

## April – May 2009

### Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Families:

In the 4-H pledge, we pledge our heads to clearer thinking, our hearts to greater loyalty, our hands to larger service and our health to better living for our club, our community, our country and our world. These aspects spoken in our pledge outline the four essential elements to youth development. We say that we pledge our hands to larger service, which is meeting the need for generosity in youth.

A major part of generosity is that contribution that the youth provide. The 4-H youth plan and implement many community service projects in an effort to contribute to our community. They work on food drives, bake sales, holiday sunshine to shut ins, and other projects that help to better their communities. By taking part in these and many other projects, the youth understand the value of this service and are learning skills in organization, planning and communication.

Another aspect to generosity that our youth have the opportunity to learn is citizenship. They are able to participate in their communities and learn about being a productive member of the community. Citizenship activities allow the youth to connect with community members and learn about interpersonal skills and networking. They learn more about the political process and are able to voice concerns and ideas as a participant in the community.

There have been so many displays of youth valuing and practicing the need for generosity during recent months. One I have been happy to see is the Ambassadors working with the 4-H afterschool clubs to make the community service ideas of those new 4-H members a reality. They have made blankets for HAVEN, made valentines for nursing homes and are in the process of planning other community service projects. Our 4-H youth have a very good understanding of how to contribute to our communities and how they can participate through citizenship and make Lincoln County a great place for young and old.

Sincerely,



Debbie Moellendorf  
4-H Youth Development Agent  
Lincoln County UW-Extension



Amanda Kostman  
4-H Youth Development Program Advisor  
Lincoln County UW-Extension

## Drama Fest Date Change

Due to challenges in finding a location that would work and a date with the fewest conflicts, the Pine River Peppers 4-H Club has set the date and place for the Drama Fest as:

April 18  
9:00 am

St. Johns Church, Merrill WI

**Entries are due Mon. April 6**

Please mark your calendars!

**FAIR DATES:**  
**July 15-19, 2009**

**"The Lincoln County 4-H Fair – Where  
Town and Country Meet"**

Watch the Lincoln County 4-H Fair website at  
[www.lincolnco4hfair.com](http://www.lincolnco4hfair.com) for the most up-to-date information!

# Calendar

## April

- 1-----WI Fair Dairy Promotion Scholarship Applications Due (Details in last newsletter on page 10)
- 4-----M.A.S.S. Sheep/Swine Weigh-In, Lincoln County Fairgrounds, 9 – 11 am
- 4-----Barron County 4-H Horse Expo & Tack Swap
- 4-5-----Overnight Counselors Training & Planning (Details in last newsletter on page 5)
- 4-5-----Horse-A-Rama Show, Manitowoc
- 6-----Drama Fest Entries Due
- 10-----Lincoln County 4 H Scholarship Applications Due (Details in last newsletter on page 5)
- 10-----Clark County 4-H Invitational Shoot Registration Due
- 10-----Wisconsin 4-H Junior Olympics Championship Air Rifle Registration Due
- 11-----Wisconsin Pork Association Showpig Sale, Jefferson
- 11-----Walworth County Fur & Feather Swap, Walworth
- 12-----NRA-USAS Progressive-Position Air Pistol, Registration Due
- 13-----Lincoln County Horse Project meeting, LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 15-----DATCP Pullorum Tester Certification Seminar, Richland Center
- 16-----DATCP Pullorum Tester Certification Seminar, Fond du Lac
- 17-19-----Midwest Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center, Madison
- 18-----Drama Fest, St John's Church, Merrill, 9 am
- 18-----State Fair Swine ID, Stoughton, 9 am – Noon
- 18-----State Fair Swine ID, Lancaster, 9 am – Noon
- 18-----State Fair Swine ID, Plymouth, 9 am – Noon
- 18-----State Fair Swine ID, Janesville, 9 am – Noon
- 18-----State Fair Swine ID, Beaver Dam, 9 am – Noon
- 18-----State Fair Swine ID, Union Grove, 9 am – Noon
- 18-----State Fair Swine ID, Seymour, 9 am – Noon
- 18-----State Fair Swine ID, West Salem, 9 am – Noon
- 18-----State Fair Swine ID, St. Croix Falls, 10 am – Noon
- 18-----Wisconsin NRA Air Rifle State Championship Registration Due
- 18-----Door County Small Animal Swap. Sturgeon Bay
- 18-19-----Wisconsin 4-H Junior Olympics Championship Air Rifle, Chippewa Falls
- 18-19-----NRA-USAS Progressive-Position Air Pistol, Walworth County
- 18-19-----Tri-County RBA Rabbit Show. Jefferson Cty
- 20-----4-H Youth Marketplace registration deadline
- 20-----Fair Board Meeting, Fair Office, 7 pm
- 21-----Team Registrations for 2008 Horse Bowl/Hippology Contest
- 21-----DATCP Pullorum Tester Certification Seminar, Montello
- 21-----DATCP Pullorum Tester Certification Seminar, Ashland
- 21-----Governor's Earth Day Celebration, Madison
- 22-----4-H Board of Directors Meeting, LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 22-----DATCP Pullorum Tester Certification Seminar, Eau Claire
- 23-----DATCP Pullorum Tester Certification Seminar, Appleton
- 23-----Lincoln County Dog Project Orientation, LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 24-----Dog Show 4-H Invitational Fun Match Agility & Obedience Registrations Due
- 24-----Saddle and Sirloin Club Swine Project Scholarship Applications Due
- 25-26-----47th Annual Central Wisconsin Rabbit Breeders Show. Marshfield

- 25-26----- 2008 Little International Horse Show, Deerfield
- 25----- Clark County 4-H Invitational Shoot, Neillsville
- 25----- State Fair Swine ID, Arlington, 9 am – Noon
- 25-26----- Wisconsin NRA Air Rifle State Championship, Port Wing
- 27----- Ambassador Meeting, Lincoln Country Service Center 6:45 pm
- 28----- DATCP Pullorum Tester Certification Seminar, Madison
- 29----- DATCP Pullorum Tester Certification Seminar, Rice Lake
- 29----- State Fair Sheep ID, Mineral Point, 5 pm – 7 pm
- 29----- State Fair Sheep ID, Plymouth, 5 pm – 7 pm
- 29----- State Fair Sheep ID, Tomah, 5 pm – 7 pm
- 29----- State Fair Sheep ID, Jefferson, 5 pm – 7 pm
- 30----- **DATCP Pullorum Tester Certification Seminar, Merrill, 6:30 – 9 pm**
- 30----- Dog Project Training, Lincoln County Fairgrounds (behind the Schulz Bldg), 6pm – 8 pm
- 30----- DATCP Pullorum Tester Certification Seminar, Waukesha
- 30----- State Fair Sheep ID, Wausau, 5 pm – 7 pm
- 30----- Wisconsin 4-H Rocketry Contest Registrations Due
- 30----- 2010 National 4-H Calendar Submissions Due

## May

- 1----- Last Day to Change or Add 4-H Project
- 1----- 4-H Arts Camp **Staff** Applications Due
- 1----- Dairy Seminar, Milk-N-More, Registration Due
- 2----- State Horse Bowl Contest, Wausau
- 2----- State Hippology Contest, Wausau
- 2----- State Fair Sheep ID, Janesville, 9 am – noon
- 2----- State Fair Sheep ID, Beaver Dam, 9 am – 11 am
- 2----- State Fair Sheep ID, Monroe, 9 am – 11 am
- 2----- State Fair Sheep ID, Madison, 9 am – 11 am
- 2----- State Fair Sheep ID, Seymour, 10 am – noon
- 2----- State Fair Sheep ID, Ellsworth, 10 am – 2 pm
- 2-3----- State Horse, Showmanship/Horsemanship/Equitation Clinic Heartland Stables, Custer
- 3----- Badger Bonanza Lamb Show, Arlington
- 3----- Red Cedar Rabbit Breeders Assn. All Breed Show, Rice Lake
- 7----- Dog Project Training, Lincoln County Fairgrounds (behind the Schulz Bldg), 6pm – 8 pm
- 7----- Fair Department Training, LCSC, 7 pm
- 8-9----- 8th Annual Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports All-Star Shootout Invitational Shoot, Shawano
- 9----- Dog Show, 4-H Invitational Fun Match Agility & Obedience, LaCrosse
- 9----- Outagamie County 4-H Fun Show & Swap. Seymour
- 9----- Washington County 4-H Statewide Shotgun Invitational Shoot
- 9----- Sauk County 4-H Horse Project Hunt Seat Eq, Dressage, Jumping Clinic, Baraboo
- 9----- Camp Upham Woods Volunteer Day, Wisconsin Dells
- 10----- Southwest Wisconsin Rabbit Club Rabbit Show. Dodgeville
- 11----- Lincoln County Horse Project meeting, 6:30 pm, LCSC
- 14----- Dog Project Training, Lincoln County Fairgrounds (behind the Schulz Bldg), 6pm – 8 pm
- 16----- Southern Lakes Rabbit Club Rabbit Show. Union Grove
- 16----- 2009 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) State Contest, Treehaven
- 16----- Dairy Seminar, Milk-N-More, Shawano County

- 16-----Ladysmith Annual Small Animal Swap
- 16-17-----Wisconsin Holstein Association Cow Camp. Green Lake
- 17-----Kewaunee County 4-H Horse Project Horsemanship & Trail Clinic,  
Luxemburg
- 18-----Lincoln County Summer Camp Registrations Due
- 18----- Fair Board Meeting, Fair Office, 7:00 pm
- 18-----Dairy Poster Contest Entries Due
- 21-----Dog Project Training, Lincoln County Fairgrounds (behind the Schulz  
Blg), 6pm – 8 pm
- 23-----Brown County NE Invitational Shoot Registration Due
- 25-----Office Closed – Memorial Day
- 27-----WTA Scholarships Due
- 27-----Board of Directors Meeting, Lincoln County Services Center, 6:30 pm
- 28-----Dog Project Training, Lincoln County Fairgrounds (behind the Schulz  
Blg), 6pm – 8 pm
- 30-----State Fair Youth Expo Activity Stations Applications Due
- 30-----Langlade County's Rabbit Fun Day, Antigo
- 30-31-----Polk County 4-H Horse Project Horsemanship Clinic, St. Croix Falls
- 31-----SOMK, Speak Out Military Kids, LCSC, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

In case of bad weather, listen to WJMT and WJJQ Radio Stations for cancellations of county events.

## June

- 4-----Dog Project Training, Lincoln County Fairgrounds (behind the Schulz  
Blg), 6pm – 8 pm
- 6-----Brown County NE Invitational Shoot, DePere
- 6-7-----WLBA Spring Preview/Southern Show, Jefferson
- 7-----Lincoln County Dairy Breakfast, **inside** the Marc Center
- 11-----Dog Project Training, Lincoln County Fairgrounds (behind the Schulz  
Blg), 6pm – 8 pm
- 12-14-----WLBA Wisconsin Livestock Show Camp, State Fair Park
- 14-16-----Badger Dairy Camp, UW-Madison, WI
- 15-----Lincoln County 4-H Fair Entry Forms Due – No Late  
Entries Accepted**
- 15-----Fair Board Meeting, Fair Office, 7:00 pm
- 15-18-----Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference, Madison
- 17-----Wisconsin 4-H Rocketry Contest, Madison
- 18-----Dog Project Training, Lincoln County Fairgrounds (behind the Schulz  
Blg), 6pm – 8 pm
- 19-20-----SOMK – Stellar Champ Counselor Training, Upham Woods
- 22-----Ambassador Meeting, LCSC, 6:45 pm
- 23-26-----Lincoln County 4-H Camp, Bruce, WI
- 24-----Board of Directors Meeting, Lincoln County Service Center, 6:30 pm
- 25-----Dog Project Training, Lincoln County Fairgrounds (behind the Schulz  
Blg), 6pm – 8 pm
- 26-----Northeast Area Animal Science Day, Waupaca County Fairgrounds,  
Weyauwega

**LCSC - Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill**  
Please enter on south side

## President's Corner

AWW...Spring! My favorite time of year. The daylight lasts longer, the birds are back and sound brighter, and the snow should be gone and things are getting greener. We all feel like getting out and playing!!! So here's a thought from "If Life is a Game, These are the Rules"

Each person has his or her own purpose and distinct path, unique and separate from anyone else's. As you travel your life path, you will be presented with numerous lessons that you will need to learn in order to fulfill that purpose. The lessons you are presented with are specific to you; learning these lessons is the key to discovering and fulfilling the meaning and relevance of you own life.

So go out and live you life to the fullest!!!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindi Christiansen".

Submitted by Cindi Christiansen, President  
Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Association, Inc.

