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Waushara County 4-H Family Newsletter

October 2009

Waushara County 4-H Member and Leader Recognition

What is your favorite 4-H memory from this past year? Our annual Member and Leader Recognition on October 18 is a great opportunity for families to spend the afternoon with their 4-H friends learning about what other clubs and members have done this year and an opportunity to say thank you to our many great volunteer leaders!

Join us in the Courthouse Demo Room in Wautoma. Please arrive by 12:45 with a dish to pass. At 1 pm we will convene to recognize our clubs for their accomplishments. We will then enjoy a great potluck meal! Following the potluck, we will recognize our members and leaders for their individual accomplishments.

What should you bring? A dish to pass and serving utensils. The 4-H Leaders Association will provide sandwiches and a beverage for everyone. FCS is donating plates, cups, and plastic ware for everyone, so you won't need to pack any dishes or beverages. We are not designating what foods anyone should bring—it truly will be a potluck. Please observe food safety rules - keep hot food hot and cold foods cold. After everyone has eaten be sure to store your food items properly if you intend to take your leftovers home. Our clubs are also bringing some great door prizes - last year everyone was a lucky winner!!!



Youth Opportunities

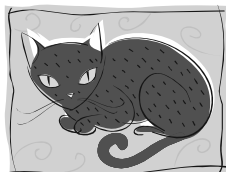
Grants for Community Service Projects

Does your 4-H club have a great idea for a community service project? The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is accepting Community Service Grant applications. The 4-H Community Service Grant Program is looking to support 4-H club's community service projects that are determined by and led by youth, with support from adults and have a lasting and positive impact on the community, and involve organizations and individuals outside of 4-H as partners. Your club can ask for as little as \$50 and up to \$500 for your community service project, however, the grant cannot cover the entire cost of a project. The Community Service Grant application is available from the UW-Extension office or download a copy from www.4h.uwex.edu/foundation/grantscomm.cfm. Applications must be to the UW-Extension office by mid January.

Calling all Cat Enthusiasts

The Central Wisconsin Cat Club and Janesville ABCat Club are cosponsoring a fall Purebred & Household Cat Show

on November 7th & 8th, 2009 at The Craig Center (Rock County Fair Grounds, 1301 Craig Ave., Janesville, WI). Admission will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. We are willing to give special group rates to 4-H clubs. The show is open to the public from 9 am to 4 pm on Sat. and 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on Sunday.



Hog Wrestling - Pictures needed

Peggy Baneck and Jeannette Thom helped organize the first hog wrestling event at the Waushara County Fair approximately 8 years ago as a fund raiser for 4-H exchange students. A few years ago, the county stopped participating in the exchange program. The proceeds now help finance current year trip costs for 4-H students who plan and work at the event.

This year's annual hog wrestling event was held on Sunday morning, August 16th, with 30 teams participating! Ten (10) 4-H members and some parents organized and worked hard to continue the hog wrestling tradition at the Waushara County Fair

this year. These 4-H members will each receive a percent of the proceeds based on their time worked to be used as a credit towards their trip costs. Jeannette has offered to start a scrapbook and is asking for assistance. If you have any hog wrestling pictures, please consider donating them for the scrapbook. Or, she will be happy to make copies of your picture and return the original to you.



Poultry Association Information

The Wisconsin Junior Poultry Association is a group of young people that are quite involved with hobby poultry. Check out their

new website at :

<http://www.wisconsinjuniorpoultryassociation.com/>

Fall Youth Leadership Conference

Our 4-H friends in Southern Wisconsin invite members in 7th grade and up to their Fall Youth Leadership Conference. It will be held November 21 at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. You get to chose three breakout session on topics like Games for Learning and Fun, Operation Military Kids, iMove, Puzzle A Palooza, Juggling 101, Theater Games, Can You Hear Me Now? Cost is \$45 which includes lunch, t-shirt and a ticket to the indoor water park. Partial scholarships can be applied for from the 4-H Leaders Association. Registrations due October 21.

Photo Workshop Offered

Think winter! Think photography! In fact, you can do both on Nov. 13 at the "Joy of Photography" photo workshop in Stevens Point. Join Wayne Brabender, state 4-H photography specialist, to explore the art and science of photography, especially photography in colder weather. You'll learn what makes a prize winning photo, including "good" composition and "sweet" light. He'll also present tips on how you can improve your exhibits for a photo show like the county fair. Friday November 13 at 7.00 at the Ramada in Stevens Point 1501 North Point Drive. RSVP to Kathy Knutson @ 715-366-8001 or kathyknutson@hotmail.com to ensure we have enough hand outs!

