

*Taylor County
4-H News*

July/August 2009



Dear 4- H Families and Friends,

Summer is in full swing.

- Campers are back from summer camp.
- There are two Cloverbud day camps coming up
- YLO will be going on an adventure trip.

The Taylor County Youth Fair

In the excitement and stress of the fair it might be important to step back and remember that the fair is an opportunity to highlight the best of our youth and the 4-H program.

4-H Leader's Creed

I BELIEVE:

- ...The 4-H member is more important than the 4-H project.
- ...Learning how to do the project is more important than the project itself.
- ...4-H'ers should be their own best exhibits.
- ...No award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a member or a leader.
- ...Competition should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals of 4-H work.
- ...Enthusiasm is caught, not taught.
- ...To learn by doing is fundamental in any sound educational program and is characteristic of the 4-H program.
- ...Generally speaking, there is more than one good way to do most things.
- ...Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, feel like a winner, and be praised (leaders, too).
- ...Our job as leader is to teach 4-H members **how** to think, not **what** to think.

Remember the impression that we set can be long lasting, let's leave a great impression in our community.

Best,

Michelle
4-H Youth Development Agent
Taylor County

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**Mission of the Taylor
County 4-H Program**

Taylor County 4-H Program Will
Provide Many Learning Experiences
Through the Cooperation and
Leadership of Both the Youth
Members And Adult Leaders

**Only 29 days
to Fair Time**



July 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Pullorum Testing		Ask-a-Master Gardener Day			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Fair Entry Packets Ready to be picked up					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Swine Checks Cloverbud Day Camp	Exec. Board 7:30 p.m. Cloverbud Nature Day Camp	Ask-a-Master Gardener Day	Work Day at Fairgrounds		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
			Taylor County Fair	Taylor County Fair	Taylor County Fair	Taylor County Fair



August 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>Taylor County Fair</i>	3	4 <i>Clean Up at Fairgrounds</i>	5 <i>Carcass Show 7 p.m. at Pinter's</i>	6	7	8 <i>Taylor County Fair</i>
9 <i>WI State Fair</i>	10	11	12 <i>WI State Fair</i>	13	14	15
16 <i>WI State Fair</i>	17 <i>Fair—Open Forum 6 p.m.</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>WI State Fair</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Club Reports, Record Books & MPE's Due</i>					

Breaking News

4-H Summer Camp

Thank You's to all:

- **Chaperones** — Tim Conway, Rachel Emery, Bob Fierke, Jane Laub, Deb Miller, Dan Renzoni, and Gina Timm
- **Junior Counselors** — Nathan Bunkelman, Ben & Dani Burch, AJ & Samantha Kinas, Austin Kirckof, Scott Kohn, David & Matthew Laub, Robin Lavigne, Alexa Lynch, Sierra Miller, Beanca Richardson, and Brittany Thomas who attended planning and training sessions and worked long and hard to make the 2009 4-H Summer Camp a huge success.



Youth Leadership Opportunity

Calling all youth that will be in 8th grader or older next year. I have some wonderful leadership opportunities for you this summer.

- Become an ambassador at the Taylor County Fair (See attached form)
- Staff the YLO soda stand (Call Sierra Miller to schedule a shift)

4-H Clubs Recruitment Opportunity

On August 20, Allied Health is sponsoring a *Back-to-School Health and Safety Fair*.

We will have a booth and a display. If your club is interested and staffing the booth during the event to help with recruitment for your club, please contact the UW-Extension Office by August 7.

Cloverbud Day Camps Offered

All Cloverbuds have a great opportunity this year to attend one or both of the day camps.

- Cloverbud Day Camp on July 20th, from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. held at the Community Center on the Taylor County Fairgrounds, includes crafts, physical activity, and an a nutrition activity.
- Cloverbud Nature Day Camp on July 21th, from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. at the Medford School Forest, includes nature hikes, pond exploration, and a nature craft.

Space is limited, each camp is \$10 per child, youth need to bring a brown bag lunch, but a healthy snack will be provided in the afternoon. Sign-up by July 15th.



2009 4-H Enrollment Information

Re-enrollment and new enrollment forms, project guides, and guidelines will be available for pick-up again this year, by **September 11**. They will need to be filled out and returned to the UW-Extension Office **November 9-11**. A schedule for each club and their due date will be on the last page of the Enrollment Guidelines and printed in the next newsletter.

Every 4-H Member and Leader NEEDS to read the Enrollment Guidelines carefully!

Recognition

2009 Scholarship Winners

Tiffany Langteau—Countrysiders 4-H Club
Sierra Miller—Liberty 4-H Club
Hailey Kozey—Lucky Hills 4-H Club
Jessie Hoff—Diamond Lakers 4-H Club
Casey Denzine—Lucky Hills 4-H Club
Kate Weiss—Chequamegon 4-H Club

**CONGRATULATIONS and
GOOD LUCK!**



Showcase Singers

Congratulations goes out to Kelly Kloth of Liberty 4-H Club. Kelly has been accepted for the 2009 Wisconsin 4-H Showcase Singers renowned youth performing group. If you are planning on going to the Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis, please stop by and give Kelly your support. Way to go Kelly!

4-H Trips You Can Win!

Citizenship Washington Focus: Grades 10, 11 & 12 (as of Sept. 1, 2008). About 235 Wisconsin youth travel by bus to Washington D.C. for a week-long program at the National 4-H Center, with a stop overnight and a tour in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in route. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, off-site experiences including a day on Capitol Hill and social events. **Approximate cost is \$1,000 (participant pays approximately \$250 plus about \$100 in expenses).** A video is available. *If you register for this trip, but back out, you are responsible for the total cost unless someone else can be found to replace you.* **Mandatory orientation** will be scheduled.

American Spirit Leadership Experience: Grades 7, 8 & 9 (as of September 1, 2008); **approximate cost is \$950. Participant pays approximately \$240** (this includes some meals, transportation and lodging). A video of the Experience can be checked

out from the office. **Mandatory orientation** will be scheduled.