## Club Highlights

**Let us know what your club is doing!**

**Turn in a copy of your club meeting minutes  
to the UW-Extension Office.**

**Or better yet – have a member write up all  
the wonderful things that your club is doing.  
You can email it to [rkludy@co.lincoln.wi.us](mailto:rkludy@co.lincoln.wi.us)**

**Share your club's story with others!**

# Let The Fun Begin!

## **Spider Web**

### **Number of People**

Any

### **Goals**

- Making connections
- Making connections in the group visible
- Integrating into the group

### **How to Play**

In this well-known game that many children around the world like to play, a ball of yarn is unwound as it is rolled from one player to the next in a circle. The player who gets it holds the yarn tight and rolls the ball to another player, maybe shouting out the name of the person who's supposed to get it. The ball of yarn can land at the same player several times, which can indicate a lot of connections with other players.

Afterward, the yarn net can be carried through the room. The threads should be as tight as possible. Players can overcome obstacles (tables, chairs, etc). The game has now become a cooperation game.

### **Variation:**

The game can be played with several balls of yarn of different colors at the same time.

*From: 101 more Life Skills Games for Children by Bernie Badegruber*

## 4-H Salutes

Thank you to all of our adult and youth leaders in Lincoln County! We appreciate the time you take to help build assets in the youth of Lincoln County. By volunteering, you are providing youth with opportunities to use their time constructively and creatively. You are also developing assets by providing them with adult role models, positive peer influences and high expectations. Studies show that the more assets youth have the more likely they will be successful. Keep building assets in our youth, it is much appreciated!



### **Project Discovery Day - Tomahawk** **A Saturday of Fun and Learning for Area Youth**

Lincoln County 4-H hosted their first Project Discovery Day for 2009 recently in Tomahawk. Project Discovery Day is a day for 4-H and other community youth to learn new skills and have fun exploring the many opportunities the 4-H program in Lincoln County offers. Sixteen adult and youth instructors from the area shared their knowledge with 18 youth during the annual Project Discovery Day held on March 7th at the Middle School in Tomahawk. Topics covered a wide variety of subjects including learning about woodworking by building a napkin holder, weaving a basket, creating jewelry, learning about photography, drawing cartoons, needle point on plastic canvas, cross country skiing, learning to knit and building a model airplane.

This event sponsored annually by the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association Inc. and UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development was again a great success as young people moved from session to session learning new skills and creating items. Youth took a quick break to catch their breath, eat lunch or a snack, and make new friends during the short time in-between sessions. The adult and older youth instructors that day learned as much as their students about organization, teaching methods, keeping calm in chaotic situations, and keeping their students excited about learning. Project Discovery Day is a great example of the learning and teamwork that happens in 4-H every day. 4-H projects are the vehicles through which young people learn important life skills, such as problem solving, communications, teamwork and decision making.



Jesse Renn, a 4-H youth leader, shows Jason Ryan how to assemble his napkin holder during the woodworking session that he co-taught with Caroline Lemke, 4-H leader.



Bethany Koshak, 4-H youth leader, teaches youth the art of cartooning during her session.



Myria Kludy, 4-H youth leader and ambassador, teaches a group of youth and adult leaders how to make their own jewelry.



Thank you to all the instructors and other volunteers at Project Discovery Day in Tomahawk: Betty Voelz, Myria Kludy, Jack Burkam, Janet Crowell, Judy Koshak, RaeAnn Brixius, Bethany Koshak, Amanda Koshak, Caroline Lemke, and Jesse Renn.



A big "Glad you came" to all the participants at Project Discovery Day in Tomahawk: Miah Faust, Jason Ryan, Matthew Ryan, Rebecca Ryan, Julie Van Groll, Shane Van Groll, Katie Reiter, Heidi Massa, Sheri Gronna, Rose Gronna, Jeza Klienschmidt, Hailey DeVoy, Elizabeth Engel, Myria Kludy, Rebecca Kludy, Fern Langhoff, Bethany Koshak and Chloe Lemmer.



Huzzah! Thank you to Erin Riddle, Myria Kludy and Stevie Roets for emceeing the Music and Lip Sync festival!



## Way to go Kelsey Schoeppler!

The Dance Language of Bees was the topic for the 2009 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest. Six entries were mailed to the Wisconsin State 4-H Office for judging. The first place essay, submitted by Kelsey Schoeppler of Merrill, WI has been forwarded as Wisconsin's entry for the 2009 4-H National Honey Bee Essay Contest. Second place honors go to Madeline Mae Black of Eau Claire, WI and third place honors go to David Antonissen of Niagra, WI.



## Exhibitor Handbook:

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Fair Exhibitor's Handbook Cover Contest!

### Cover



Stevie Roets, 8th grade, Barnes Creek Buccaneers

### Red Ribbon

Brian Stockowitz, 6th grade, Merrill Busy Bees  
Bailey Iwen, 2nd grade, Pine River Peppers  
Jeza Kleinschmidt, 5th grade, Merrill Busy Bees  
Rosie Gronna, 6th grade, Corning All Stars



## Music and Lip Sync Festival

Participants included

### Cloverbud Division (K-2<sup>nd</sup>)

#### Lip Sync

##### "Jack's Lament"

Composer: Danny Elfman  
Performer: David Genrich  
Member of the Corning Yankees  
*Received a Participation Ribbon*

##### "Teardrops on My Guitar"

Artists: Taylor Swift  
Performer: Caylie Amelse  
Member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club

*Received a Participation Ribbon*

### Junior Division (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)

#### Lip Sync

##### "Valentine"

Artists: Martina McBride  
Performer: Valerie Amelse  
Member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club  
*Received a Blue Ribbon and Best Costume Award*

##### "The Night Chicago Died"

Artists: Paper Lace  
Performers: Mercedes Leary, Elia Leary, Ainen Leary, Joshua Schmidt, Stevie Roets, Molly McGinn, Elizabeth Engel, Kim Engel  
Members of the Barnes Creek Buccaneers 4-H Club  
*Received a Blue Ribbon, Best Costume and Merit Awards*

#### Vocal

##### "Amazing Grace"

Performer: Lisa Krueger  
Members of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club  
*Received a Blue Ribbon*

#### Dance

##### "Who Let the Frogs Out"

Artist: Crazy Frog  
Performer: Julianne Barkholz  
Member of the Hi-Lo's 4-H  
*Received a Blue Ribbon*

### Intermediate Division (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

#### Lip Sync

##### "Summer Nights"

Artists/Composers: Jim Jacobs, Warren Casey  
Performers: Alex Kreie, Dylan Genrich, Olivia Kreie, David Genrich  
Members of the Corning Yankees 4-H Club  
*Received a Blue Ribbon*

##### "Thunder"

Artists/Composers: AC/DC  
Performers: Hailey DeVoy, Jeza Kleinschmidt, Lisa Krueger, Brenda Krueger  
Members of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club  
*Received a Blue Ribbon*

##### "Kidnap Sandy Claws"

Artists/Composers: Paul Reubens, Catherine O'Hara, Danny Elfman  
Performers: Alex Kreie, Dylan Genrich, Olivia Kreie, David Genrich  
Members of the Corning Yankees 4-H Club  
*Received a Blue Ribbon and Best Costume Award*

#### Vocal

##### "Breakaway"

Artists/Composer: Kelly Clarkson  
Performer: Laura Weiland  
Members of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club  
*Received a Red Ribbon*

##### Selections from "Sound of Music"

Artists/Composers: Rodgers - Hammerstein  
Performers: Emily Weix, Abby Sunde, Elizabeth Weix, Heather Johnson, Eliana Emmer, Elijah Emmer  
Members of the Jenny Falls Jacks 4-H Club  
*Received a Blue Ribbon and Merit Award*

## Instrumental

### "Minuet in G"

Composer: Christian Pezold

Performer (Piano, 4 years): Katie Reiter

Member of the Hi-Los 4-H Club

*Received a Blue Ribbon*

### "Bile That Cabbage Down"

Performer (Trombone, 2 years): Dillon Chieves

Member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club

*Received a Red Ribbon*

### "Eagle Summit March"

Composer: John O'Reilly & Mark Williams

Performer (Clarinet, 1 year): Katie Reiter

Member of the Hi-Los 4-H Club

*Received a Blue Ribbon*

### "Surprise Symphony"

Composer: Franz Joseph Haydn

Performer (Flute, 5 months): Stephanie Middlestead

Member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club

*Received a Blue Ribbon and Merit Award*

## Dance

### "Rock Star" (Tap)

Artist: Hannah Montana

Performer: Rebecca Barkholz

Member of the Hi-Los 4-H

*Received a Blue Ribbon*

## Senior Division (9<sup>th</sup> and above)

### Vocal

#### "Joy to the World"

Composer: Isaac Watts & Lowell Mason

Performer: Brenda Krueger

Member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H

*Received Blue Ribbon and Merit Award*

### Instrumental

#### "Honor & Arms From Sampson"

Composer: Georg Frederick

Performer (Saxophone, 5½ years): Alex Kreie

Member of the Corning Yankees

*Received Blue Ribbon and Merit Award*



**Congratulations to all the participants!!!!**



## Communications Contest

Youth from throughout Lincoln County were provided with an opportunity to practice and enhance their speaking skills during this year's Communication Contest. During this pre-fair event, youth were able to share a puppetry performance, do a demonstration on one of their 4-H projects, give an original speech, read poetry or a story. The contest was held on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at Our Saviour's Church in Merrill. Thirteen youth from three 4-H clubs participated in this year's event. Renee Williams, Stephanie Zoellner and the Rock Falls Rascals 4-H Club coordinated the contest.

The Communications Contest is open to all youth grades kindergarten to 13th grade (one year out of high school). Through their preparation for and participation in this event, young people are developing their speaking abilities and confidence in performing in front of an audience.

### CLOVERBUD DIVISION – K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

"Little House in the Big Woos"

Reading of Prose by Molly McGinn, member of the Barnes Creek Buccaneers 4-H Club

Participation Ribbon

### ELEMENTARY DIVISION – 3<sup>RD</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

"To Autumn"

Reading of Prose by Lisa Krueger, member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club  
Red Ribbon

"The Alien Farm"

Puppetry performance by Michelle Evans, Trinity Evans, Bethany Williams, Brittany Williams, Julie Williams and Kate Williams, members of Rock Falls Rascals 4-H Club  
Blue Ribbon

JUNIOR DIVISION – 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Original Short Story*

Storytelling by Dillon Chieves, member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club

Red Ribbon

*The Wemmicks by Max Lucado*

Reading of Prose by Laura Weiland, member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club

Blue Ribbon and Best in Show Ribbon

SENIOR DIVISION - 9th Grade and Older

*“Are Angels Real?”*

Reading of Prose by Brenda Krueger, member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club

Red Ribbon

*“In the Children’s Hospital”*

Reading of Poetry by Erin Riddle, member of the Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club

Red Ribbon

*“Creativity”*

Original Speech by Myria Kludy, member of the Barnes Creek Buccaneers 4-H Club

Blue Ribbon



**Front row (left to right):** Molly McGinn, Lisa Krueger, Julie Williams, Trinity Evans, Kate Williams, Michelle Evans

**Back row (left to right):** Brenda Krueger, Myria Kludy, Erin Riddle, Dillon Chieves, Bethany Williams, Brittany Williams, Laura Weiland



To Myria Kludy and Stevie Roets for leading the PRMS After the Bell 4-H Club on February 12th. They focused on meeting skills and science by experimenting with making play doh.



To Lori Lemke for helping Amanda and Debbie start the basketry project with the Tomahawk Afterschool 4-H Club on February 18th! We could not do it without your help!



To Erin Riddle, Stevie Roets and Myria Kludy for bringing some natural science into

the Washington After School 4-H Club on February 19th. The bird are thank you for making the Pine Cone Bird Feeders so they can eat in the winter!



To Myria Kludy, Erin Riddle and Fern Langhoff for leading the PRMS After the Bell 4-H Club in a craft on March 12th. They tried to encourage spring by making tissue paper flowers to brighten their homes.



Here’s a “Great Job!” to Erin Riddle, Myria Kludy and RaeAnn Brixius for emceeding the Communications Contest. We couldn’t have done it without you!

# Outstanding Young 4-Hers

**Shelby Fehlberg**  
Merrill Busy Bees  
Age: 14  
Grade: 8



**Projects currently enrolled in:**

Dairy, Foods & Nutrition, Rabbits, Chickens, Flowers & Houseplants, Arts & Crafts.

**What does the member feel she has learned from these projects?**

Showing how to train animals for judging. Learning how to follow recipe directions successfully. Also, learning the needs of plants.

**What does the member participate in at the club level?**

Caroling, picnic in the summer making Easter baskets for the elderly and making a craft each month that can be entered in the Fair.

**County level?**

Drama Festival, Communications Contest and Project Discovery Day.

**Outside of 4-H?**

Church youth and helps on the Dairy Farm.

**How would the member like to improve 4-H?**

Get the word out on radio, newspapers, and flyers to advertise the many benefits children receive participating in 4-H activities.

**What does the member like most about 4-H?**

Showing projects at the 4-H Fair, especially dairy.

**Comments about the member from the Club's Organizational Leader:**

Shelby is one of our faithful members who never misses a 4-H meeting. As a leader, I really love that dedication! Shelby also does a record book every year. This is an accomplishment that only a handful of 4-H members tackle. As a Busy Bee Member, a 4-Her can earn our "Busy Bee Bucks" by doing extra activities in the club and in the community. Shelby works at earning those "extra" Bucks by staying very active. She definitely deserves this award!



