to have more 4H members bookcrossing and helping me journal books that can be put in our 'Official Bookcrossing Zone' basket for the Fair. I NEED BOOKS!

To help journal, go to www.bookcrossing.com, put our e-mail address in: fourhbooks@yahoo.com and type in the password: project. Then click on journal your book on the left-hand side and journal. I HAVE LABELS. You can either print off labels in bookcrossing or contact me and I'll send you some.

You can either bring journaled books to the Fair, or give me a ring and I'll pick them up (Sandee Gross, 262-789-1593).

Clowning

JULY 4th Parade – Waukesha – Wednesday, July 4th – 10:00 AM Steppoff. 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 Sandee @ 262-547-7425.

CLOWN Fair setup – Saturday July 14th, 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 18th – in the Expo Arena at 3:00 pm. Clown Alley will be open at 1:30 pm and close down between 4:30 and 5:00 pm. Tables for putting on makeup and a dressing area will be provided. Parents are asked not to enter Clown Alley. Please make sure to bring ALL supplies and ALL props for judging. **ALSO, bring your FAIR TAGS!!!!** Questions? Any questions contact either Chris Calvert (262-968-4216), V. Kuenzi (262-547-5481) or Sandee Gross (262-547-7425).

CLOWN "Meet & Greet" at the Fair – Saturday, July 21st, 10 to 11 am. This event is not judged, but a Participation Ribbon will be given to all members participating. Please arrive at the **Youth in Action Stage** at 9:45 am so you can receive instructions. This activity is open to ANY youth in clown costume.

MECHANICAL SCIENCES

Model Rocketry

Saturday, June 9th turned out to be a perfect day for the County Fair Rocket Launch! The skies were clear, winds light and the temperature was in the mid 70's. A total of 33 participants were judged and launched their rockets. Unfortunately, we did "loose" a couple of rockets. One of which, launched perfectly, the parachute came out like it was supposed to do, and then the rocket ran into a "slight" problem; it seemed it caught a "thermal" (a warm updraft of air) and kept on going up, and up, and up.... and finally out of sight. Later on, during another launch, it happened again, but this rocket was heavier and did come back down to Earth. There were a few rockets that became "Lawn Darts" and at least one rocket landed in the water run off pond. After the Fair launch was completed, there were about a dozen who stayed to launch rockets until they ran out of supplies.

Special thanks to Mary Ann Gordon, Dave DeRemer (the Judge), Amy Wilder (helped with pictures) Jeff Thompson, Youth Leader Dan Gordon and some of the other parents and youth who helped out in setting up, rocket tracking and recovery, and take down and clean-up of the launch site.

Flash Gordon, Waukesha County 4-H Rocketry Key Leader.

Tractor Driving Contest

Racine County will be hosting a tractor Driving Contest on August 18th at the Racine County Fairgrounds. The contest is open to any 4-H tractor project member wishing to compete. The contest includes a written exam, practical exam on maintenance and safety, parts identification, and two-wheel and four-wheel driving events. Participants must be enrolled in 4-H in the county which they are representing. For more information and an entry form check their web, go to: <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/documents/tractorevent.doc>.

Cool Science Competition

Calling all Waukesha County 4-H youth to participate in the Children, Youth & Families Education & Research network (CYFERnet) "Mission of the Month." The focus of the 'mission' is Science, Engineering & Technology" (SET). This month's mission is to create a computer game and/or animation using Scratch, a free programming language. Scratch can be used to create interactive stories, games and animations.

If you're interested in participating in the contest or just want to experience the fun of Scratch, go to: <http://www.cyfernet.org/4htech/missions.html>. You'll find the contest entry rules, links to the Scratch website and online help to teach you how to use Scratch. The entry deadline is August 5, 2007. Enjoy!

