

July 2009 Activities

AGRICULTURE

Nick Schneider, Agriculture Agent, is the co-chair for a statewide training event on soil quality on July 7th and 8th at UW-Wood County and the Marshfield Agriculture Research Station. All public agency and education employees from around Wisconsin are invited to attend. Speakers will be joining us from UW-Madison, USDA Agriculture Research Service, University of Minnesota and Purdue University.

The Wisconsin State Holstein Show is in Oshkosh on July 23-24, hosted by the Winnebago County Holstein Association. Schneider will be on hand to lend assistance as needed.

The Plant Health Advisors continue to respond to inquiries as efficiently as possible. Horticulture questions are being submitted via calls, emails, and walk-ins at a pace of approximately 15 per week.

FAMILY LIVING

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program **Needs versus Wants:** Educators will be working with participants at food pantries, Salvation Army, WIC sites, and others to identify needs versus wants related to spending priorities. A “need” helps us survive and includes basic and essential items such as food, clothing, electricity, and shelter. A “want” makes life more comfortable and enjoyable and may include soda instead of water, expensive clothing, or cable TV. In challenging economic times, it is more important than ever to assist low income families and individuals with budgeting so they have enough money for food.

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

4-H interstate exchange is a 2-year program where a group of youth between grades 8-13 led by a 4-H adult advisor who finds a county 4-H program in another state to “exchange with.” One year the group travels; the next they host – showing their guests life in Winnebago County Wisconsin and beyond! This year 15 youth and 2 adults will travel June 30-July 7 to San Miguel County in Colorado. Thirteen (13) Winnebago County 4-H families will host approximately 15 youth and 2 chaperons from Valley County, Montana July 21-29 to complete the second year of their exchange. 4-H interstate exchange provides 4-H youth and families an opportunity to experience life and culture from a different part of the country.