**Joe Barkley**  
Merrill Busy Bees  
Age: 14  
Grade: 8



**Projects currently enrolled in:**

Dairy, Dog, Beef, Woodworking, Cultural Arts, Forestry, Fishing, Veterinary Science, Scale Models, Tractors and Photography.

**What does the member feel he has learned from these projects?**

With my animal projects, I have learned patience. I have also learned how to take my time and put things together right the first time.

**What does the member participate in at the club level?**

I have been the Sunshine Bee. I've went to Pine Crest, and Bell Towers at Christmas and handed out ornaments and caroled.

**County level?**

I have done the Communications Contest and the Drama Fest. I have also took classes and taught classes at Project Discovery Day.

**Outside of 4-H?**

I enjoy helping on our family's dairy farm. My hobbies are shooting my guns and reloading my own bullets.

**How would the member like to improve 4-H?**

I wish we could have more shooting events in our area and not so far away.

**What does the member like most about 4-H?**

I like a lot of the 4-H activities from learning new hobbies to showing my animals at the fair.

**Comments about the member from the Club's Organizational Leader:**

Joe Barkley is a very active member in our 4-H Club. He, along with his family, goes above and beyond to participate in our club. They make cards and ornaments for Christmas and Easter for shut ins at the nursing homes in town. For many years they were the ones who made our award winning club banners at the fair. Joe is always there when we need him, whether it is to participate in the Drama Fest, caroling, helping in the barn or doing the Barn Olympics. Joe is a great example to the younger members in our club and epitomizes what 4-H is all about and what a member can accomplish.

# Leadership

## Coordinators Needed!!!

We are still in need of clubs to coordinate county events/activities.

Softball –Held during the summer months. **Need a volunteer.**

Bowling Event – Held in October. **Need a volunteer**

The clubs who coordinate county events have the first chance to serve refreshments for the event where appropriate. This can be a great club fundraiser. If no one comes forward to coordinate an event, the event will be cancelled. Please contact the UW-Extension office at 539-1072 for more information or to volunteer. A job description and outline of what needs to be done is available for each event. Call today to volunteer.



## Have a Project Workshop!

Plan a project workshop during your regular club meeting (or at a different date). Plan it far enough ahead that we can advertise it to other clubs. We would be happy to include it in the 4-H Newsletter. Most clubs don't have leaders for every project in which their members are enrolled. A county wide workshop is easy to organize and more kids can benefit from your leaders' knowledge. AND you don't have to plan a special meeting!

For example – if your club has a lot of members interested in rocketry and you have a leader who is good at teaching this, host an Aerospace Project workshop at your club meeting! If every club hosts a workshop, everyone will get to see how other clubs operate and get some exciting new ideas!



## Resources for Project Leaders

Here are several websites for leaders to utilize in planning 4-H Projects.

Wisconsin After School Activity Plans:

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/afterschool/curriculum/activities.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/afterschool/curriculum/activities.cfm)

Wisconsin Curriculum Resources

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/pubs/](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/pubs/)

On the "Search Publications" box on the right, search for "Activity Plans". Not all projects have plans available.

Wisconsin 4-H Project Page

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/index.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/index.cfm)

Choose your project from the list on the right.

National Directory of 4-H Materials

[www.4-hdirectory.org](http://www.4-hdirectory.org)

4-H SET webpage

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/set/resources.cfm>

Cooperative Extension Media Collection

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/media/>

To order from the Media Collection, please contact the UW Extension at 539-1072.



## Merrill Head Start Playscape Project

Joan Krohn, Merrill Heastart

I know that the 4-H Clubs are very concerned about our youth and their well being. At Head Start/Early Childhood we serve the low income and special needs three, four and five year olds of the Merrill Area Public School District. These children abound with potential yet are some of our most at risk citizens. As a staff we have learned that many of our students have very little opportunity to play in the natural world. Children learn best through play. Play in nature is essential to the development of the whole child: body, mind and spirit. We have begun implementing a plan that will provide a setting for our students to engage in play in a natural environment every day. We are building a natural playscape on the grounds of our school.

The playscape will have rocks and logs to climb, tall grass to explore, a garden to grow, plants and bugs to examine and quiet places to dream. It is our goal to teach our students and families to enjoy, appreciate, learn from and preserve our wonder-full north woods environment. We would like to invite the 4-H Clubs to help. We are in desperate need of advice for growing plants on the playscape. Which plants to use, where and how to plant them. When to plant them. Which plants are hardy and can stand lots of curious little hands. What plants could be poisonous if a child ate them. Which plants are pretty but not attractive to bees. What about native vs. invasive species. We want to grow vines, tall grass, low ground cover. We would love to put a garden into the playscape as well. We also could use some help in doing the planting and digging. Are there any of your clubs looking for a service project who would be willing to help us? Do you want to build bird houses, feeders or bathtubs? Or maybe you would like to provide some bat houses. We would welcome the assistance. Thank you for your consideration of our project.

Contact Joan at (715) 536-2392 ext. 1406 to find out more details on how to volunteer.



## 2009 4-H North Central Region Volunteer Forum

October 1-4, 2009

Lincoln, Nebraska

The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum is a conference to enhance 4H volunteer education and to promote an adult-youth partnership in the 4H program.

The Forum will run Thursday evening through Saturday night. There will be a "grab and go" breakfast Sunday morning before you get on your way.

Educational sessions will focus on activities you can use in your club in the following areas:

- Science, Engineering & Technology
- Healthy Living
- Citizenship & Life Skills
- Managing a 4-H Club

Also be prepared for:

- Keynote speakers
- Tours
- Pre-conference tours
- Networking & Hospitality
- Entertainment
- ...and more

Watch for information at: [4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm](http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm)



### **Pay It Forward Mini-Grant Opportunity**

The Pay It Forward Foundation administers a mini-grant program for Pay It Forward activities designed by and involving youth in service to their school, neighborhood or the greater community. Mini-grants up to \$500 are available to schools, churches and community-based groups of youth for service activities of all types.

A Pay It Forward project is defined as one or more service activities that benefit a school, a neighborhood or the greater community, and that include learning goals for the youth participants. Only projects that clearly contain a “pay it forward” focus – that is, projects on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially – are given consideration in the grant making process.

Applicants are encouraged to include preparation activities that teach youth needed skills or knowledge to implement the Pay It Forward project, and to plan the project with input from the clients, organizations, or community that will benefit from the project in order to ensure that the project is needy and timely.

Funds may be used for supplies, materials, equipment or transportation to a service site. Funds may not be used to pay for personnel, to replace state or local school funds, or for celebration food and drinks.

Applications for mini-grants may be submitted any time. Applicants will be notified about the status of their mini-grants within 60 days of each deadline.

The Pay It Forward Foundation requests that a final report on the results of the project be submitted to the Foundation within 30 days of completion of the project.

#### **Who may apply**

Schools, churches and community youth groups (with an adult sponsor) may apply for funding. Youths or adults may write the application. Groups whose members are all over the age of 18 must include work with youth under the age of 18 as part of their projects.

For more information and an application, visit

[payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html](http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html)

# Opportunities Unlimited

## **Dairy Promotion – 4-H Clubs Needed**

The Lincoln County Dairy Breakfast will be held **INSIDE** the Marc Center on **June 7th from 8 am - 12:30 pm**.

The June Dairy Breakfast will be on June 7th from 8 a.m. until noon. 4-H clubs are encouraged to set up display booths or help with some games or other events the Chamber of Commerce will have that day. Help will also be needed with set up and clean up.

If you are interested in setting up a booth at this year's event or *volunteering to help*, please contact Becky or Krista at the Merrill Chamber of Commerce at 536-9474 to reserve your spot.



## **4-H Youth Marketplace**

Do you enjoy working on a 4-H project? Do you think you can earn money selling items you made in a 4-H project? Do you want to learn about creating a small business?

It's not too late to be part of the 4-H Youth Marketplace! Come and join this exciting opportunity to sell your projects at the Fair.

The next 4-H Marketplace meeting will be held the end of April – either Tuesday April 28 or April 30. **Please call the UW Extension office at 539-1072 by April 20** and let us know which date will work best for you!

Don't miss out! Call and let us know you want to be part of this exciting opportunity.



## **Be Branded!**

The 4-H name and logo are important tools in promoting 4-H and spreading the word on how wonderful being part of 4-H is.

The 4-H Brand Network is a website where you can learn about the 4-H brand, share tips and ideas and apply what you've learned using ready-made resources for you to promote 4-H throughout your community. If you have not done so already, take a moment to register for the site to begin accessing the many materials and resources available. You will be approved shortly after registering.

Pass the word on to other 4-H members, volunteers so they can get involved in sharing the great news of 4-H! It's just a click away at [www.4-hbrandnetwork.org/](http://www.4-hbrandnetwork.org/)



## **Go World Wide**

A new webpage has been added to Wisconsin 4-H Community Club Central: Creating an Online Presence. The webpage includes a number of links to assist you in the creating a 4-H club web page or Blog, or in using other electronic communication

options to share 4-H information.

The webpage is located on the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development website under 4-H Community Club Central, Promotions: [4h.uwex.edu/clubs/online.cfm](http://4h.uwex.edu/clubs/online.cfm). You will find information about creating accessible communications, links to images, copyright information, design tips, information about electronic safety practices, and more ...

Check it out and move out to the World Wide Web! Be sure to link to the Lincoln County 4-H website at [www.lincolncounty4h.com](http://www.lincolncounty4h.com). If your club does make it's own page, let the UW Extension office know and we will put a link to your site!



## **Youth Expo Activity Stations**

Youth Participant and Teen Facilitators Needed  
2009 Wisconsin Junior State Fair

The Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo Activity Stations is in need of enthusiastic 4-H youth to help Fairgoers have fun at educational, interactive booths! Each Activity Station features hands-on activities from Youth Organization curriculum and is seeking youth participants to teach young Fairgoers. Possible activities for the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair include: Visual Arts, Sewing, Woodworking, Agricultural and more! Furthermore, the State Fair Activity Stations Coordinator has many great activities and fun seminars planned for participants!

Come, get away from home, learn new skills, meet new friends and have fun at the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo Activity Stations! **Applications due at state office May 30.**

For more information, qualifications and applications, contact the UW-Extension office at 539-1072 or visit [www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/ag/2009/junior\\_entry/youth\\_expo/Activity\\_Stations.pdf](http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/ag/2009/junior_entry/youth_expo/Activity_Stations.pdf)



## **Show Your 4-H Spirit**

4-H magnets for your vehicle are available for \$3 each. There are two magnets to choose from – one says “I Love Lincoln County 4-H” and the other says “I Love 4-H”. The magnets were designed and purchased by the 4-H Board of Directors to help promote 4-H in Lincoln County. Magnets are available anytime at the UW-Extension office.

We also have 4-H cookbooks (perfect for the upcoming summer party season) available for \$5.

4-H has many products – from clothes to toys to bags – available for purchase. You can pick up a 4-H 2009 Source Book at the UW-Extension. You can also order online by visiting the WI 4-H website at [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h) and click on the link to the 4-H Mall on the bottom of the page. By using this link, 10% of all Wisconsin on-line merchandise orders will be returned to the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Program. **Show everyone how much fun 4-H is!**



## Lincoln County 4-H Scholarships Available

The Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association, Inc. is sponsoring two \$500 scholarships. An applicant must be currently enrolled as a 4-H member and graduating from high school or currently attending a college or university.

Scholarship applications and guidelines can be obtained from Merrill High School and Tomahawk High School Guidance Counselors or from the Lincoln County UW-Extension office. Completed applications are due by **April 10, 2009, to the Merrill High School or Tomahawk High School Guidance Office.**

**No late applications will be considered.**



## 4-H Camp: More than just Fun & Games

**Hiking! Swimming! Campfires! New Friends!**

While it may still be brown and muddy outside, spring and summer are on their way! This means we are already busy planning an excellent camp experience for Lincoln County youth in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you or your child has never experienced the joys of 4-H Camp, you may be asking yourself:

*"Is 4-H camp fun?"* ~ **Most Definitely!**

*"Do we play a lot of games at 4-H Camp?"* ~ **Of course we do!**

But don't forget to also ask yourself:

*"Does 4-H camp teach life skills?"* ~ **Absolutely!**

- Like other 4-H projects and activities, 4-H camp is centered around the idea of providing youth a fun, hands-on environment to build and strengthen valuable life skills. According to a large research study by the American Camp Association, summer camps positively affect children in the following ways:
- Children become more confident and experience increased self-esteem.
- Children develop more social skills that help them make new friends.
- Children grow more independent and show more leadership qualities
- Children become more adventurous and willing to try new things.\*

A Virginia study suggested that a primary benefit of 4-H Camp participation is related to responsibility. Youth report: "becoming more independent and capable of self-care." Adults report: "youth taking care of their own things, sharing work responsibilities, and taking initiative on their own."\*\* Camp is another great way 4-H enables youth to learn and practice skills to be productive citizens.