State 4-H Youth Conference: Grades 8, 9, & 10 (as of Sept. 1, 2008). **Cost is approximately \$210. Participant pays approximately \$63. Express your interest to your 4-H Club Leader so that they can nominate you for this Conference. (No MPE required.)**

Space Camp: Grades 6, 7 & 8 (as of Sept. 1, 2008). Delegates participate in hands-on mock space missions and other activities in this NASA program while exchanging ideas with youth from across Wisconsin. **Approximate cost is \$490 (participant pays approximately \$120). Mandatory orientation** will be scheduled. **(No MPE required.)**

National Congress: Grades 10, 11 & 12 (as of Sept. 1, 2008). Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and a service project, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country. **Approximate cost is \$925 (participant pays approximately \$232). Mandatory orientation** will be scheduled.

NOTE: There may be some other possibilities for trips. If you have an interest in a particular area that is not being offered in the tentative list of trips, please indicate what your main area of interest is on your gold "Trip Selection Form." Be sure to check with the Executive Board about any unlisted request.

Youth applying for Citizenship Washington Focus, American Spirit Leadership Experience and National Congress, are required to fill out a Member Program Evaluation (MPE) form. These forms are also due to the UW-Extension office by **Monday, August 31, 2009.** Call if you want the MPE forms to submit with your Record Book — 748-3327.

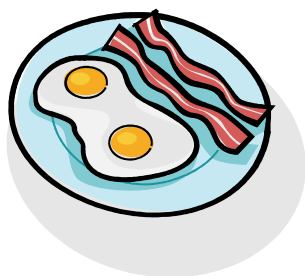
Taylor County Fair

2009 Food Stand Work Schedule

Date	Club	Workers Needed	Minimum # Adults
<u>Monday, July 27, 2009</u> Set up – 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	<u>Adults and Other Youth Needed</u>	10-12	
<u>Wednesday, July 29, 2009</u> Food Prep – Afternoon or Evening	<u>Adults and Other Youth Needed</u>	5-6	
<u>Thursday, July 30, 2009</u>			
1 st Shift – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.	<u>Little Farmers (extra help needed)</u>	6-8	2
2 nd Shift – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	<u>Deer Creek Comets</u>	9-14	3
3 rd Shift – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.	<u>Lucky Hills</u>	13-16	4
4 th Shift – 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.	<u>Open—Help Needed</u>	11-14	3
<u>Friday, July 31, 2009</u>			
1 st Shift – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.	<u>Black River Riders</u>	11-14	3
2 nd Shift – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	<u>Countrysiders</u>	13-16	5
3 rd Shift – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.	<u>Liberty</u>	13-16	5
4 th Shift – 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.	<u>Diamond Lakers</u>	12-16	5
<u>Saturday, August 1, 2009</u>			
1 st Shift – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.	<u>Poplar Grove</u>	10-12	3
2 nd Shift – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	<u>Poplar Grove</u>	11-14	4
3 rd Shift – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.	<u>Countrysiders</u>	13-16	5
4 th Shift – 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.	<u>Open – Help Needed</u>	12-16	4
<u>Sunday, August 2, 2009</u>			
1 st Shift – 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.	<u>Thrifty-Go-Getters</u>	12-14	4
2 nd Shift – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	<u>Liberty</u>	13-16	5
3 rd Shift – 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.	<u>Chequamegon</u>	13-16	5
4 th Shift – 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.	<u>Little Whispers</u>	11-15	3
<u>Monday, August 3, 2009</u> Clean up – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.	<u>Everyone is Welcome</u>	20-25	10

If you cannot work your club's shift, please pick another time that you can work.

Please call Kathy Langteau at 678-2511 or the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327



Thank You's

With the Fair Entries already turned in, the fair is approaching fast! It is important to remember those people who sponsor events or activities at the fair. ***If you receive a trophy or an award, it is important to show the sponsor that 4-H appreciates their support.*** Show them how much their support is appreciated by sending them a "Thank You" note. This practice is only good etiquette, but it also helps maintain a positive relationship with our sponsors.

"Thank You's are always appreciated!"

Opportunity

It is time to connect with your artistic ability and decorate the garbage cans at the Taylor County Fairgrounds. So dig up your old paint around the house!

The garbage cans should be painted by July 24th. You need to indicate plastic or aluminum on the cans that have a circle in the top.

Each club can paint as many garbage cans as they would like, adding some personal touch.

Fair Entry Tags, Overnight Policy and Season Passes

Starting July 13th, Leaders can pick up fair entry packets for their club members. The packet will include entry stickers to place on each exhibit or an entry tag to be tied to the exhibit, and jar labels. Stay overnight at the fairgrounds forms will be added too. **This year all Livestock & Dairy exhibitors will be allowed to stay in the barn on Saturday Night Only!**

All exhibitors age 10 and over will receive a fair pass in the club packets.

Fair Buttons

Season pass Fair Buttons are at the UW-Extension Office.

Clubs can pick them up immediately to start selling.

Prices, awards & commission info is in the May/June 4-H Newsletter.

Lend a Helping Hand on July 23 and August 4

Preparation and Clean-Up at the Fairgrounds is a must. All 4-H Families and Clubs are expected to help. This makes the clean up times really short, so that a few people don't end up with many hours.

Please do your part and contact Kathy Jochimsen at 785-8049 to schedule a time slot.

Thanks for all you do!!

Exhibitors Are Responsible

Exhibitors are responsible for any liability caused by the behavior of their animals. The Fair Board assumes no liability for actions of uncontrollable animals.

There have been incidents in other counties where legal suits have been pursued for injury caused by loose animals.

Be sure you can control your animal at all times!

Information About

Cloverbud Fair Entries
Season Pass Sales
Fair Prep & Clean Up Days
(July 23 & Aug. 4)
Dairy Booth
Parade
Photo Contest
Barn Award
Little Britches Show
Dress An Animal Contest
Volunteer Information

Detailed information is found in the May/June 4-H Newsletter. Please refer to it if you have questions on these topics.

Schedule

Fair and Judging Schedules can be found on Pages 4 and 5 of the 2009 Taylor County Fair Book.