Leadership Opportunities

4-H Ambassadors Sought

We are looking for grades 8-12 to help us promote 4-H opportunities to our 4-H families and the public, do sessions at New Family Night and Project Discovery Day and decide what other projects they would like to do. You will enhance your communication skills by telling others about 4-H.

You will also get to know members from other clubs. The group meets as needed to carry out their goals. Interested? Request a job description and application from your club leader or the UW-Extension office. You will be selected based on your application, your previous year's record book and an interview (if needed). Applications are due November 2.

Youth Fair Board Representative Sought

Two youth provide input to the Waushara County Fair Board on behalf of all the junior fair exhibitors as non-voting members. This past year, youth exhibitors were represented by Hannah Hutler and Anna Blake. Youth representatives must be 16 years old. The fair board expects you to voice your thoughts and be present at the four meetings held annually. It is the intent the youth attend the meeting without a parent. To be considered for the position, please submit a letter indicating your interest to the UW-Extension Office by November 18. Representatives will be recommended by the Leaders Association at their November meeting. A final decision will be made by the Fair Board.



Annual Leader Training and Leader Learn-In

All 4-H clubs in Wisconsin are required to have a minimum of one adult volunteer leader attend a training to learn about things that will make your 4-H club be more fun, productive and safe. This is focused on 4-H clubs; not becoming a leader,

which is the purpose of the Volunteer Orientation. Each club must meet this requirement in order to renew their Charter, a new requirement for being a 4-H club beginning with the 2009-10 club year. This year's session, "Make Your Club Meetings Shake, Rattle and Roll" also has lots of great information for club officers so we are offering this for this year's Leader Learn In. Mark November 7, at 9 am in the Courthouse Demonstration Room on your calendar.

Make Your Club Meetings Shake, Rattle and Roll will help clubs get ideas on how to welcome new members, what are the parts of a meeting, and you will be asked to evaluate your club's meetings.

Please contact the UW-Extension office by November 1 with the number of leaders and members attending from your club. You can do that by calling 920-787-0416 (24 hour voice mail) or emailing barb.barker@uwex.edu.

If a leader from your club cannot attend the November 7th Leader Learn-In/Annual Club training, additional opportunities to meet this requirement are posted at <http://4h.uwex.edu/resources/mgt/AnnualVolunteerLeaderTraining.cfm>. They are also discussing making this available in a format that leaders can schedule a time to come to the UW-Extension office to complete prior to December 1, 2010.

National 4-H Week: Meet the Future

During October 4-10 share the awesome experiences you have in 4-H with your friends and neighbors. The experiences 4-H members have often lead to career choices or hobbies you have as an adult. You also will use the leadership skills you develop in 4-H in many different places and situations. Remember - it is cool to be a 4-H member!



Club News



Congratulations to the following who will be serving as officers of the **Pine River Rainbows** this coming year: President: JaneMarie Erickson; Vice President: Jewel Brooks; Secretary: Carina Brooks; Treasurer: Ted Kretzmann; Reporter: Ben Piechowski and Recreation Directors: Alta Littrel, Bella Friday and Ted Kretzmann. Members signed up for snacks, refreshments and demos at the October meeting.

Carina Brooks, Secretary

The **Warren Future Citizen** club had their annual Grandparents Day on September 20 at the Otto Brey Park. There were certificates handed out, raffle drawings and we all served lunch to the grandparents. We also took group pictures, talked about some of the things we did as a club and we elected our new club officers for the year 2009-10. Congratulations to President Allison Yonke; Vice President Stephanie Klika, Secretary Krystie Kettlewell, Treasurer Nikki Sheriff, Caller Stacie Klika and Reporter Brittney Meyer.

Brittney Meyer - Club Reporter

Tri-County 4-H held their monthly meeting on Sept 13th at the Library in Plainfield. Each member shared their fair experiences with the group and told how they did. New officers were elected: President-Danielle Dykes, Vice President- Hailey Wierzba, Secretary-Destiny Dykes, Treasurer-

Kimberly Hamilton and club reporter-Emily Wills

The monthly calendar for the year was planned. We will be doing a variety of community services projects throughout the year. Our next meeting will be held on Oct 11. We plan on going to the corn maze and then to the Dykes residence for our meeting, cookout and hayride.