The 4-H community would love to invite all Lincoln County youth between the grades of 3-8 to experience the greatest part of summer vacation so please feel free to invite some friends. **The camp is held in the beautiful Trails End Camp in Bruce, WI from June 23-26.** The camp features dorm style-living, modern shower and bathroom facilities, a historic log mess hall, and programs in recreation, crafts, canoeing, nature exploration, music/drama and more. Transportation from Tomahawk and Merrill is included in the fee. **Registration materials for this year's camp are due on May 18th, 2009.**

**A registration form is included in this newsletter**

**so hurry and reserve your space!**

\* American Camp Association (2005). *Directions: Youth Development Outcomes of the Camp Experience*. Martinsville, IN: American Camp Association. Retrieved March 10, 2006, from [acacamps.org/research/research\\_book.pdf](http://acacamps.org/research/research_book.pdf)

\*\* Garst, B. A. & Bruce, F. A. (2003). *Identifying 4-H Outcomes Using a Standardized Evaluation Process Across Multiple 4-H Educational Centers*. Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech. Retrieved March 10, 2006 from [www.joe.org/joe/2003june/rb2/shtml](http://www.joe.org/joe/2003june/rb2/shtml)



## SOMK: Speak Out for Military Kids

Both friends and strangers have connections to people in the military. Learn about what they experience when someone is deployed.

**May 31, 2009 1:00—5:00 p.m.**  
**Lincoln County Service Center**  
**801 N Sales Street; Merrill, WI 54452**

Join us to create a fabulous and fun backpack to give away in your community to someone with a loved one in the military learn about the psychology behind having a loved one deployed build your leadership skills network with other teens from your community

### REGISTRATION FORM

Return by May 13, 2009 to Lincoln Co UW-Extension  
801 N Sales Street, Suite 101, Merrill WI 54452

Participant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_



## SOMK: Stellar Camp Counselors

The Operation Military Kids program is coordinating a camp this summer at Upham Woods for military youth grades 3-5, August 23-25 and youth grades 6-9, August 26-29. We're looking for stellar camp counselors who might be interested in spending a week serving as role models and mentors and leading and participating in activities like campfires, archery, orienteering, arts and crafts, flag ceremonies, games, swimming, and much more! A camp counselor training will be held June 19-20 at Camp Upham

Woods. Counselors must be able to attend all components, June 19-20 and August 23-29.

A brochure, camp counselor recruitment/information page, application and more information about Operation Military Kids can be found at [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/omk](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/omk). If you have questions feel free to contact Laura Pettersen, [laura.pettersen@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:laura.pettersen@ces.uwex.edu) or Pam Hobson, [pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu).



### **WTA Scholarship Program for 2009**

Sponsored by WTA & Rural Mutual Insurance Company & Scott Construction, Inc.

For the 24th year, Wisconsin Towns Association, in conjunction with Rural Mutual Insurance Company, carrier for the Association's endorsed insurance program, and Scott Construction, Inc. will be awarding \$7,500 in scholarships to the winners of an essay contest to high school seniors graduating in 2009 from either a public or private high school in Wisconsin, who plan to enroll in a Wisconsin public or private college or vocational college. The seven scholarships will be awarded on the basis of an essay contest. Details of the essay contest are provided in the 2009 Scholarship Brochure and summarized on this website. For a copy of the printed brochure or more information please call the Wisconsin Towns Association office at (715) 526-3157.

Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association and-Scott Construction, Inc. will offer-the following scholarships to the-winners of an essay contest. The scholarships will be awarded-on the following basis:

- Two (2) \$1,250 scholarships will be awarded, one each to the highest ranking boy and highest-ranking girl winners from a member town or-village whose municipality has Rural Mutual-Insurance Company coverage for their-government as of May 1, 2009.
- Four (4) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, one each to two boys and two girls.
- One (1) \$1,000 scholarship to either a boy or a-girl who has the highest ranking below the-previous four scholarships.

All applicants must complete and be judged on an essay contest as described in this brochure. All applicants must be graduating from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2009 and plan to attend a Wisconsin based public or private college or vocational technical institute. The two \$1,250 winners may be among the five other scholarship winners. The submission deadline requires the essays be received or **postmarked by May 27, 2009** and the judging will be-completed by August 15, 2009.

For more information and an application visit [www.wisctowns.com/ScholarshipInfo.htm](http://www.wisctowns.com/ScholarshipInfo.htm)/ or stop by the UW-Extension office.



### **Upham Woods Volunteer Day**

Saturday, May 9, 2009

Enjoy a beautiful day in woods while giving back to your favorite 4-H Outdoor Learning Center—Upham Woods! The staff has planned a magnificent day of fun, friendship, and good ol' fashion, feel-good work for any and all willing volunteers. There will be multiple work projects to choose from—trail reconstruction on Blackhawk Island, new

trail creation on our "sand spit" area, cabin/building clean-up, wood splitting & stacking, litter pick-up, garlic mustard removal, possible building projects and probably much more! The day will begin at 10 am and end at 4 pm with a 12:00 noon cook-out lunch by the river. You are welcome to come for the entire or part of the day. You can do the same project the entire time or float between different projects if you like. All ages welcome! If you plan to come, please RSVP to Doris at Upham Woods (608-254-6461 or [doris.bass@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:doris.bass@ces.uwex.edu)) so that we can plan staffing, equipment, and lunch. Please let Doris know approximately how much of the day you are planning to attend and if you have any special dietary needs for lunch. Thank you in advance for your help—it will help us get ready to provide all of our 4-H groups a wonderful summer camping season!



### **Wisconsin State Park Volunteer Days**

Come Help the Parks, Forests, and Trails That You Love Get Ready for Summer!

With more people preparing to explore and enjoy Wisconsin this year, the State Park System is going to be busy! Therefore, the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks are organizing a series of volunteer work days at the locations listed below so that you can give back to the parks, forests, and trails that you love! Join local Friends groups, DNR staff, and people from your community for some hands-on work to protect, preserve, and prepare the parks and forests for a busy season.

Lunch and snacks will be served at each location. Each work day will be from 9:30am-3:30pm. Come dressed to get dirty! Advanced registration is free, but required.

For a schedule of State Park clean up dates and information on how to register, please visit [www.fwsp.org/](http://www.fwsp.org/)

# International

## **Hosting For Japanese and Korea Summer Exchanges (July 26-August 22, 2009)**

There are still opportunities available for hosting a youth or adult with this year's Wisconsin 4-H/Japan/Korea Exchanges. This year Wisconsin will host about 30 Japanese youth between the ages of 12 and 18. Three adults will accompany the group who will require six host families for 2 week periods. Nine young people from Korea will accompany this exchange and hosting is open state wide. Dates for this year's program are July 23-August 20.

## **Hosting For 4-H/Flex High School Programs**

Also, a few opportunities exist for hosting high school exchange students. If you have enjoyed a short term hosting experience or love working with students from other cultures, consider hosting a Eurasian student through the C.S.I.E.T. approved 4-H/Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) High School Programs. Students arrive in August and depart in June. Requirements include having a genuine interest, being flexible and willing to spend time with the student, and having an extra bed available (not necessarily an extra room). All adults in the family must be certified 4-H volunteers. Previous hosting experience is not required. A host brother or sister of high school age is not a prerequisite and young or retired couples involved as 4-H leaders are also urged to apply.

If you are interested in hosting for any of these short term or high school programs, please contact your County International Exchange Coordinator, Amanda Kostman (539-1072), or International Programs at (608) 262-2491 or (608) 262-1557 or send an e-mail to [gobin@wisc.edu](mailto:gobin@wisc.edu).

Check out Wisconsin 4-H International Programs website for additional information and applications at [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm) for both of these hosting opportunities.

# Arts and Communication

## **Drama Festival**

Due to challenges in finding a location that would work and a date with the fewest conflicts, the Pine River Peppers 4-H Club has set the date and place for the Drama Fest as:

**April 18  
9:00 am  
St. Johns Church, Merrill WI**

**Entries are due Monday April 6**

For all county activities, groups may consist of any combination of enrolled 4-H members. Videotaping/ recording of entries in place of a live performance will not be allowed.

Adults are encouraged to provide guidance and support in teaching youth as they prepare for and perform in these events. They may assist with stage/scenery design, costuming, practices, and serve as accompanists for musical performances. However, they may not perform with the youth. Remember, these are youth performances, and we want to keep them learning experiences for the youth.

### **Drama Festival Guidelines:**

- Open to all 4-H members.
- Each member can perform in two performances.
- Performance may be one person or a group.
- All performances should be one act style (limited curtain pulling).
- Adults should help with the behind-the-curtain action, teaching and guiding the youth (but remember, this is not an adult contest). Keep it a learning experience for the youth.
- Performances should be creative, educational and entertaining.
- Each performance is critiqued/judged (oral and written), except individual. Cloverbuds or groups where the average grade is Cloverbud grade (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) will receive a participation ribbon (they are not judged).
- Each performing member, whether on stage or behind the scene, will receive a ribbon and certificate.
- For each performance, outstanding actor/actress award and best costume award certificates may be presented at judge's discretion.
- The outstanding performance may receive a merit ribbon at judge's discretion.
- If you use props that create a mess (i.e. straw, hay, etc.), try to wrap them in something and ask coordinator of the event for equipment to clean up after yourself. This will help everyone involved.

If you have never seen or participated in the Drama Festival, there are videotapes/DVDs of past festivals for you to view. Stop by the UW-Extension Office to check one out. We also have lots of catalogs of plays and other drama resources for your use.

Please register your Drama Festival entries by completing the form in this newsletter and returning it by **Monday, April 6** to the UW-Extension Office. Be thorough and

exact, as the information will be printed in the program and put in news releases as noted on the entry forms. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.

## **Costumes**

Looking for some help to make your costumes for this year's play? The Lincoln County UW-Extension Office has a resource that may provide some help, "Elegantly Frugal Costumes". This do-it-yourself costume maker's guide has wonderfully practical ideas for making costumes for plays and musicals at the lowest possible expense. Over 150 detailed illustrations work with the easy-to-follow text to walk you through every step of the process. Many helpful hints and information about sewing in sleeves, hems and zippers, leftover fabric, aging an outfit and much, much more. Contact the Lincoln County UW-Extension Office if you are interested in borrowing this resource.



## **4-H Arts Camp: October 3-4, 2009**

The statewide 4-H Arts Camp for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders is scheduled for October 3-4, 2009 at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells.

Youth will get together to explore and participate in the exciting world of the arts: theatre and drama, photography, communication, music, visual art, juggling and MORE! Campers will learn plenty of creative ideas to bring home for their club. Up to six youth from each county may apply. More will be accepted if space is available.

### **Join us for this exciting time with the arts!**

Cost: Campers, \$60.00 which includes a camp T-shirt; Adult Chaperones, \$30.00.

If you haven't been a part of the Arts Camp experience, come and see what you've been missing! Space is limited. Application for 2009 4-H Arts Camp is now available on the State 4-H website at [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm). Or at the UW-Extension office.

**Registration Deadline for campers is September 10, 2009**



## **2009 4-H Arts Camp Youth Staff Application**

Do you have a passion for drama, visual art, music, photography or communications? Do you enjoy teaching younger youth? Come be part of the staff! We're looking for 9th through 12th graders (in the fall of 2009) to be part of the Arts Camp State Staff.

The purpose of Arts Camp:

- To foster expression and participation in the arts with middle school age youth.
- To allow youth leaders in the arts teaching opportunities to a specific audience.
- To increase awareness of the arts and participation in the arts at the club level.

We are looking for youth to teach and participate in the following areas:

### **Teaching Counselors:**

Saturday & Sunday - teach with team members an introduction to a specific arts area in an hour-long session. This session will be taught six times to approximately 15 youth each time.

### **Activities Counselors:**

Saturday and Sunday - plan and organize free-time activities, along with a large-group activity for Saturday evening; lead a group of 15 campers to the different arts sessions.

Acting  
Writing

Youth staff are required to plan with other arts camp staff members by mail, by phone, and to participate in on-site sessions, August 29-30 and Friday night, October 2 at Camp Upham Woods. Camp dates: Saturday, October 3 - Sunday, October 4.

For more information visit their web site at [www.dcs.wisc.edu/lisa/soa](http://www.dcs.wisc.edu/lisa/soa). Specific workshop information can be found at [www.dcs.wisc.edu/lisa/soa/workshops.htm](http://www.dcs.wisc.edu/lisa/soa/workshops.htm)

There is a \$35.00 fee payable upon selection. Check with your county 4-H Agent for possible assistance with this fee. Additional assistance is available upon request. Your costs are minimal thanks to a grant from the 4-H Foundation.

The application form for 4-H Arts Camp can be obtained from your Extension Office. Application for 2009 4-H Arts Camp Youth Staff now available on the State 4-H website at [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm).