Merit Award

A \$20 prize will be awarded to the Dairy Promotion Booth that gets the Merit Award

Animals with Lost Ear Tags

Any animals who have lost their MASS ID tags, please call Barb Bauer at 678-2232 or Dale Prochnow, Jr. at 678-2880 to set up a retagging date.

Animal Judging Schedule

- Wednesday -
Cats - 1:30 p.m.
Small pets to follow
Dogs - 4:00 p.m.

- Thursday -
Horses - 8:30 a.m.
Sheep - 5:00 p.m.

- Friday -
Swine - 8:30 a.m.
Poultry and Rabbits - 9:00 a.m.
Beef - 12:30 p.m.

- Saturday -
Pygmy Goats and Dairy Goats - 8:30 a.m.
(in the livestock barn)
Dairy - 8:30 a.m.
(in the show ring)

Entry Judging Schedule

- Friday -
All Departments - 9:00 a.m.

**Subject to change*

Animal Exhibit Barn Awards Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit, Dairy and Dairy Goats

To enhance the appearance of the animal exhibits, the Fair Board annually sponsors the following Awards for the best kept/decorated exhibit area (can be a club or individual): **\$15.00 — 1st place, \$10.00—2nd place, \$5.00—3rd place.**

Animals will be grouped by club so youth can decorate cages as desired. Bring your own water/feed dishes and wire them in so they can't be tipped over.

DECORATE and have FUN caring for your animals.
Check your animal at least three times every day.

Cultural Art Exhibitors

NOTE— Fair entries should be on sturdy material appropriate to type of art exhibited. Art should be able to be hung without curling, folding, or warping. Standard 8-1/2 x 11 letter/computer paper is ***not*** acceptable.

Fair Secretaries and Superintendents

Please contact Kathy Jochimsen (785-8049) or the UW-Extension Office (748-3327) with the times you can work with the judges and be there for check in and check out.

**THE FAIR WILL ONLY BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS
WE MAKE IT!**

Dairy Cows

Contact Steve Langteau by July 18 at 678-2511 with the exact count of Dairy Animals that will be attending the fair, so that the barn can be organized.

How are Exhibits Judged?

In order for a fair to receive state aid for premiums (prize money), the fair must follow specific requirements as outlined in Chapter ATCP 160 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. Portions of this code begin on Page 21 in the fair exhibitor handbook.

Judges are hired to place the exhibits depending on the different type of judging used. These judges are selected from a list of individuals who are registered with the state Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection. No exhibit may be given a higher premium or rating than it deserves in comparison to the standard for its class. Articles not deserving of a placing shall not receive one. The judge's decision is final. There are four different types of judging:

Danish Judging - In most departments of the Junior Division, the Danish system of judging is used. All the entries in one lot number are arranged together so the judge can compare the items to a "standard" and to the other entries. The judge then has to decide what placing (ribbon) to give each exhibit. The judge must give the placings according to the Danish judging system (see chart below). The numbers in parentheses show the number eligible for a placing if the maximum number is given in each placing. For example, if there are 10 entries in a lot number, the judge can give only 2 blue ribbons (1st place), 3 red ribbons (2nd place), 2 white ribbons (3rd place), and 3 pink ribbons (4th place). The judge does not have to give the maximum number in each placing depending on the quality of the exhibits. In the example of 10 entries, if the judge does not feel there are any that are worthy of a blue ribbon (1st place), the judge may choose to give up to 5 red ribbons (2nd place) instead.

Danish Judging Chart				
Number of Entries	1st Place Not More Than	1st Two Places Not More Than	1st Three Places Not More Than	4 Places Not More Than
1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2
3	2	3 (1)	3	3
4	2	4 (2)	4	4
5	2	4 (2)	5 (1)	5
6	2	4(2)	6 (2)	6
7	2	4 (2)	6 (2)	7 (1)
8	2	4 (2)	6 (2)	8 (2)
9	2	4 (2)	6 (2)	9 (3)
10	2	5 (3)	7 (2)	10 (3)

Face-to-Face Judging - This is another type of judging found in some areas of Junior Division. This system was designed to make the fair and judging experience more educational for the exhibitors. For face-to-face judging, exhibitors must be present at the time of judging and talk to the judge about their entries. The judge gives the exhibitor ideas about how the exhibit could be improved. The judge does not have to follow the placing numbers of the Danish judging system.

Conference Judging - This is another type of judging done in Junior Division. Basically it means several exhibitors gather at one time with their project items. The judge briefly discusses each exhibit with the exhibitors and uses the information in making the placings. This is often done by requiring all exhibitors in one class to discuss their projects with the judge at the same time. The Danish guide is still used for placings. This is the type of judging used mostly for the large animal departments.

Regular Judging - This is the type of judging used in Open Division, the Senior Citizens Department, and in some areas in Junior Division. In this case, the judge can select only one first-, one second-, one third-, and one fourth-place exhibit among the items in that lot number, depending on whether the judge feels the exhibits are worthy.

A list of the judging schedule can be found on Pages 4 & 5 of this year's Fair Exhibitor's Handbook.

General Information

Project Seals for Grades 4-8

Organizational Leaders will be receiving a packet that must be completed and returned to the UW-Extension office by **Monday, August 31** for member award seals (gold sheets) for the 2009 Leaders Banquet & Awards Ceremony held in October.

2009 WI Farm Technology Days

July 21-23, 2009
Crave Brothers Farm, LLC
Dodge County
Charles, George, Thomas, and Mark Crave
will host this event

June Dairy Month Kits Dairy Promotion



The Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board has put together a June Dairy Month packet to assist you in planning your June Dairy Month activities. Also included is information regarding the 2009 4-H Dairy Promotion Contest.

All clubs submitting reports will receive a \$35 gift certificate for Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board materials with the top club receiving \$60. **Deadline for submission is August 17, 2009.**

Pick up your club packet at the Extension Office.

Attention Fairgoers

UW-Extension - Meeting Room #1
6 p.m.

August 17 has been set for the open forum to discuss the 2009 fair issues. The forum is set up to listen to your concerns, comments, and ideas (negative or positive)—not to act upon. No fair book changes at this time. This is open to the public.