NATURAL SCIENCES

Shooting Sports - Archery

I would like to thank all those who came out and participated at the "3" locations for the Fair Archery Shoot. In all, there were a total of 62 who shot at "Wildwood" in Union Grove, "Buck Rub" in Pewaukee, and "Falls Archery" in Menomonee Falls. Special thanks goes out to those locations for hosting the County Archery Shoots. I would also like to especially thank the following who came out to help run and keep score for the shoots: adult leaders - Harry Posbrig, Sharon Phillips, Mary Ann Gordon, Mark Cochenet, Bethanne Cochenet, Aaron Behnke,

Shielah Anderson, Jeff Thompson, and Ann Bast; youth leaders - Evan Bremberger and Dan Gordon; as well as the parents who helped. Some of these came out to more than one shoot to help out. I am sure I may have missed some of the other adult leaders who helped out, again, a big THANK YOU for your help. Without your support, the shoots COULD NOT have been held.

There will be a Shooting Sports meeting in September to start going over the information and programs for the upcoming year. Watch for the details.

Flash Gordon, Waukesha County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator.

WAUKESHA COUNTY FAIR

Waukesha County Fair Website

Please check out the 2007 Waukesha County Fair website at www.waukeshacountyfair.com!

Get Out the Green!

Saturday, July 21st will be "Get Out the Green Day" at the Fair. All 4-H families are encouraged to wear green that day . . . wearing 4-H clovers count too! Let's have a sea of green on Saturday & give all the visitors at the Fair a taste of Clover Power!

"Share Your Fair Memories" Contest

For 165 years, the Waukesha County Fair has been making memories. Now we'd like to share in yours! Send us your all-time favorite Fair memory for a chance to win four free tickets to every day of the Fair, July 18-22. Your memory may be posted on the Wall of Memories in the 4-H building. And if your entry is selected as Best Memory, you'll share it with the audience on Opening Day of the Fair. Mail your memory to: Share Your Fair Memories, c/o Shari Black, Executive Director, Waukesha County Fair Association, 2417 Silvernail Road, Pewaukee, WI 53188 or e-mail waukfair@bizwi.rr.com. Questions? Call (262) 544-5922.

Great Chance to Promote 4-H, your club & your project!

The Waukesha Freeman is sponsoring the 4-H Forum! Their booth will be located at the Youth in Action stage. The Freeman is promoting the lineup for the Youth in Action stage and the Youth Activity Center. Here's our chance to showcase Waukesha County 4-H! We need to have lots of things happening at the stage. We're inviting all 4-H clubs or members who would like to feature things that they do in their clubs/projects that may be different from the conventional 4-H projects or activities to join us

at the Youth in Action Stage. We would also welcome demonstrations. We could also use this chance to wrap up our County's 4-H theme for the year "Our Hispanic/Latino Neighbors" & incorporate it into this year's activities. Questions? Ideas? Contact **Sandee Gross** at (262)547-7425.

Rules and Policies

READ THE COUNTY FAIR RULES/POLICIES AND CONFORM TO THEM. ALSO get a FAIR GATE HANDOUT for times! Keep it as a handy reference!

Non-Animal Exhibits for State Fair

Exhibits will be selected during the County Fair to represent Waukesha County at the 2007 Wisconsin State Fair. Selected items will receive a State Fair Ribbon. If your item is selected, you will need to pre-register for State Fair during the County Fair on either Saturday or Sunday. Please check for times posted at the County Fair.

Attention Horse Project Members

All Horse Project members need to be aware that trailer parking at Fair will change this year. **NO PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED ANYWHERE NEXT TO THE HORSE BARN. ALL TRAILERS MUST PARK IN THE DESIGNATED PARKING AREA.** We are relying on all 4-H members and parents to help us enforce this rule from the Fair Board. Please be courteous to the people who will be assisting you with where to park your trailer. This rule is being enforced to provide safety to all fairgoers as horses are being unloaded and loaded.