**Application deadline for youth staff is May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009**



### **Dairy Poster Contest**

Create a poster to promote the dairy industry. Posters must be 14 x 22 inches in size. Participants are encouraged to develop their own artwork and dairy slogan. Posters may be either horizontal or vertical. *No three dimensional posters allowed.*

Please be sure to print your name, address, phone number, county and grade of the artist in the upper left-hand corner on the back of the poster.

Posters will be judged by the 4-H Board of Directors at their May meeting in three divisions: Junior – Grades 3-6; Intermediate – Grades 7 – 9; and Senior – Grades 10 – 13. Posters will be judged on originality, effectiveness and general appearance. Each division category will be awarded participation ribbons and top prizes will be taken to the Area Animal Science Days for further awards. Posters are due by **Monday, May 18, 2009.**



### **The School of the Arts at Rhinelander**

July 19-24, 2009, Rhinelander, WI

The School of the Arts at Rhinelander is a multidisciplinary, hands-on arts program for adults. Each summer more than 300 people gather in northern Wisconsin for one week of intensive learning and creative activity to study with more than 30 instructors. The program is held at the James Williams Middle School in Rhinelander. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available. Classes/workshops are offered in art and folk art; computer skills; mind, body & spirit; music; photography; small business and nonprofit development; theatre and drama; and writing.

Workshops available in:

- Art and Folk Art
- Computer Classes
- Mind, Body and Spirit
- Music
- Photography
- Theatre and Drama

# Family Home and Health

[www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/physicalactivity/promoting\\_health](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/physicalactivity/promoting_health). For more information on how parents can help their children be more active, contact Tammy Hansen at the UW- Extension Nutrition Education Program, (715)539-1072.

## **Active lifestyle sets the stage for good health**

by Tammy Hansen, UWEX- Nutrition Education Program Coordinator

For both children and adults, research shows that an active lifestyle can be the key to building and maintaining healthy bones, muscles and joints; controlling weight; increasing self esteem; reducing stress; and promoting social well being. And as if that weren't enough, physical exercise also plays a role in the prevention and treatment of some chronic diseases. The federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that physical activity decreases the risk of high blood pressure, stroke, colon cancer, diabetes, breast cancer, osteoporosis, obesity and cardiovascular disease and helps in the treatment of high blood pressure, diabetes, osteoporosis and obesity.

Being physically active is important for people of all ages. Getting involved in activities that you enjoy is the key to establishing and maintaining an active lifestyle. Studies show that people begin to establish patterns of health-related behaviors during childhood and adolescence--sometimes even as early as the preschool years. It is important for parents and other adults to help children develop a positive attitude toward physical activity early in life. Here are some tips to get you started:

- Encourage kids to experiment and play actively. Get down on the floor with your kids and pretend you are swimming in the ocean. Pretend the backyard is a tropical jungle that you need to hike through to find an ancient treasure. Your child can pretend to be a kangaroo and practice hopping.
- Encourage fitness activities that children can enjoy throughout their lifetimes, such as judo, tennis, racquetball, golf, swimming, yoga, hiking, dancing and ice skating.
- Provide physical and social environments that encourage safe and fun physical activity. For example, in the evening, ride bikes along well-lit, well-groomed bike trails or encourage your child to participate in organized school athletics.
- Communities can develop community sports and recreation programs that are attractive to all young people. The 4-H program may offer a volleyball or softball league; the Boys and Girls Club may offer an open gym for shooting hoops; or a community coalition may offer a walking or bike riding program for young people.
- Help kids understand the importance of being physically active—but make it fun. Go for family bike rides. Toss a ball around outside. Go for a hike out in the woods. Make physical activity time family fun time.

Adults, too, need to find ways to maintain active lifestyles. Here are some ideas to try:

- Make being active a routine part of your day. Plan to meet friends for an early morning walk around the neighborhood; walk during your lunch break; and take the dog for a walk everyday.
- Find activities that you enjoy and look forward to doing on a regular basis.
- Take advantage of seasonal opportunities to be active. Work in the garden or yard in the spring, swim in the summer, take hikes or ride your bicycle and enjoy the fall colors in the autumn. Enjoy ice skating with your children in the winter.
- Look for opportunities in your community where you can be active with others who share your interests. Many communities have facilities that offer water aerobics, yoga classes or low impact activities for adults who may not be able to participate in more intense activities.

To learn more about promoting better health through physical activity and sports, visit the CDC's website at

# Natural Resources & Environmental Education

## **Go Green – 4-H Million Trees**

Members of the Pacifica (California) 4-H Club launched the 4-H Million Trees (4HMT) project, a large-scale service-learning project with the goal to plant 1,000,000 trees across the United States to beautify America, absorb atmospheric carbon dioxide, and combat global climate change. Given the nature of the approximately 6.5 million 4-H members it is hoped that every one of the approximately 90,000 4-H units in the U.S. will unite in this community service, and plant at least a dozen native trees in their areas during the current 4-H year.

For more information and to register to be part of this project, visit [www.4hmilliontrees.org](http://www.4hmilliontrees.org). With Earth Day and Arbor Day coming up, it is a perfect time to help plant a million trees!



## **Be part of the National Soil Project at Northeastern University!**

Geoffrey Davies, Ph. D., D.Sc., FRSC

You can help the National Soil Research Project at Northeastern University, Boston, where students are measuring the humic (HA) and fulvic acid (FA) contents of the nation's agricultural top soils. HA and FA are vital organic components of healthy soils. They retain water, act as pH buffers, improve soil texture/porosity and regulate many other soil functions.

We're concerned that our HAs and FAs are being destroyed over time, leading to poorer and poorer soils. Weak soils potentially can be re-built with HAs extracted from biomass and compost. To get a clear picture, HAs and FAs have to be analyzed apart from short-lived soil organic matter such as leaves and corn stover. The Northeastern University group has many years of experience in isolating and measuring HAs and FAs. Results to date on 150 samples indicate wide variation in soil HA and FA contents.

We need to double or even triple the number of samples to be analyzed. We can do that with your help! Your job will be to collect and mail a one-pound, dry soil sample to Northeastern University for analysis. Your mailing cost will be paid back if you ask.

If you would like to participate, contact [g.davies@neu.edu](mailto:g.davies@neu.edu) for complete information. The Northeastern University team will publish the results and share them with you and your family on request. Your part in this great project will be something to be truly proud of!



## **Governor's Earth Day Celebration 2009**

If you are in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades, you're invited to celebrate Earth Day in Madison! Governor Jim Doyle and First Lady Jessica Doyle invite you to attend the Governor's Earth Day Celebration 2009 on Saturday April 25th from 1-3 pm at Wisconsin's Executive Residence.

The day will be filled with fun activities such as a nature walk, growing a tree of pledges, stamping and button making, and learning to grow your own tree from a seedling! (Each child will receive their own pine seedling to plant as an Earth Day remembrance) Special guests include Rod Nilsestuen, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection, Matt Frank, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, Alice in Dairyland, Bucky Badger, and Smokey Bear! This event is for children 2nd -4th grade. Participation is limited to the first 450 registrants... so hurry!

Please visit our website, [www.datcp.state.wi.us/registration/earthday.jsp](http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/registration/earthday.jsp) or our homepage [www.datcp.state.wi.us](http://www.datcp.state.wi.us) and click on the link to register, or call with complete details (608)224-5013.



## **2009 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) State Contest Treehaven, Lincoln County May 16, 2009**

The State 4-H WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program) is designed to teach youth about the fundamentals of wildlife management. The primary function of WHEP is education. Natural resources management is learned through participation in habitat evaluation opportunities, associated field trips and demonstrations. Additional benefits come from the development of leadership capabilities and meeting youth and professionals from throughout Wisconsin. Sponsors include the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.

The 2009 State Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) Contest is scheduled for May 16, 2009 at Treehaven, located in Lincoln County between Tomahawk and Rhinelander.

Links to registration materials, a list of animals for identification, the National 4-H WHEP website, and specifics regarding Wisconsin's State WHEP Contest may be found at:  
[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/wisconsin4hwildlifehabitatevaluationprogram.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/wisconsin4hwildlifehabitatevaluationprogram.cfm)

If you are interesting in this opportunity, contact Delores Larson at 453-3442. She is currently working with youth from Taylor County and would love to have Lincoln County Youth involved as well.



## **Shooting Sports Certification Training**

There are currently no Shooting Sports Certification Trainings scheduled. For more complete information on competitive shooting opportunities, visit [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm#events](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm#events)



## **Shooting Sports Competitive Shoots**

For more complete information on competitive shooting opportunities, visit [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm#events](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm#events)

#### **Wisconsin 4-H Junior Olympics Championship Air Rifle**

April 18 - 19, 2009

Discipline: Air Rifle

Clubs choose which day they will shoot

Location: Port Wing, Chippewa Falls, De Pere and other various locations may be added throughout Wisconsin

Contact: Connie Pribnow

81630 Arney Road

Port Wing WI 54865

715-774-3301

email: prbnw@cheqnet.net

Registration Deadline: April 10, 2009

Any late registration will be charge \$10.00

Registration:

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/WisconsinJuniorOlympicChampionshipCMP.pdf](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/WisconsinJuniorOlympicChampionshipCMP.pdf)

#### **NRA-USAS Progressive-Position Air Pistol**

April 18 & 19, 2009

Discipline: Air Pistol

Location: Walworth County Range, N6637 Hodges Rd., Elkhorn, WI 53121

Contact: Robert W. Arnold

N6202 Foster Rd

Elkhorn, WI 53121

email: rwa@elknet.net

Registration Deadline: April 12, 2009

Registration:

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/2009\\_PPP\\_Match\\_Entry\\_Form.pdf](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/2009_PPP_Match_Entry_Form.pdf)

#### **Clark County 4-H Invitational Shoot**

April 25, 2009

Disciplines: Air Rifle, Archery, Wildlife Ecology, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle

Location: Neillsville Gun Club, Neillsville

Contact: Dennis Fleischmann

715-743-4394

Registration Deadline: April 10, 2009

Registration:

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/ClarkCountyRegistrationForm2.pdf](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/ClarkCountyRegistrationForm2.pdf)

#### **Wisconsin NRA Air Rifle State Championship**

April 25 & 26, 2009

Disciplines: Air Rifle

Location: Port Wing Town Hall, Port Wing, WI

Contact: Connie Pribnow

Phone: 715-774-3301

email: prbnw@cheqnet.net

Registration Deadline: April 18, 2009

Registration:

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/WisconsinNRACampionship.pdf](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/WisconsinNRACampionship.pdf)

#### **8th Annual Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports All-Star Shootout Invitational Shoot**

May 8-9, 2009

National Qualifying Event for Archery, Air Pistol, Air Rifle

Disciplines: Archery, BB Gun (Jr only), Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Wildlife

Location: Crawford Center

255 Waukechon St

Shawano

Contact: Tom Kramer

715-524-3261

email: tkramer@crinet.com

Registration Deadline: TBA

Registration:

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/09AllStarShootout.pdf](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/09AllStarShootout.pdf)

#### **Washington County 4-H Statewide Shotgun Invitational Shoot**

May 9, 2009

Discipline: Shotgun

New Fane Sportsman's Club

N829 Hwy G

Campbellsport

Contact Norb/Barb Yogerst

262-677-2379

email: nbyogerst@sbcglobal.net

Registration Deadline: TBA

Shotgun Registration:

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/2009REGISShotgunTournamentFORM.pdf](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/2009REGISShotgunTournamentFORM.pdf)

Shotgun Registration:

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/2009REGISMuzzleloadingTournament.pdf](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/documents/2009REGISMuzzleloadingTournament.pdf)

#### **Brown County NE Invitational Shoot**

June 6, 2009

Disciplines: Archery, .177 Pellet Air Rifle, Shotgun/Trap, .22 Rifle, Wildlife

Conservation

Location: DePere Sportsmans Club

DePere

Contact : Steve Hettmann

920-864-2915 (evenings)

Contact: Randy Boden

920-339-8782

Registration Deadline: May 23, 2009

# Mechanical Sciences

## **Wisconsin 4-H Rocketry Contest**

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

UW-Madison Agricultural Engineering Laboratory

The 2009 Wisconsin 4-H Rocketry Contest will be held during Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference at the UW-Madison Agricultural Engineering Laboratory on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

### **The contest will have two divisions:**

Junior Division: 6th grade – 8th grade

Senior Division: 9th grade – 13th grade

### **The Wisconsin 4-H Rocketry Contest will include the following events:**

Written Examination: 20-30 questions for both the junior and senior division.

Parts Identification (and function for Senior group): contestant's must identify model rocket parts in the allotted time.

Rocket Building: Contestants *must* bring all tools, glue, etc. needed to build one Estes Gnome Rocket. Youth will be provided one Estes Gnome Rocket kit at the contest. (NEW FOR 2009)

Rocket Judging: Contestants will bring a model rocket to be judged. (face to face judging will be used)

Rocket Launching: Contestants will launch a model rocket and be judged on procedures, safety and accuracy.