Hailey Wierzba, 4-H club reporter

The **Loyal 4-H Club** had their 4-H projects on display at the Berlin Public Library for the month of September. At our meeting we planned road side cleanup, make a difference/chore day and picking up our projects. Our next meeting will be a potluck, Halloween Party and enrollment meeting.

Marlee McAllister, Club Reporter

The **Cross Country 4-H Club** elected the following new officers: President Kira Jensen, Vice President Brett Kasuboski, Secretary Leah Johnson, Treasurer Tanner Yurtis and Reporter Michaela Yurtis. The club made fall decorations for the Redgranite Apartments. Members are wearing their 4-H shirts to school one day during National 4-H Week.

Community Opportunities



Big Brothers Big Sisters - BRICKS
Building Resiliency In Central Wisconsin Kids
NEEDS MALE MENTORS!!!

Volunteer one hour a week to a child. We have 24 kids waiting to be matched. 20 of them are boys. Do you have hobbies, interests, teach a child! They love learning new things! We've had kids go canoeing, snowshoeing, fishing, cook, plant, and do many more things they have NEVER tried before! Be a part of something BIG...you are the impact!!! The children in our community need you! They are the future, take time to shape it! Want more information? Contact Samantha Nowak at (920) 787-4577 ext. 3007 bbswaushara@bigimpact.org

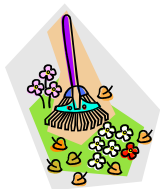
Youth Opportunities

Livestock Project Meeting—Oct. 29

Youth participating in the market animal project this year as well as their parents and leaders are encouraged to attend the October 29 Livestock Project meeting. We will discuss how this year went and make plans for the 2009-10 project year. The meeting will begin at 7 pm in the Demo Room of the Courthouse.

Members and Leaders—Make A Difference Day/12th Annual Chore Day

Make A Difference/Annual Chore Day was created around the spirit of generosity and helping others. The Waushara County Aging & Disability Resource Center may be contacting you with a resident needing help with their fall chores. Thanks for being very generous and supporting your community members! Many clubs have local connections and serve those that may not make requests through the Aging & Disability Resource Center. If your club or family would like to be on the list of helpers, please call the Aging and Disability Center at 920-787-6505.



Help Plan Project Discovery Day!

Has your family enjoyed the sessions at Project Discovery Day? This year we are challenging each club to bring ideas for at least 2 sessions. If you know of a potential instructor for one of your sessions, please share that too! If you don't know of someone to lead a session on a topic you are suggesting, we will try to find someone to lead the session. Please think beyond sessions focusing on project sessions that will be planned by our county project groups such as livestock, rabbits, horse and dog. These ideas will be shared at the November 23 Leaders Association meeting. We are also considering a project day that includes sessions at a level that is more than introductory. Sessions could be 2 or 4 hours in length. Discuss projects for these also.

ARTS LAB

Arts Lab is an opportunity for teens and adults to have an in depth experience in an art track of your

choice. Tracks are being expanded from the traditional communication, music, theatre arts, video, and photography to include other topics such as Culinary Arts, Basketry, Quilling, Comic Book Art, Tae Kwon Do and more! Each participant will choose one track for the entire weekend. Why not get a group of youth and adults together for a weekend of fabulous 4-H bonding and ART! Dates and locations include December 5 at 10 am to December 6 at noon at State Fair Park/ Milwaukee County UW-Extension (registration deadline November 6) or January 16 at 10 am to January 17 at noon (registration deadline December 4) at Beaver Creek Reserve at Fall Creek. Additional information, a brochure and the registration form are available at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artsleadership.cfm or the UW-Extension Office. Cost of the lab is \$35. You can apply for a partial scholarship from the 4-H Leaders Association.



Auditions for the State 4-H Drama Company and the 4-H Showcase Singers will be conducted at 3:00 pm on Saturday of each weekend. Information on state teams will be in the next newsletter.

UW Madison Animal Sciences host Open House

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Animal Sciences invites high school students and transfer students interested in exploring an education in Animal Sciences to an Open House on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a 9:30 a.m. registration. Prospective students and their parents will gain a firsthand look at the department as they tour campus facilities and learn of the exciting opportunities available to the major. Faculty and current students will be available for questions. To RSVP, or for more information, contact Bernie O'Rourke at 608-263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu by November 23, so a confirmation letter can be sent along with parking permits.