Superintendent Meeting for Livestock And Competitive Exhibits

There will be a Superintendent meeting for the Livestock and Competitive Exhibit areas on **Wednesday, July 11th** at the 4-H Forum starting at **7:00p.m.** We will go over and finalize details for the Fair as well as answer any questions on set up and take down. Set up for the Competitive Exhibits will be on **Saturday, July 14** from **9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.** also **Sunday, July 15** from **11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.** If you have any questions regarding the Competitive Exhibit area, please call **Jean Kumba** at **262-250-1509** or the **Fair Office** at **262-544-5922.**

Notice to all youth who hope to sell their livestock at the Fair!

The Livestock Committee has decided that no youth selling an animal at the Fair will get their check before they write and stamp a "Thank You" letter to the buyer.

Youth in Action Stage

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

The stage is open Wednesday – Sunday, July 19-23, 2-8 PM

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

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

What to Do on Judging / Entry 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 – having an envelope for each child in Mom's purse worked well for the Kumba family.

Step 3: Pick up your judging station numbers at the "Central Registration Table." You need one number for each judging station you will need to visit. Not one number for each article.

Step 4: 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 left for the duration of the Fair.

Step 5: Wait at 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 6: For face-to-face judging entries, check your exhibit(s) in with the Clerk in the department's

judging area. For animal judging, check your animal(s) in at the designated area and return at judging times.

NOTE: All exhibits must be picked up Sunday, July 22 after 7PM. Pick up prior to 7PM results in forfeiture of premium money. *New this year*-Forum exhibitors will be allowed in the Forum building shortly after 7PM, once the building has been cleared of visitors. Please line up outside of Door 1 of the 4-H Forum building, rather than waiting inside the building. Signs will be posted if rain plans are needed. Entry into the building will occur shortly after 7PM. Have claim checks ready for your articles.

Things to Know About County Fair Judging

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

Judging Schedule (Check your judging schedule for specifics)

July 9, Cats, Small Animal/Pets, 4-H Forum

July 15, Dog Show, 4-H Forum, check-in East Hall

July 16, Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum, East Hall

July 16-17, Non-Animal Exhibits

July 18, Clown Judging, Expo Arena Building

July 19-23, Animal Judging

Preparing for Face to Face Judging

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

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

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

Criteria used by Judges

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

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

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

What the Ribbon Colors Mean

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

Blue – Very Good Work

Red – Above Average Work

White – Average work

Pink – Needs Improvement

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

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

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

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

Self-Determined Judging

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

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

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

Website

The Wisconsin State Fair website can be found at: <http://www.wistatefair.com/home/wsf/>!

Non-Animal Exhibits for State Fair

Exhibits will be selected during the County Fair to represent Waukesha County at the 2007 Wisconsin State Fair. Selected items will receive a State Fair Ribbon. If your item is selected, you will need to pre-register for State Fair during the County Fair on either Saturday or Sunday. Please check for times posted at the County Fair.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Our Hispanic Neighbors

We sadly say goodbye to our special emphasis of the year: “Our Hispanic Neighbors.” We are ending the

year with an interview with Juana, an immigrant from Mexico.

When and why did you come to the United States? *I and my Family came to the USA in 1997 because of a job opportunity for my husband.*

When you came, did you plan on staying forever? *No, the plan at that time was just for 2 years.*

Did you and your family speak English when you came? *No, during the first three years we all learned the language.*

How did your kids do in school? *It was frustrating at the beginning, we did not speak English and I could not help my kids with their homework.*

What did you do while your husband was at work? *I remember I was very afraid to even leave the house where we were living, I was afraid of driving and getting lost and afraid of going to the supermarket since I did not speak any English. It was one of the toughest times of my life. They call it cultural shock, for me it felt more like depression.*

Did you ever want to give up and go back to Mexico? *Yes, I wanted to go back to Mexico and forget all about it, but things changed. We had decided to stay, so now we all had to face the challenges. The first key was to start getting around and to start making some progress in our lives.*

What did you do personally to “face the challenges?” *I started to attend classes and make new friends. I continued in school and studied to obtain a certificate as an Interpreter/Translator. After that I worked as an assistant for an After School program as a volunteer.*