Individual County 4-H programs may send up to two (2) representatives from each Division. The registration deadline is April 30th, 2009.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per contestant

For more information and entry forms contact the UW Extension (539-1072).

# Animal Science

## Wisconsin State Fair News...

### **Plan to Visit the Wisconsin State Fair**

The Wisconsin State Fair is Aug. 6 – 16, 2009. The Wisconsin State Fair is the premier fun family event of the summer featuring something for everyone! The Wisconsin State Fair offers 11 action-packed days filled with agriculture, food, shopping, national headlining entertainment, 28 FREE stages of local and national entertainment, and much more! For information on the Wisconsin State Fair, visit the WI State Fair web site: [wistatefair.com/index.html](http://wistatefair.com/index.html). Don't miss out on the opportunities to be part of the Youth Expo. Check out the info under "Opportunities Unlimited" in this newsletter!



### **2009 Wisconsin State Fair Updates**

Planning for the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair August 6th-16th is underway. The Wisconsin State Fair takes great pride in showcasing WI agriculture and its youth. Rules and regulations for many of the 2009 agriculture programs are available the Wisconsin State Fair website [www.wistatefair.com](http://www.wistatefair.com). Complete entry information will be available by May 1.

#### **Notable schedule changes are as follows:**

1. Junior breeding shows for Beef, Sheep and Swine will move to Tuesday, August 11th.
2. Showmanship for Junior Beef, Sheep and Swine will move to Thursday, August 13th.
3. Junior Poultry and Rabbit shows will move to the opening weekend – August 6th- 9th.
4. The Open Boer Goat show will be moved to August 6th and 7th.
5. Open Poultry and Rabbit shows will move to the last weekend – August 14th -16th.

#### **The following program changes are of note for junior shows.**

Please read the Wisconsin State Fair Rules and Regulations for more details and opportunities:

- Junior show premiums and awards will follow a strict Danish show placing schedule. Premiums will be awarded as follows: Blue-\$20, Red-\$15, White-\$12, Pink-\$10.
- New Beef Performance division replaces beef carcass show. The performance division will be based on steers competing in rate of gain, live show and carcass contests.
- Youth are limited to bringing 6 total Junior swine projects to the Fair.
- Pair and Flock classes in the Junior Sheep breeding show have been eliminated.
- A live judging component has been added to the Junior Sheep Performance Division.
- The Junior Llama show will not be an ALSA sanctioned show. The following program changes are of note for the open shows:
- WI premiums in Beef, Sheep and Swine shows will be awarded in WI Championship classes only.
- Ribbons will be eliminated past 5th place in all competitions.

- No premiums will be offered for any group classes.
- No common bedding will be provided for the beef cattle.
- Draft Horse Pulls will be consolidated to two nights; premiums have been restructured.
- Llamas and Alpacas will be on display for exhibition only. There will not be an open ALSA sanctioned show.
- DHI classes have been eliminated from the goat show.
- No bull classes will be offered for the open dairy shows.
- Premiums will be eliminated for the Cheese and Meats contest.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Fair, August 6th -16th! Any questions can be addressed to [brian.bolan@wisconsin.gov](mailto:brian.bolan@wisconsin.gov).



## Horse

Remember to check out the 4-H Horse website for up-to-the-minute information! You can find it at [4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/horses.cfm](http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/horses.cfm)

### **Upcoming Lincoln County Horse Project Events**

- April 13, 2009 – Project Meeting, LCSC, 6:30 pm
- May 11, 2009 – Project Meeting, LCSC, 6:30 pm

**Don't forget to visit the Lincoln County Horse Project website at:**  
[lincolncounty4-hhorseproject.web.officelive.com](http://lincolncounty4-hhorseproject.web.officelive.com)



## **Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Show Information**

### **Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Show/Expo (September 17-20, 2009 in West Allis at State Fair Park) Participation:**

Exhibiting at the State 4-H Horse Show/Expo is open to eligible 4-H horse project member in grades 6 to 13, who has been approved by a University Extension Agent in their county and by the project leader. They must be a 4-H member in good standing. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of five classes – one must be a class in which the exhibitor won a blue ribbon at the county qualifying show (Lincoln County 4-H Fair Horse Show). The remaining four classes may be selected in any combination. The animal which you qualified is the one you must use. Showmanship, equitation or driving reinsmanship; pleasure riding or pleasure driving; and trail or obstacle driving are qualifying classes for Wisconsin 4-H Horse Show/Expo. Entries for the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Show/Expo are due to the Lincoln County UW-Extension office or Lincoln County 4-H Fair office the Friday following the Fair Horse Show, July 17, 2009. This allows us to mail them to the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Show/Expo within their guidelines of seven days of the qualifying show. There are no exceptions made to this deadline.

### **Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Gymkhana (September 12-13, 2009 West Allis at State Fair Park) Participation:**

Exhibiting at the Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Gymkhana is open to 4-H horse/pone member between grades 6 -13. Horse/pony must be the member's 4-H horse/pony animal for the current year. Only one horse/pony is permitted per exhibitor. Entries for the Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Gymkhana are due to the Lincoln County UW-

Extension office by Monday, August 10, 2009. This allows us to mail them to Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Gymkhana by their August 15th deadline. Late entries will be rejected and returned.

Entries for both State 4-H Horse Show and State 4-H Gymkhana are available from the announcer stand at the Fair Horse Show, the Fair Office during the county fair, the UW-Extension office or on the State 4-H website at [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/horses.cfm#Association](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/horses.cfm#Association).

Prior to turning entries for either of these events in for processing, you must have all required signatures (except the 4-H Youth Development Agent), check for proper fees, and copy of coggins test.



### Upcoming State 4-H Horse Association Events

Don't miss out!

#### April 4

Barron County 4-H Horse Expo & Tack Swap  
Barron Area Community Center 715-234-2826

#### April 17-19

Midwest Horse Fair, Dane Co. Expo Center  
State 4-H Horse Association Used Tack Sale (920) 388-0588

#### May 2 & 3

Showmanship/Horsemanship/Equitation Clinic  
Heartland Stables, Custer, (715) 675-7016

#### May 2

State Horse Bowl Contest, UW-Marathon County  
Wausau, (920) 388-0588

#### May 2

State Hippology Contest, UW-Marathon County  
Wausau, (920) 388-0588

#### May 9

Sauk County 4-H Horse Project Hunt Seat Eq, Dressage, Jumping Clinic Sauk  
County Fairgrounds, Baraboo 608-522-3319

#### May 17

Kewaunee County 4-H Horse Project Horsemanship & Trail Clinic  
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds, Luxemburg 920-863-3102

#### May 30 & 31

Polk County 4-H Horse Project Horsemanship Clinic  
Polk County Fairgrounds, St Croix Falls 715-268-6469



### 2009 Little International Horse Show

Bounds Showtime Arena  
Deerfield WI  
April 25-26th, 2009

Each year, the UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin hosts the Little 'l' horse show. This open show draws many participants from Wisconsin and Illinois with it's laid back and friendly atmosphere that provides a great environment for all contestants to compete in a wide variety of both Western and English classes.

Members of Saddle & Sirloin hope to encourage youth participation and teach solid sportsmanship skills through our great show.

For more information visit the Horse Show website at [www.uwsaddlesirloin.com/horseshow.html](http://www.uwsaddlesirloin.com/horseshow.html)



### Wisconsin 4-H Horse Bowl 2009 and Hippology Contest

May 2, 2009

UW Marathon County Campus, Wausau

Registration will be 9:00 to 9:30 am (Held by the Student Center (#2)). Event Starting at 9:30 am.

The primary objective of the 4-H Horse Bowl is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H horse projects to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. It is also hoped that these contests will provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

**Team Registration forms are due April 21, 2009.**

For more information, contact the UW-Extension or visit [4h.uwex.edu/events/State4-HHorseBowl.cfm](http://4h.uwex.edu/events/State4-HHorseBowl.cfm) for details and registration forms.



### Horse-A-Rama Show: Leading the Herd

April 4-5, 2009

Manitowoc County Expo Center

Photo Contest, Judging Contest, Stallion Showcase, Featured Speakers, Precision Riding, Demonstrations, Used Tack Sale, etc.

For more information on this event visit their website at [www.horse-a-rama.org](http://www.horse-a-rama.org) or contact Pat at 920-901-3911.



### 2009 Midwest Horse Fair

April 17-19 2009, Madison, WI

It's a bird...it's a plane...no, it's SuperHorse! To celebrate 30 years of bringing the very best of premier horse fairs to the area, the Midwest Horse Fair® announces the 2009 theme -- "SuperHorse!" "The horse industry in Wisconsin is an important part of our state's identity," said Rhonda Reese, General Manager of the Midwest Horse Fair®. "To commemorate the 30th anniversary of this event, 'SuperHorse,' seemed like the perfect theme to recognize these magnificent animals and all the horse owners in the Midwest." The 30th annual Midwest Horse Fair® will be held April 17-19, 2009 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI.

Started in 1979, The Midwest Horse Fair® has been growing and going strong for 30 years. During that time, attendance has increased to over 50,000 people during the three-day event. Over 500 exhibitors offer unique shopping and educational opportunities for horse lovers and owners. There are hundreds of clinics, seminars and events that feature top horse professionals from all over the country. Demonstrations and on-going entertainment appeal to both horse owners and those who just love horses. The entire weekend is full of family friendly activities. From food and fun, to saddles and sales, the Midwest Horse Fair® has something for everyone. Whether you are a horse lover, new horse owner, or seasoned professional, you will find something that you will thoroughly enjoy at the Midwest Horse Fair®.

The best way to get a sneak peek at all of the upcoming attractions is to visit the Midwest Horse Fair® website at [www.midwesthorsefair.com](http://www.midwesthorsefair.com). Visit often as new events and clinicians are added on a regular basis.

The Midwest Horse Fair® is owned by the Wisconsin State Horse Council, Inc (WSHC). All proceeds from the Fair are returned to the WSHC and are used to represent and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin, promote the equine through leadership, education, service and communication, and to take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry. For additional information, please contact the Midwest Horse Fair® by phone at (920) 623-5515 or e-mail -- [manager@midwesthorsefair.com](mailto:manager@midwesthorsefair.com).



### **3rd Annual Shawano County 4-H Horse Camp July 15-18, 2009**

The Junior Key Committee is in full swing planning another awesome camp for July 15-18, 2009. With Dan Grunewald as our trainer for 2 full days, it promises to be an outstanding event loaded with fun! (If you do not know who Dan is, check out his website and credentials at: [www.dangrunewald.com](http://www.dangrunewald.com).) All 4-H members (and non-4-H youth, too) are welcome to participate with your horse. The cost of the camp is only \$75 for 4-H members and \$90 to non-members. That will include the cost of food for you and housing for your horse. Arrival will be between 5:00-6:00 pm on Wed, July 15. The participants will stay overnight in the Crawford Center on the Shawano County Fairgrounds with adult chaperones, with the horses in the barns. On Saturday, parents and guests are welcome to come, watch and/or participate in a great chance to learn about driving from Linda Kuczer and her volunteer crew of "expert drivers". All participants will be expected to stay until the program is finished by noon and when your stall is clean and checked out.

Due to the high interest already indicated in this camp and the fact we are limiting it to the first 20 participants, register ASAP to guarantee your spot! Once you have registered, we will send you more information as camp nears.

If you have any questions, contact Mark/Kay McClone at 715-853-4248 or Terri Brunner at 715-526-6136.

#### **Dan Grunewald Horse Credit Clinic**

Dan has agreed to arrive prior to horse camp's start on Wed, July 15<sup>th</sup> to offer one hour sessions to interested individuals. He will accept 2-3 individuals per time slot with preference given to 4-H horse project members of Shawano County. The cost of these sessions will be \$55 per participant. Preference will be given to Shawano County 4-H Horse Project members then open to others, including adults. The sessions will be

available from 2:00 pm on. Contact Mark or Kay McClone at 715-853-4248 to set up a time based on your availability and skill level as well as what you are interested in working on.



### **Small Animal**

Remember to check out the 4-H website for up-to-the-minute information! You can find small animal event info at [www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/poultry/events.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/poultry/events.cfm)



### **Langlade County's Rabbit Fun Day**

**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 10a.m. - 2p.m.**

**Langlade County Fairgrounds, The Grey Building**

#### **What To Bring:**

- A Packed Lunch
- At least One Rabbit (up to 10 if you want to show them or any that may need to be tattooed) There will be a raffle, rabbits for sale, and a "Build It" workshop. See information below.

#### **"Build It" Workshop –**

You will have the opportunity to make your very own nesting box. We will have all the supplies for you to make the nesting box. Then you can enter it at fair in the homemade rabbit equipment category.

Cost: included in the \$10 fee.

**Raffle** – We will have numerous items in our raffle. Tickets are 25¢ a piece or 5 for \$1.

**Rabbits** – A few local breeders will have rabbits for sale. Do you have some to sell? Bring them along.

**Fun Show** – We will have a breed show complete w/ awards. Bring your rabbits to win some ribbons. (limit 10 per person)

\*This show will follow ARBA rules/standards, *but is just a fun show...not sanctioned...* and no DQs! There will be classes for crossbred and pet.