The Rules are Black and White— And they apply to all breeds

The Holstein Foundation provides the booklet "The Rules are Black and White—And they apply to all breeds" free of charge. The booklet provides a tool kit for you to use when making ethical decisions in your dairy youth program. We have given out these publications in the past; but if you haven't received one yet, feel free to contact the UW-Extension Office for a copy.

There are several other workbooks that are no longer printed but can be downloaded at <http://www.holsteinfoundation.org/programs.html>.

Ask-a-Master Gardener Days



UW-Extension Office
June through September



Taylor County Master Gardeners will host this summer "Ask-a-Master Gardener Days" from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. A Certified Master Gardener Volunteer will be available to help you answer your gardening questions.

You are invited to stop in with your diseased plant, weed or pest in question. You may also stop in with a picture of the problem or call the UW-Extension office at 748-3327. There is no charge for this service.

You may drop off or call in your gardening questions to the Taylor County Extension Office at any time; however, your concern will be handled when the "Ask-a-Master Gardener" volunteer is available.

Opportunities Unlimited

ATTENTION !!

Youth in Grades 9 through 12+ Apply for 4-H Project Awards

Members in grade 9+ should begin preparing record books as soon as your packet arrives. This is a good practice for youth younger than Grade 9 as well.

Keeping accurate records teaches you life skills and reflects on your ability to carry through on your projects until completion. By completing these and submitting them to your organizational leader, you become eligible to win recognition pins for your project work. When you write down all that you have done, I can almost guarantee that you will be amazed at your accomplishments. You won't be able to hide your sense of pride and you will be inspired to try even more. There is a certain magic to writing. The record book will also become a portfolio showing experience, long term commitment and leadership. All great items when building a resume. It can make a significant difference.

Record books, Club Secretary Books, and Club Reports are due to the UW-Extension Office by **Monday, August 31**. Record books should be submitted to your club leader first (check with your leader for the club deadline!)

Youth applying for National Conference and National Congress, are required to fill out a Member Program Evaluation (MPE) form. These forms are also due to the UW-Extension office by **Monday, August 31, 2009**. Call if you want the MPE forms to submit with your Record Book — 748-3327.

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4-H Award Trip Applications

The Schedule for submitting MPE's for Award Trip requests is **August 31**. MPE's & Record Books will be judged by the 4-H Federation at the same time—September 12.

A mailing is forthcoming to all eligible 4-H Members Grades 7-12+. If you would like to get a head start on your MPE, just call and we'll send you one.

American Spirit Trip Citizenship Washington Focus Communication & Arts Camps Camps of Choice National Conference National Congress State 4-H Youth Conference

American Spirit and Citizenship Washington Focus

Jed Hoff, Andrew and Jacob Miller were chosen from the MPE process to attend the American Spirit trip, June 18-25, 2009.

Doug Ertl and Alexa Lynch were chosen from the MPE process to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus in 2009.

If you are interested in going to either the American Spirit or Citizenship Washing Focus Trip, please apply at the office.

CONGRATULATIONS

We hope you all have Wonderful Trips!!

State 4-H Youth Conference

The following delegates will have the privilege of attending the State 4-H Youth Conference on June 15-18, 2009.

Heidi Langteau of Countrysiders

Virginia Ustianowski will also be attending as our Chaperone.

4-H International Summer and Year Long Program

A few Wisconsin host families are still needed for 12-14 year old boys from Japan between July 26- Aug. 22. Hosting 4-H youth must be between 10-14 years old.

Interested in a longer hosting experience? Here are some great opportunities! Several students are coming to Wisconsin 4-H for the 2009-2010 school year. Those still needing hosts are:

- Timur, a 15 year old boy from Azerbaijan who will be a sophomore in high school this fall, loves soccer, basketball, karate and dance. He has a cat and likes pets. Timur is described as honest, flexible, hardworking, and energetic.
- Jennet, a 16 year old girl from Turkmenistan who will be a junior in high school this fall. Her hobbies include embroidery, sewing, reading, and teaching her dog tricks. She is described as open minded, cheerful, responsible and a class leader.
- Adilbek, a 17 year old boy from Kazakhstan, enjoys basketball, soccer, volleyball, jogging, body building, swimming, travel, debate, and music. He plays a traditional Kazakh musical instrument called a *dombry*. Adilbek is described as friendly, flexible, and mature.

All of these students are excited to learn more about American culture and traditions and share their own cultures.

Please consider hosting one of these Future Leaders Exchange students through the C.S.I.E.T. approved 4-H High School Exchange Program. Students arrive in August and depart in May or June.

Requirements are that families have a genuine interest in hosting, are flexible and willing to spend time with the student, and have 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. Contact the 4-H International Programs office immediately for more information.

For additional information and applications check out Wisconsin 4-H International Programs

website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm>. Questions? Contact your County 4-H Office staff or call WI 4-H International Programs at (608) 262-2491 or (608) 262-1557 (e-mail kay.hobler@ces.uwex.edu or shemshrot@wisc.edu)

4-H Stories

The wonderful stories shared by National 4-H Hall of Fame laureates at their induction became the inspiration for this project. The laureate's stories were inspirational, funny, sometimes "tear jerkers", always heartfelt and too valuable to be lost.

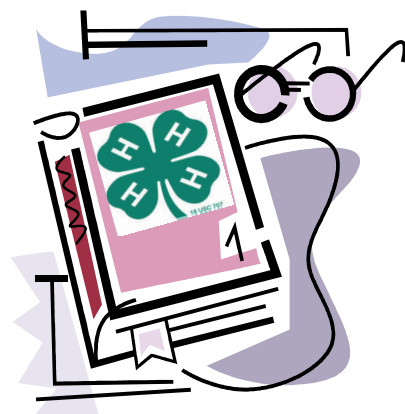
We're collecting stories for a book from the entire 4-H family including members, volunteers, agents/educators, state staff, donors, family members and others. The stories included in the book will be selected by the Editorial Team. Stories not chosen will be saved for future use. We're hopeful so many great stories will be submitted that several books can be published.