After learning the language and being certified as an Interpreter/Translator, did you find it easy to get a job? *My original visa did not allow me to apply for a job, finally, our legal status changed from having a work visa to Permanent Resident.*

How long have you been working at the UW Extension and what is your position? *I have now been working for four years in the UW-Extension Waukesha County. My title is Bilingual Quad County Latino Program Coordinator.*

What do you feel your greatest accomplishment has been? *I have been able to build bridges between the mainstream society in the US and the Hispanic community.*

Do you have family still living in Mexico? *Yes, my parents, my brother-in-law and my mother-in-law.*

How often do you see them? *We try to see them every year. Either they come here to visit or we go to Mexico.*

As a legal immigrant to the U.S., what has impacted your life the most? *These past months we all have heard in the news about immigration reforms, about being in favor or against a new law, we have seen a wall being built on the Mexican border, but in my case it has been different kind of borders that I have had to cross. Not the borders created by the society or governments, but my own personal borders. My first border was to set aside my fear and decide to make progress in my life here in the US. My second border was to determine to improve myself after learning the language and obtain tools to help others. We place borders on ourselves that hold us back. That is why I encourage everyone to discover what borders they've created in life and to overcome those borders.*

IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to the 2005-2006 Junior Honor Award Recipients!

STATE CONFERENCE TRIPS (Madison - June 2007): Janice Cantieri, Minooka; Jennifer Knoepfel, Center Oak; Jake Rankin, Meadowbrook; Jo Rankin, Meadowbrook; Samantha Scharles, Phantom Clovers; Jennifer Smith, Minooka; Emmet Tso, Minooka; Chantel Voss, Clever Clovers.

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.

Minooka 4-H

Minooka 4-H has closed our special emphasis year, "Our Hispanic Neighbors" with a Fiesta featuring Hispanic/Mexican snacks. The McCoy family hosted the festival. The club also sponsored Anayeli Benitez to summer camp this year. Members attending camp plan to make sure she has a good time at camp.

The club is involved in a beautification project at the E. J. Shurts Environmental Center.

Muckey 4-H

Muckey 4-H did fund-raising car wash at the end of June. The club elected their new officers & the successful candidates are: President - Stephanie Seymour, Vice President - Rachel Hardekopf, Secretary - Sarah Hovey, Treasurer - Rebecca Hovey,

Sgt. of Arms - Julia Krautkramer and Caroline Seymour.

Prairie Pioneers 4-H

The Kluth family are hosting Capture the Flag. The club held a Family Binder Contest (the binder is used to keep track of all club activities/information) and the winners were: The families Ackman, Johnson, Kluth, Schrieber and Schultz.

Washington 4-H

In May, Washington 4-H club enjoyed a great picnic at Barb Shudy's stables.

Rosemary Hassenfeldt and Henry Prosbrig will be representing Waukesha County at the Northwest Leadership conference in Milwaukee this year.

Clubs! Send me your news! I can't have a club news section if you don't tell me what you're doing!

LEADERSHIP



2007 4-H North Central Region Volunteer Forum

Why not "Capture the 4-H Spirit" October 12-14th at the Central Region Volunteer Forum being held in Milwaukee? Workshops will be just what you need and want to be effective and energized.

For all kinds of information about the Forum, check out the booklet on the website: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/ncvlf/index.cfm>.

Early registration is \$200 on or before August 20th!

2007 4-H Fall Youth Leadership Conference!

The 3rd Annual 4-H Fall Youth Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday, November 17th at the Chula Vista Resort & Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells! This conference is open to all 4-H older youth (7th grade and up). Why should you attend the 2007 Conference?

- You can learn about 4-H opportunities available to older youth!
- You will learn new ideas and leadership skills through fun, hands-on workshops!
- The chance to meet other older youth from all over southern Wisconsin!
- After the conference, you get to enjoy the indoor water park with your new friends!
- It's planned by 4-H older youth for 4-H older youth...so you know it's going to be great!

Mark your calendars and save the date! Registration information will be available later this summer.