**Registration:** By May 20<sup>th</sup>. This will help us know how many to plan for. *Only those that pre-register will get a t-shirt!* Call or email Holly Luerssen at 623-3110 or [Abbsbunnies@yahoo.com](mailto:Abbsbunnies@yahoo.com). Please let us know your t-shirt size. Parents can order t-shirts too @ \$8 a piece.



### **DATCP Pullorum Tester Certification Seminars**

With the fair season fast approaching, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Division of Animal Health, will be offering ten sessions for training to become Pullorum testers who will act as authorized agents for the WDATCP. Attendance at one of these seminars is mandatory for those who would like to renew their Pullorum certification or those that would like to become a Pullorum

tester for the first time. Participants must arrive prior to the start of the seminar. You do not need to register ahead of time. You must be 18 to participate in this training.

There will be ten seminars held across the state including one that will be held **April 30 in Merrill, at the Merrill High School**. As a negative pullorum-typhoid test is required in order to exhibit at the Lincoln County fair, we are encouraging more people to become certified so they can do their own testing.

If you have any questions, please contact Holly Schoeppler (536-6764) or Sandy Thurs (443-3536), Fair Poultry Department Co-Chairs.

#### Upcoming Seminars:

- 4/15 Ramada White House, 1450 Veterans Drive, Richland Center, Lincoln & Kennedy Rooms 6:30 - 9 pm. Contact Margie Proost at 608-224-4877.
- 4/16 Moraine Park Technical College, 235 N National Ave, Fond du Lac, Rooms O103 & O104 6:30 - 9 pm. Contact Margie Proost at 608-224-4877.
- 4/21 Marquette County UW Extension, 480 Underwood Dr, Montello, Demonstration Room 6:30 - 9 pm. Contact Margie Proost at 608-224-4877.
- 4/21 Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, 29270 Cty Hwy G, Ashland, Auditorium 6:30 - 9 pm. Contact Margie Proost at 608-224-4877.
- 4/22 Chippewa Valley Technical College, 620 W Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, Business Education Center, Rms 30A & 30B 6:30 - 9 pm. Contact Margie Proost at 608-224-4877.
- 4/23 Fox Valley Technical College, 1825 N Bluemound Dr., Appleton, Rm E130 A/B/C/D 6:30 - 9 pm. Contact Margie Proost at 608-224-4877.
- 4/28 Wis. Dept. of Ag, Trade & Consumer Protection, 2811 Agriculture Dr., Madison, 1st floor Board Room 6:30 - 9 pm. Contact Margie Proost at 608-224-4877.
- 4/29 Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, 1900 College Dr., Rice Lake, Rm 241 6:30 - 9 pm. Contact Margie Proost at 608-224-4877
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- 4/30 **Merrill High School, 1201 N Sales St., Merrill, Auditorium 6:30 - 9 pm. Contact Margie Proost at 608-224-4877.**
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- 4/30 UW – Waukesha, 1500 N University Dr., Waukesha, Rm C101 6:30 - 9 pm. Contact Margie Proost at 608-224-4877.



#### Ladysmith Annual Small Animal Swap Saturday, May 16, 2009

Starting at 6:00am at Rusk County Fairgrounds

All sellers of poultry, waterfowl and farm raised game birds must show a copy of NPIP certification or a copy of a negative pullorum test.  
Concessions on grounds  
Sponsored by: The Rusk County 4-H / FFA Small Animal Project Livestock Committee

Event will be held rain or shine



#### More Upcoming Poultry and Rabbit Events

Mark your calendars now

April 11, 2009

Walworth County Fur & Feather Swap. Walworth Cty. Fairgrounds, Hwy. 11 East,

Elkhorn, WI. 7-11 am. Admission adults - \$1, children free. Contact Dale at 262/882-3633 or wheelock@sharontelephone.com or Bob at 414/254-6853 or bk\_rooster@yahoo.com.

April 18, 2009

Door County 4-H Small Animal Swap. Door Cty. Cooperative Country Store, 317 Green Bay Rd., Sturgeon Bay, WI. 7-11 am. Contact Mike at 920/825-7693 or Sue at 920/825-1207.

April 18-19, 2009

Tri-County RBA Rabbit Show. Jefferson Cty. Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI. Contact Tom Carlson at 262/495-2283.

April 25-26, 2009

47th Annual Central Wisconsin Rabbit Breeders Show. Marshfield Fairgrounds, Marshfield, WI. Contact Sara Fischer at 715/654-5223 .

May 3, 2009

Red Cedar RBA Rabbit Show. Barron Cty. Fairgrounds, Rice Lake, WI. Contact Mary at 715/288-6084 or STEINMETZ000@CENTURYTEL.NET

May 9, 2009

Outagamie County 4-H Fun Show & Swap. Outagamie Cty. Fairgrounds, Seymour, WI. Swap starts at 7 am. Fun show registration starts at 8 am. Fun show participants must be of 4H age. Contact Jeremy at JTrout@new.rr.com or 920/265-5322.

May 10, 2009

Southwest Wisconsin Rabbit Club Rabbit Show. Iowa Cty. Fairgrounds, Dodgeville, WI. Contact Deanna MacMillan at 715/423-9421.

May 16, 2009

Southern Lakes Rabbit Club Rabbit Show. Racine Cty. Fairgrounds, Union Grove, WI. Contact Lisa Woelbing at 262/835-0235 or KEEKUSIX@HOTMAIL.COM



#### Dairy

Remember to check out the 4-H website for up-to-the-minute information! You can find more dairy project information at [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/dairy.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/dairy.cfm)

#### Two Changes for Dairy Show at This Year's Fair

The Jr. Dairy Committee would like to inform you of two changes they made for this year's Dairy Show:

- First, they have added an "Over the Hill" Showmanship Class. This is a new class open to exhibitors who are too old to show in Jr. Division. Exhibitors must enter this class on a fair entry form and submit by the June 15<sup>th</sup> entry deadline. An animal must be brought in for this class, stay the entire fair and may not be shown in Jr. Division. Exhibitors must follow all Jr. Dairy and Animal Health regulations. Awards will be given. This class will be the last class on Friday of the Dairy Show. Individuals entering this class are encouraged to provide assistance at Dairy Camp, Cheese Curd Fundraiser and other activities conducted by the Jr. Dairy Committee. Contact a Jr. Dairy Committee member for questions or to volunteer.
- The other change is for the Dairy Integrity Award process. Dairy exhibitors will apply to be considered for this award in 2009. A committee of 3-5 people will make decision based on application and conduct at the fair. Award will be

presented on Sunday during the awards program at the fair. The application will be mailed to dairy project members along with information about the May 19<sup>th</sup> dairy informational meeting. Watch for more details. This award is given in memory of Casey Klimek.

If you have questions about either of these items or would like to volunteer, contact one of the Jr. Dairy Committee members. They are Rachael Bloch, Alyssa Bloechl, Tasha Bonke, Janessa Porath, Kassie Schepp and Eric Williams or Stephanie Zoellner, the adult advisor.



### **2009 Badger Dairy Camp June 14-16 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.**

The Badger Dairy Camp, a cooperative effort of UW-Extension, the UW-Madison Department of Dairy Science, and the Badger Dairy Club, helps young people aged 12-18 develop self-confidence, sportsmanship and teamwork skills.

The camp, now celebrating its tenth anniversary, has provided more than 1,100 youth hands-on learning opportunities that focus on fitting, showmanship fundamentals and dairy judging. Campers also attend workshops on dairy nutrition, reproduction and veterinary medicine. Youth learn skills at the camp needed to be successful in their dairy project work while exploring some of the "science" in dairy science.

Attending Badger Dairy Camp is a great opportunity for campers to solidify their dairy fundamentals and get a jump on the upcoming judging and showing season. The level of instruction received at UW-Madison is second to none. Our dairy professionals have coached collegiate champion teams and exhibited All-Americans. Campers will "Start their summer right" through hands-on activities and daily contests that incorporate fun, competition and learning. We will also hold workshops that show the science of dairy science. Each camper will experience the same atmosphere, facilities, and instruction that Badger judges do -- the opportunity to experience first-hand a championship caliber Big Ten judging program. All this fun and competition is offered for \$115. Dairy youth ages 12-18 are invited to join us for the tenth annual Badger Dairy Camp that will surely be one of the highlights of the summer. Be sure and get your application in early as enrollment is limited to the first 110 youth that apply.

**Apply early. Applicants are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis**, the camp has been filled to capacity – 110 campers – each of the last nine years. Applications and more information about the camp are available online at [www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth).



### **Dairy Seminar: Learn more at Milk –n– More!** May 16th, 2009, 9:30 am until 3:00 pm

Join the Shawano County Dairy Key Committee to learn more about fitting, showing and everything in between. Get Showmanship tips from State Renown judges! This event will be hosted at "Milkmore Farms" operated by Ron and Nicolle Wussow. Their farm is located near the Shawano - Oconto County border.

The \$20 fee is to cover the cost of lunch, a shirt each participant will receive, and a few

other items the kids will receive.

Registration due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration is limited to 50 youth, on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information contact: [milkmore@granitewave.com](mailto:milkmore@granitewave.com)



### **Wisconsin Holstein Association Cow Camp May 16-17**

The 2009 Cow Camp will be held at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, WI. To check this site out on the web, visit their home page here! Campers will stay in Roger Williams Inn, and enjoy various activities both days.

#### **Tentative Cow Camp Schedule**

Saturday, May 16

11:00 a.m. Registration  
12:00 noon Lunch in Kraft Centre  
1:00 p.m. Hike to C. Oscar Johnson  
1:30-5:00 p.m. Workshops - Working with cattle, Bovology  
5:00 p.m. Dinner in C. Oscar Johnson  
Dairy Activity  
Movies/Campfire  
Return to Roger Williams Inn

Sunday, May 17

8:00 a.m. Hike to C. Oscar Johnson  
8:15 a.m. Breakfast  
9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Workshops, Ag Olympics, Scavenger Hunt  
12:00 noon Lunch  
1:00 p.m. Clean up  
2:00 p.m. Campers dismissed

Cow Camp this year will also feature help with junior award forms and some science workshops. Look for more details in April at the WHA site: [www.wisholsteins.com/](http://www.wisholsteins.com/)



### **Market Animal Show and Sale** **Upcoming MASS events**

- April 4, 2009 – Mandatory Sheep and Swine Weigh in  
9 am – 11 am, Lincoln County Fairgrounds

**Questions?** Please contact any of the MASS Board Members:

Mark Wallace, President – 536-1651  
Russell Bloch, Vice-President – 257-7499  
Cal Klade, Secretary – 536-4244  
Stephanie Schepp, Treasurer – 536-7745  
Tyler Schmidt, Board member – 432-6767  
Connie Bandoch, Board member – 453-1187



## **Livestock – Beef, Sheep and Swine**

Remember to check out the 4-H website for up-to-the-minute information! Events and information for specific projects can be found on the 4-H project webpage ([4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/allprojects.cfm](http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/allprojects.cfm)) or at they UW Livestock website ([www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience))

### **2009 Wisconsin State Fair Market Lamb Identification Sites Announced**

2009 Wisconsin State Fair Market Lamb Identification Sites Announced West Allis, WI, February, 2009. All exhibitors interested in participating in the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair Market Lamb and Performance Classes must identify their market lambs at one of the official sites. All lambs will be individually identified, receive an official Wisconsin State Fair ear tag and be required to have a DNA sample collected. There will be a \$10.00 cost per animal for the DNA testing which will be collected at the check-in sites. Market lamb identification enables Wisconsin State Fair to maintain a higher level of quality control.

#### **Sheep Identification Guidelines**

- All Junior Exhibitors interested in exhibiting market lambs during the Wisconsin State Fair and in the performance class MUST identify their lambs at one of the identification sites listed below. Exhibitors may identify as many lambs as they choose.
- There are no minimum or maximum weight requirements for identification.
- Lambs entering in the performance class will be evaluated on a combination of daily rate of gain, carcass merit and a live evaluation. Lambs participating in this class must be weighed at one of the statewide market lamb identification sites and be exhibited at the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair.
- Lambs need to be identified in the exhibitor's name or immediate family member's name only.
- Each exhibitor will only be allowed to bring two of the identified lambs to the Wisconsin State Fair. An exhibitor may also enter up to two lambs in the performance class in addition to the lambs she/he enters for the Fair.
- The exhibitor and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must be in attendance to sign and verify the DNA sample.