Here's what we're looking for:

- Stories from all 50 states sharing positive personal experiences on the value of 4-H, activities/events, learning experiences, funny situations, etc.
- Stories about 4-H folks who have inspired, motivated and made a difference in the lives of others
- Stories should include information about the setting/situation and approximate time frame and must include your name, address and contact information
- At least three double spaced pages

Send your story as an email attachment to: dta-bler@umd.edu

We will collect stories through December 1, 2009 or until we've received at least 100 stories.



Wisconsin State Fair

2009 Wisconsin State Fair

August 6 — August 16

Dairy is scheduled from Aug. 5-10

Beef is scheduled from Aug. 8-10

Swine is scheduled from Aug.

General Gate Admission

Tickets Purchased After June 30 (at the Gate)

\$9 Adult

\$6 Seniors (60 years and older) and disabled persons

\$4 Youth (ages 7 - 11)

*Children ages 6 and under are FREE

Parking

Parking is limited.

\$10 per vehicle — Includes vans and motorcycles

\$20 Buses

“Beauty and the Bunny” State Fair Art Contest

Entry Forms are due by July 29, 2009

Mail to: Wisconsin State Fair Entry Office
C/O Beauty and the Bunny
640 S. 84th St.
West Allis, WI 53214

Eligibility: Open to artists, art hobbyists, photographers and craftspersons doing original work and living in Wisconsin.

Subject Matter: Any type of domestic rabbit must be included in the artwork.

For more information or to obtain an entry form contact the Taylor County UW-Extension Office or visit the website: http://www.wistatefair.com/fair_info/other_contests.html

2009 WSF Pork Schoppe Open Shifts Available

WPA is looking for volunteer organizations that are interested in filling one of the following shifts at the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair Pork Schoppe Food Stand: Thursday, August 6 PM shift; Friday, August 7, PM shift; Sunday, August 9, PM shift; and Saturday, August 15 PM shift. The AM shift runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and the PM shift runs from 3:30 – 10 p.m. Every volunteer will be reimbursed for their parking fee, and admission tickets are provided to all volunteers. Volunteers will also receive a pork hat, t-shirt, sandwich, and soda. Lastly, your group or organization will also receive \$250 for a full shift. If you share a shift with another group, you will receive a prorated amount based on your participation.

Adult supervision is required for all children under the age of 18. It is requested that children be 16 years of age or older to work at the cash registers. It is also requested that *no more than* four (4) volunteers representing your group be 12 years or younger.

If there are any questions, or know of a group that may be interested in helping out, please contact Wisconsin Pork Association at wppa@wppa.org or 800 822 7675.

“Beauty and the Bird” State Fair Art Contest

Entry forms are due by July 29, 2009.

Eligibility: Open to artists, art hobbyists and craftspersons doing original artwork and living in Wisconsin.

Classes: **1** - Youth: 15 and under; **2** - Adults: 16 – 54; and **3** - Senior Citizen: 55 and Older

Subject Matter: Any type of domesticated poultry must be included in the work.

For more information or to obtain an Entry Blank contact the Taylor County UW-Extension Office or visit the website: http://www.wistatefair.com/fair_info/other_contests.html

Activity Stations Still Need You

We still need interested and informed 4-H members to participate in the Activity Stations program at the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair! This unique experience allows youth to promote the organization they have grown to love, while providing Wisconsin fairgoers with fun activities that help explore what the organizations have to offer! Participants will gain leadership and communication skills while having a blast at the Wisconsin State Fair.

The Activity Stations program is a fun and positive way to celebrate and promote Wisconsin youth organizations. Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, FFA, and 4-H members are all encouraged to apply!! It's a great way to get involved at the state level and meet other people!

The program is designed for youth ages 12-18 as well as adult chaperones. Participants will stay at the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center on the fairgrounds. During the day, youth will work in teams to lead various activity stations in the Youth Activities and Exhibits Hallway and participate in fun seminars that are designed to build leadership and communication skills. There will also be opportunities to explore careers in the area of communication. The activity stations highlight project areas such as visual arts, agriculture, mechanical science, and community service. And of course, throughout the program, participants will have a chance to enjoy the Wisconsin State Fair!

We are still accepting applications to encourage more participation. Please help us spread the word to potential youth in your county. Thank you for your help! We can't do it without you and we really appreciate all of the hard work you do to help make our program successful!

Please visit our website for more information or to download an application.

http://www.wistatefair.com/fair_info/youth_expo.html.

Thanks again and please contact me with any additional questions you may have!

MOO-LA-PALOOZA "World Famous Mooing Contest"

Warm Up for 6th Annual Mooing Contest

Be the only bovine on the block to get bragging rights to the year's most unique title. The 6th annual world famous mooing contest, Moo-la-palooza®, will be August 15 at the Wisconsin State Fair, benefiting Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.

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Cousins Subs is dedicated to supporting the more than 100,000 4-H youth statewide. They will be contributing \$20 for every contestant in the year's mooing contest.

Visit www.cousinssubs.com/moo for more information.

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You'll see sheep shows, sheep shearing, Border collies in action, yarn, a used equipment auction, wool in every color and visit the more than 100 vendors offering something for everyone!

Admission is charged for all three days of the festival, and is only \$5 per person daily, kids 8 and under are free. Camping is also available on the festival grounds for \$20. **It's all at Jefferson Fair Park, Jefferson, WI on September 11-13.** Complete festival information is at www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com



“Make It With Wool” Contest

The Wisconsin Make It With Wool contest will be held on September 12 as part of the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The contest is open to the youth and adults who enjoy sewing, knitting or crocheting, felting or quilting with wool fabric, yarn or fibers.

For more information visit:



www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com and click on competitions for all the details.

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Wild & Woolly Photo Contest

The Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative invites shepherds, fiber enthusiasts, youth and others to enter its Wild and Woolly Photo Contest, the final judging for which will take place at the 2009 Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival. The contest is open to everyone, including non-WSBC members and regardless whether they raise sheep.