#### **2009 Sheep Identification Sites:**

##### April 29, 5 pm to 7 pm

Iowa County Fairgrounds - Mineral Point

Contact Person Matt Heins 608.574.6477

Sheboygan County Fairgrounds - Plymouth,

Contact Person Scott Kohlman 920.893.8893

Monroe County Fairgrounds - Tomah

Contact Person Jill Helming 608.378.4162

Jefferson County Fairgrounds - Jefferson

Contact Person Keith Schultz 920.568.0895

##### April 30, 5 pm to 7 pm

Wisconsin Valley Vet Service - Wausau,

Contact Person Sue Rupnow 715.675.6894

##### May 2, 9 am to Noon

Rock County Fairgrounds - Janesville

Contact Person Randy Thompson 608.757.5696

##### May 2, 9 am to 11 am

Dodge County Fairgrounds - Beaver Dam,

Contact Person John Milroy 920.349.3243

Green County Fairgrounds - Monroe

Contact Person Mark Novak 608.426.0611

Dane County Fairgrounds - Madison

Contact Person Romaine Ace 608.835.5264

##### May 2, 10 am to noon

Kuehne Auction Market - Seymour Saturday,

Contact Person Mike Figlinski 920.833.0600

##### May 2, 10 am to 2 pm

Pierce County Fairgrounds - Ellsworth

Contact Person Pending

Exhibitors interested in participating in the Wisconsin State Fair must contact their local UW Extension office for entry deadlines and information. Rules, regulations and entry information will be available online in March at [www.wistatefair.com](http://www.wistatefair.com). There will be no printed copies of the rules and regulations for the 2009 Fair. For further information contact Wisconsin State Fair Park at 414.266.7050.

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### **2009 Wisconsin State Fair Market Swine Identification Sites Announced**

Wisconsin State Fair officials have announced the locations and dates for the 2009 swine identification sites. All junior and open show market hog exhibitors wishing to exhibit barrows during the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair, August 6th – August 16th are required to attend one of the regionally located identification sites. DNA identification will be conducted at these sites and will cost \$10.00 per animal. The current identification system allows officials to maintain consistent procedures thereby strengthening the integrity of the show, the animals that go to market, and the champions that sell in the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction.

#### **Swine identification Guidelines:**

- All junior and open Exhibitors interested in exhibiting market swine during the Wisconsin State Fair MUST identify their barrows at one of the identification sites listed below. Exhibitors may identify as many barrows as they chose. o There are no minimum or maximum weight requirements for identification.
- Exhibitors entering in the performance barrow class must weigh their barrows at one of these sites. Barrows must weigh 60 pounds or less. The performance barrow class will be evaluated on a combination of lean gain and live placing.
- All swine must be castrated. No boars will be identified.
- All swine identified will receive an official WSF ear tag, must have readable ear notches, provide a DNA hair sample and complete a preregistration form at one of the locations.
- Barrows need to be identified in the exhibitor's name or immediate family member's name only.

- Each exhibitor showing in the junior show will only be allowed to bring two of the identified market barrows to the junior Market Barrow Show at the Wisconsin State Fair.
- The exhibitor and or their parent/legal guardian must be in attendance to sign and verify the DNA sample.



### Coop Extension Media Collection

The Cooperative Extension Media Collection has several new DVDs that may be of interest to those showing livestock this year.

#### Clipping (Beef Cattle) - #18958

Kirk Stierwalt gives a thorough demonstration of how to clip a calf for show. He covers equipment needed, preparation and technique. (2005) - DVD (84:08).

#### Daily Care (Beef Cattle) - #18959

Kirk Stierwalt discusses the day to day practices necessary for a successful beef project. Emphasizing the importance of daily care in preparing beef cattle for show, he discusses necessary equipment and the importance of keeping cattle in a clean environment. In addition, he demonstrates how to wash a calf, the use of a drill brush and how to tie a calf in a stall. (2005) - DVD (40:14).

#### Fitting And Grooming (Beef Cattle) – #18960

Kirk Stierwalt demonstrates techniques for fitting and grooming beef cattle and discusses the equipment and products needed. He emphasizes the importance of starting early when preparing for a show. (2005) - DVD (59:25).

#### Show Pig 101 - #18962

Western Illinois Ag. Professor Mark Hoge covers a multitude of factors that go into swine exhibition. Focusing on Junior livestock programs, he covers selection, management and showmanship. (2006) - DVD (1:58:45)

#### Showmanship (Beef Cattle) - #18961

Kirk Stierwalt focuses on the concepts and components of good beef showmanship. He discusses the equipment required, how to ready the animal for show so it's comfortable working with you and finally, demonstrates showmanship techniques. (2006) – DVD (49:00).

#### Start To Finish: A Show Lamb Video - #18963

Demonstrates the concepts involved in successfully completing a lamb project from start to finish. Segments include Selection, Feed, Dairy Care & Health Care, Clipping, Show Preparation, Show Box and Showmanship. (2002) – DVD (41:11).

In addition to these titles, there are many other items relating to beef, sheep and swine in the Media Collection. For materials related to beef, see [www.uwex.edu/ces/media/catalog/beef.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/media/catalog/beef.cfm), for sheep - [www.uwex.edu/ces/media/catalog/sheep.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/media/catalog/sheep.cfm) and swine - [www.uwex.edu/ces/media/catalog/swine.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/media/catalog/swine.cfm)

If you are interested in these or any titles from the Media Collection, please let us know at the UW Extension, 539-1072.



### Saddle and Sirloin Club Offers up to Five \$100 Awards for Beginning 4-H or FFA Swine Project Members

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Saddle and Sirloin Club would like to announce the annual Saddle and Sirloin Club Swine Project Awards. Up to five awards of \$100 each will be awarded to first or second year swine project members.

### 2009 Swine identification Sites:

#### April 18th 9:00 am until 12:00 pm

- Stoughton Fairgrounds - Stoughton, WI  
Contact person: Richard Bussian – 920.623.2348
- Grant County Fairgrounds - Lancaster, WI  
Contact person: Alicia Prill-Adams – 608.348.6982
- Sheboygan County Fairgrounds - Plymouth, WI  
Contact person: Don Mier – 920.893.6911 Ext. 1552
- Rock County Fairgrounds - Janesville, WI  
Contact person: Tom Knauer – 608.883.2838
- Dodge County Fairgrounds - Beaver Dam, WI  
Contact person: Dave Graff – 920.696.3851
- Racine County Fairgrounds - Union Grove, WI  
Contact person: Eric Benhart – 262.903.6202
- Kuehne Livestock Sales Barn - Seymour, WI  
Contact person: Tom Henn – 715.758.8372
- LaCrosse County Fairgrounds - West Salem, WI  
Contact person: Steve Nuttleman – 608.386.8803

#### April 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am until 12:00 pm

- Polk County Fairgrounds – St. Croix Falls, WI  
Contact person: Ryan Sterry – 715.485.8600

#### April 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am until 12:00 pm

- Arlington Agriculture Research Station – Arlington, WI  
Contact person: Dan Goehring – 920.927.3432

Junior exhibitors interested in participating in the Wisconsin State Fair must contact their local UW Extension office for entry deadlines and information. Entry information will be available online in May at [www.wistatefair.com](http://www.wistatefair.com). There will be no printed copies of the rules and regulations for the 2009 Fair. For further information contact Wisconsin State Fair Park at 414.266.7051

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### Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association

#### 2009 Dates to Remember

- June 6-7, Spring Preview/Southern Show, Jefferson, WI
- June 12-14, Wisconsin Livestock Show Camp, State Fair Park
- August 21-22, Combined District Show, Marathon County Fair Park, Wausau

For more 2009 event, check out the WLBA website at [www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/wlba.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/wlba.cfm)

The Swine Project Awards were introduced to help beginning 4-H or FFA members get started in the swine industry. To be eligible, an applicant must be a first or second year swine project member, 9-18 years old and a Wisconsin resident. The completed application is due postmarked on or before **Friday April 24, 2009**. No email applications will be accepted!

The awards may be used for any expenses related to the recipient's swine project including the cost of pigs, feed, supplies, equipment, and facility maintenance. A member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club may contact the winners to monitor the progress of their swine projects. Winners may also be asked to supply a photo of themselves and their pigs for the Saddle & Sirloin Club's Annual Scrapbook.

The Saddle and Sirloin Club is comprised of University of Wisconsin-Madison students interested in the livestock industry. The primary activities of the Saddle and Sirloin Club are the Badger Kick-off Classic Steer and Heifer Show, the Badger Bonanza Lamb Show, and the Little International Horse Show. The group also sponsors a national Meat-Animal Evaluation contest and the Club 101 Livestock Show for college students. Proceeds from Saddle and Sirloin activities are used for members' scholarships and travel expenses and to fund other club events.

The award application can be found online at [www.uwsaddlesirloin.com](http://www.uwsaddlesirloin.com). For any additional information on the Swine Project Awards, please contact Saddle and Sirloin Swine Award Chair Becky Keel at (920) 344-9007, or by email at [rbkeel@wisc.edu](mailto:rbkeel@wisc.edu).



### **2009 Badger Bonanza Lamb Show**

May 3, 2009  
Arlington, Wis,

This year the 2009 Badger Bonanza Lamb Show will feature a double header show in Arlington, WI at the Public Events Center on May 3, 2009.

The Grand Champion Lamb and Reserve Grand Champion Lamb will be awarded cash prizes. Class payouts will be similar as past years and showmanship classes will be offered with prizes awarded to the winners of each age category.

Each year, the UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin hosts the Badger Bonanza Lamb Show. The show draws youth and their lambs from Wisconsin and surrounding states. The Badger Bonanza gives youth the chance to get their lambs into the show ring earlier in the show season. The Badger Bonanza is a sanctioned point's show by the Wisconsin Club Lamb Association (WCLA) however the show is open to non-WCLA members as well.

The Saddle & Sirloin Club hopes to encourage youth, teach them responsibility and generate interest in animal agriculture through hosting the show.

For more information contact Maura Wieners, at [mwieners@wisc.edu](mailto:mwieners@wisc.edu) or 262.210.9437, or visit the UW Saddle & Sirloin website at [www.uwsaddlesirloin.com](http://www.uwsaddlesirloin.com) for frequently updated information.



### **Wisconsin Pork Association Showpig Sale**

Saturday, April 11, 2009

Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson.

This event will be held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Club Lamb Association's sale. The show pig sale will feature nearly 100 head of crossbred and purebred barrows and gilts, offered by some of Wisconsin's top producers. Animals purchased through the sale will be eligible for premiums at local, county, and state fairs. The sale will be held at 3:30 p.m.; an educational skillathon will also be offered. The lamb sale will begin at 2 p.m. For more details, call 1-800-822-7675.



### **"Buy Wisconsin First" Swine Directory**

The "Buy Wisconsin First" Swine Directory features Wisconsin seedstock and show pig producers. The directory was printed to highlight the top quality show pigs and breeding stock available across the state. The directory also has tips on getting newly purchased pigs off on the right track, guidelines for Paylean use, and how Country of Origin labeling affects youth exhibitors. Copies of the directory can be received by calling the WPA office at 1-800-822-7675 or emailing [wppa@wppa.org](mailto:wppa@wppa.org). In addition, copies of the directory will soon be posted on the WPA web page at [www.wppa.org](http://www.wppa.org).



### **Dog**

Remember to check out the 4-H Dog website for up-to-the-minute information! You can find it at [4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/dogs.cfm](http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/dogs.cfm)

### **Lincoln County Dog Project Trainings**

If you are planning to participate in any of this year's weekly dog project trainings, it is necessary for you and/or a parent/guardian to attend the orientation meeting on **Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Lincoln County Service Center** (801 N. Sales Street in Merrill) (No Dogs at this meeting.)

This year's training sessions will be held on the following Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Merrill at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds behind the Schulz Building.

- **April 30**
- **May 7, 14, 21 and 28**
- **June 4, 11, 18 and 25**
- **July 2 and 9**

\*\* In case of rain, trainings will be held inside the Sell Building.

A letter with more details was sent to all enrolled dog project members in late March.



### **Exciting Change for the Dog Show at This Year's Fair**

The Lincoln County Committee would like to let you know that they have added an "Over the Hill" Class for the Dog show. This is a new class open to exhibitors who are too old to show in Jr. Division. Watch the Fair Book for more information. Come join in on the dog-gone-good fun!



## **4-H Invitational Fun Match Agility & Obedience**

**Saturday May 9th, 2009**

Family Dog Center - LaCrosse, WI

Open to All 4-H members in the Tri-State Area

### Schedule

9:00 AM Agility – JTT (Jump, Table, Tunnels) & Standard Classes

9:30 AM Obedience – Pre-Novice A&B, Novice, Grad Novice,

Open, Pre-Utility, Utility, & Brace

**Divisions**            7th Grade & Under  
                             8th Grade & over

Entry Fees: \$10 per class & \$5 any additional classes (Same Dog) All Judging will be done according to the WI State 4-H Rules & Guidelines. You must enter only the classes you will be eligible for entering at fair time. You may enter a maximum of 2 times in each class-1st run for prizes only Anyone under 15 accompanied by an adult

Registration can be found at:

**[4h.uwex.edu/events/documents/LaCrosseAgilityfunmatchMay9.doc](http://4h.uwex.edu/events/documents/LaCrosseAgilityfunmatchMay9.doc)**

**Registration deadline: April 24**

## Inserts:

Drama Festival Entry.pdf  
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