New to this year's contest is a grand prize, sponsored by Woodman's Markets, for \$50 in photo-processing services. The grand prize will be awarded to the photographer of the single photo receiving the most votes during the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival, which is slated for September 11 through 13 at Jefferson Fair Park, Jefferson.

Entries must be postmarked by August 15.

Enter 8x10" color or black-and-white non-mounted photos in the following categories: Scenic, Kids and Sheep, Any Other Sheep or Wool Photo, and Photo Taken by Youth (for youth aged 18 and younger). Photographers may enter in more than one category, and they may enter more than one photograph in each category. A \$5 fee must accompany each photo, with checks payable to WSBC, and premiums will be awarded to top photos based on the number of contest entries.

The initial screening of photos will be based on clarity, content, composition and appeal. Visitors to the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival will vote for their favorite photos. When submitting photos, write the following information on a 3x5" card and attach it to the back of each photograph: Title of photo, contest category, and the photographer's name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Entries in the Photo Taken by Youth category also must include the age of the photographer.

All entries become the property of WSBC and the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival to be used or reproduced at their discretion, including in the Festival catalog and on the Festival and WSBC websites. Entries will not be returned.

All entries should be mailed to Jane Metcalf, 2679 N. County Road M, Milton, WI 53563. Complete information is available on the WSBC website, www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com. For more information, contact Jane Metcalf at 608/868-3268 or tjmetcalf@centurytel.net.

Animal Science

Keeping Animals and Visitors Healthy

Fair visits are an exciting way to demonstrate the care that goes into raising healthy animals. Allowing visitors access to animals is often the most popular part of their visit but does pose some risk to both the visitors and the animals. Some simple precautions can help to ensure that the visit is safe for both the visitors and the animals.

Bio-Safety Tips

Potential Risks to Fair Visitors

Contact with farm animals has been shown to be a risk factor for the transmission of several organisms that can cause disease in humans. Human pathogens such as E. coli O157:H7, Salmonella, Listeria, Cryptosporidia and Campylobacter can be shed by sick or healthy animals and can easily be transmitted to producers, their family members, or visitors through contact with manure or by consuming raw or non-pasteurized dairy products.

Understanding Risks

Certain farm animals have a greater risk for transmitting infections to humans. In general, calves, recently freshened cows, and sick animals are more likely to shed disease-causing organisms than other farm animals. They are also more susceptible to acquiring contagious animal diseases.

Dairy Video

"The Rules are Black & White—And they Apply to All Breeds" is a video that is available to borrow from the UW-Extension Office — Call to schedule a time at 748-3327.

Fitting and Showing Clinics

Beef / Dairy Beef
Clark County Fairgrounds—Swine Arena
Tuesday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Please contact Lori at 743-5121

Market Animal Show & Sale Information — 2009

Bidder Sheets: Due to Jackie Ecklund by **June 27**.

Meat Exhibitor Application: Due to Jackie Ecklund by **July 22**.

Market Show: On **Thursday, July 30**, lambs will be weighed in at 4 pm., with swine and beef to follow.

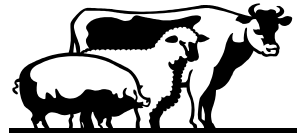
You will be responsible for having your animals ready to be weighed at this time. **These will be the only Weigh-in times!** Bring your animals in early if you are concerned about weight loss during travel.

Carcass Show: Pinter's, **Wednesday, August 5** at 7 p.m.

Jackie Ecklund
W10109 Hollingshead
Withee, WI 54498

Attention MASS Committee — Participant's Parents

There will be not be a sign up for MASS duties for this year. Please be available to help with set up and clean up for the show and sale.



Wisconsin Livestock Breeders

WLBA's newest event the "Wisconsin Summer Spectacular" will be held in Wausau on August 21-22nd at the Marathon County Fairgrounds. Similar in format to the popular Spring Preview Show, the Summer Spectacular will offer youth a last chance before the start of school to exhibit their livestock projects as well as participate in educational quizzes and judging contests. Entries for this show are due August 1st.

Entry information and applications for all events as well as 2009 Master Stockman Scholarships can be found on the new WLBA website at www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com or by contacting Executive Director Jill Alf at 608/868-2505 or wiba@centurytel.net.

Wisconsin Summer Spectacular Show Deadline is August 1st

WLBA's newest event the "Wisconsin Summer Spectacular" will be held in Wausau on August 22nd at the Marathon County Fairgrounds. The Wisconsin Summer Spectacular will offer youth a last chance before the start of school to exhibit their beef, sheep and swine projects as well as an opportunity to participate in educational quiz bowl and judging contests. Jackpot awards will be given to the Grand and Reserve Champion Steer and Heifer, the Grand and Reserve Champion Market lamb and Overall Breeding Sheep, and the Grand and Reserve Champion Overall Hog in the amounts of \$200 and \$100 respectively. Entries for this show are due August 1st. Entry applications and more information can be found on the WLBA website at www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com or by contacting Executive Director Jill Alf at 608/868-2505 or wlba@centurytel.net.

Master Stockman Scholarships

High School graduates and current college students involved in the livestock industry are eligible to apply for WLBA 2009 Master Stockman Scholarships. A Master Stockman and runner up will be chosen within each of the beef, sheep and swine species in the amounts of \$750.00 and \$500.00 respectively. Youth must be exhibitors at the Wisconsin Summer Spectacular Show to be eligible to apply. Scholarship applications can be found at www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com or by contacting Executive Director Jill Alf at 608/868-2505 or wlba@centurytel.net.

Hot Humid Weather Threatens Pets, Livestock

Dangerously hot, muggy weather predicted for the coming week is prompting Wisconsin's humane veterinarian to remind owners of pets and livestock to take a little extra care to protect their animals.

"Dogs and cats don't perspire, they pant, and panting isn't very effective in extreme hot weather," says state humane officer Dr. Yvonne Bellay of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. "They can't provide their own ventilation or water. They can't get out of a hot car or airless room. It's all up to people."

Heat stroke is a very real threat to animals, and can be fatal even with prompt treatment. Pets that have al-

ready suffered heat stroke once are more susceptible, as are animals that are very young or very old, have health problems, are overweight, or are snub-nosed. Signs of heat stroke in small animals include panting, staring or stupor, breathing difficulty, an anxious expression, refusal to obey, warm dry skin, fever, rapid heartbeat, vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, and collapse.

"If you see any of these signs in hot weather or if your pet's been left in a vehicle – which should never happen -- call your veterinarian immediately," Bellay says. "In the meantime, get the animal out of direct heat and get it wet however you can – with towels soaked in cool water, with a hose, in a wading pool. If you use towels, it will be most effective on less hairy parts of the body, like a dog's belly and legs."

Even if the animal seems to revive after a few minutes, get it to a veterinarian, because its temperature may rise again or fall well below normal, she adds.

"As always, prevention is the best medicine," Bellay says, and offers these tips for pet owners:

- **Never** leave an animal in a parked vehicle, even for a few minutes. Even with window open a few inches, the temperature in a parked car, may hit 120 degrees within minutes, so just a 10-minute stop may be dangerous. Opening the windows a few inches doesn't provide enough cooling. If you're running errands, leave your dog home. If you're traveling, make your pit stops at places where your pet can get out of the vehicle.
- Provide fresh, cool drinking water at all times – including in your vehicle when you're traveling.
- Outdoor kennels must be well-ventilated and shaded, with water in bowls that will not tip.
- Don't exercise pets on hot days or warm, humid nights.
- Groom your pet. Clip long coats to about an inch - shorter clips or shaving can leave dogs vulnerable to sunburn.

In large animals, signs of heat stress and stroke may include restlessness, stumbling, increased heart rate and salivation, panting, collapse, and convulsions. For livestock owners, Bellay advises:

- Avoid transporting animals in heat over 80 degrees with high humidity.
- Park vehicles loaded with livestock in the shade.
- Deliver animals at night or in early morning.
- Use wet bedding to transport hogs in hot weather.
- Provide well-ventilated air space in farm trucks, barns, or any enclosure.
- Provide fresh drinking water at all times.
- Provide shade in resting, eating and watering areas.
- Use a water sprinkling system to cool animals.

2nd Annual Badger Production Sale To Be Held September 19

The second annual Badger Production Sale, featuring sheep from the University of Wisconsin – Madison sheep research unit, will take place on September 19, 2009 at the UW Research Farms' Public Events Building in Arlington, Wis. The sale, organized and hosted by the UW-Madison animal sciences department, will begin at 1:00 PM. The building will be open for viewing at 10:00 AM.

The sale will include approximately 50-60 ewes and 8-10 rams, featuring the Hampshire, Polypay, Rambouillet and Targhee breeds. NSIP performance data will be available for all sale animals. All lots will sell as buyers' choice – the winning bidder will select one of two equally matched animals. The animal not selected will return to the university flock as a replacement. Pictures and performance data of sale animals will be available on the sale's website, www.badgerproductionsale.com, and in the sale catalog to be distributed mid-August. Please contact Todd Taylor (toddtaylor@wiscmail.wisc.edu, (608) 846-5858) if you would like to join the mailing list.

The Badger Production Sale is offered as a course for UW-Madison animal sciences students to organize all aspects of marketing the university's flock. Five students, ranging from sophomore to senior, will handle all advertising, selection of animals, work with state agencies, and other sale preparations.

Bob Johnson, with Badger State Auction Service, will again provide auctioneer services and a lunch stand, by UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin, will be available the day of the sale.

Swine Checks

The Medford Vet Clinic will do the Premise Swine Inspection on **July 20** — late morning/afternoon.

If you have swine that need to be checked, please call the UW-Extension Office—748-3327 and register by **July 13** so that a schedule can be made for Dr. Hugh Hildebrandt and be sent to you.

The schedule will be approximate times.

Please do NOT call the Medford Veterinary Clinic.

Recommendations for Risk Management at Swine Exhibitions and for Show Pigs

Background: These recommendations were developed by a working group of people involved in swine exhibitions. Input was sought from various stakeholder audiences including public health, veterinary medicine, regulatory veterinary medicine, influenza researchers and other commercial producers. The purpose of these recommendations is to reduce the risk of interspecies transmission of influenza A – H1N1 2009.

Terminal Shows: Exhibitions where all animals exhibited are sent directly to slaughter following the show.

Terminal Shows – Risk Management Recommendations

Show Committee/Organizers

- Terminal shows should be held following breeding shows
- Shows are scheduled so that pigs are not allowed to stay on the show grounds for more than 2 days and that there are no holdovers allowed
- Show committee to work with show veterinarian, state veterinarian and state public health veterinarian to develop a plan for identification of/response to influenza like illness in pig or exhibitors
- Measures should be taken to increase separation of spectators from pigs including, if possible, physical separation and signage to discourage close contact.
- An increased number of hand washing stations, stocked with disinfectant, will be maintained during the exhibition. Signage to encourage use of these hand washing stations should be posted. Hand gel should also be supplied.
- Animal disposition to packing plants or lockers following the show should be verified.

Exhibitors

- Producers should work with their veterinarian to determine if vaccination for endemic strains of swine influenza is beneficial. If pigs are vaccinated, withdrawal periods need to be observed.
- Movement records should be maintained for each pig brought to the show.
- Producer affidavit to be signed declaring that exhibitor, exhibitor's close
- contacts, show animal or animals that show pig has close contact with have not exhibited flu like

Attention Poultry, Waterfowl & Turkey Exhibitors

<http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/ah/agriculture/animals/disease/poultry/index.jsp> **Please check this website for all poultry exhibitor information.**

WI POULTRY PROGRAM

No person may use, sell or distribute poultry or farm-raised game birds or their eggs for breeding or hatching or for **exhibition at a fair** or livestock exhibition or sale at a swap meet, livestock market or private treaty, unless one of the following applies: **(A-F)**

- A.** The birds or eggs originate from a flock that is currently enrolled in the National Poultry Improvement Plan under s. ATCP 10.41 and meets all the requirements Proof of enrollment = 35- NPIP number Sales records: VS form 9-3, Wisconsin VS form 9-3 facsimile or invoice with NPIP number
- B.** The birds or eggs originate from a flock that qualifies as an affiliate flock under the National Poultry Improvement Plan Proof of enrollment = 35-NPIP number Sales records: VS form 9-3, Wisconsin VS form 9-3 facsimile, or invoice with NPIP number
- C.** The birds originate from a flock that is currently enrolled as a Wisconsin Tested Flock Proof of enrollment – Wisconsin Tested Flock number = WI-000 issued in writing from the Department Sales: Proof of status as WTF = original certification letter and original copy of WTF application Issue photocopy of WTF letter to each purchaser Record sale information, as requested on form, on Wisconsin Tested Flock Program, Intrastate Movement form Report sale information to DAH within 10 days of sale
- D.** The birds or eggs originate from a flock that qualifies as a Wisconsin Associate Flock Proof of enrollment – Wisconsin Tested Flock number = WI-000 issued in writing by the Department Sales: Proof of status as WTF associated flock = original certification letter Issue photocopy of WTF certification letter to each purchaser Record sale information, as requested on form, on Wisconsin Tested Flock Program, Intrastate Movement form Submit sale information (photocopy of Intrastate Movement form) to DAH within 10 days of sale
- E.** Poultry, except turkeys, originating from a non-certified flock may be individually tested for pullorum-typhoid within 90 days PRIOR TO ARRIVAL at the exhibition or fair. Proof of test is the Wisconsin Poultry Test Form and a photocopy or original copy of test form must accompany birds at the time of

sale. Turkeys originating from a non-certified flock may have samples submitted by an authorized agent or licensed veterinarian to the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory - Barron for pullorum-typhoid and *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* testing within 90 days PRIOR TO ARRIVAL at the exhibition or fair. **Applies to sexually mature birds only!** All poultry, except turkeys, are considered sexually mature at 4 months of age. Turkeys are considered sexually mature at 6 months of age. ***Birds individually tested must be identified with either wing band or leg band and identification recorded on the Poultry Test Form.*** Individual tests for *Salmonella pullorum* are valid for **ONE change of ownership.**

Use Wisconsin Poultry Test Form ONLY (VS form 9-2 is to be used in testing flocks for NPIP certification status only)

- F.** No person may allow birds that originate from a certified flock or birds individually test negative to commingle with noncertified, non-tested birds, except birds from the same flock.

EXCEPTION FOR YOUTH AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS EXHIBITING AT A COUNTY FAIR:

Birds purchased from a NPIP participating flock, affiliate flock, Wisconsin Tested flock or a Wisconsin Associate flock may be exhibited without further testing provided. **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:**

The Youth Agricultural Leader verifies that the birds were purchased from a NPIP participating flock, affiliate flock, Wisconsin Tested flock or a Wisconsin Associate flock (proof of purchase – VS form 9-3, Wisconsin VS form 9-3 facsimile, Wisconsin Tested Flock Program form or invoice containing producers name, address and certification number.

The Youth Agricultural Leader certifies in writing that noncertified birds are not present on the premises. The Youth Agricultural Leader can be the leader/organizer of the youth group (such as the 4-H group leader or the FFA coordinator) or may be the individual in charge of the fair or poultry exhibition (fair superintendent or poultry coordinator for the fair).

The Youth Agricultural Leader issues a written permit, signed by the Youth Agricultural Leader, stating the above information is correct, the date the permit was issued and the person to whom the permit was issued.

The exhibitor presents both the proof of purchase and the written permit for entry to the County Fair.

Pullorum Testing

The testing date has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 14. If you would like your poultry tested for the fair, please call the Extension Office by July 6 — 748-3327.



2009 Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Agility Show

August 9, 2009

Kewaunee County Fairgrounds, Luxemburg, WI

Information and registration materials for the 2009 Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Agility Show are now on the State 4-H website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/DogProjectEvents.cfm>. **Entries must be postmarked on or before July 10, 2009.**

State Dog Show

August 28-30, 2009

Jefferson County Fair Park, Jefferson, WI

Information and registration materials for the 2009 State 4-H Dog Show are now on the State 4-H website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/DogProjectEvents.cfm>. **Entries must be postmarked on or before July 10, 2009.**

Rabbit Project Meetings

- ∞ July 27 at Taylor County Fairgrounds
- ∞ August 24 at Taylor County Fairgrounds
- ∞ September 28 at UW-Extension Meeting Room #2
- ∞ October 26 at UW-Extension Meeting Room #2

All meetings are held at 7 p.m.

4-H Champ Show

La Crosse County Interstate Fairgrounds

August 29 at 8:00 a.m.

For more information or a registration form please contact the UW-Extension Office (743-5121)

Jackson County 4-H Horse Project Fun Show

Saturday, July 11

Spiritwood Stables, Black River Falls

10:00 a.m. registration and grooming clinic

11:30 a.m. show begins

Entry fee—\$5 all day (per horse/rider combo)

For more information please contact Heather Gartner at 715-284-4780

UW-River Falls Horseman's Association & IHSA Open Show Series

July 18—19

August 15—16

(Saturday—performance / Sunday—games)
Shows will be held at UW-RF Lab Farm 1 (1474 S. Wasson Lane, River Falls, WI) and start at 9:00 a.m. For more information please contact Emily Brandt at 763-258-6568, sublimeequine@msn.com

Juneau County Horse & Pony Project Shows

Saturday, July 25—**Open Pleasure Show**

Red Ridge Ranch Arena (Hwy. 82 E., Mauston, WI)

Start time—8:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 26—**Open Speed Show**

Red Ridge Ranch Arena (Hwy. 82 E., Mauston, WI)

Start time—9:00 a.m.

SEI-Approved helmets are required for all riders, regardless of age and 1" heels are also required.

Price—\$3 entry fee per class or \$20 all day fee

Contact—Joshua Bires at 608-548-4414

Please call the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327 for more information and classes.

35th Annual Western District 4-H Gymkhana Horse Show

Pierce County Fairgrounds—Ellsworth

August 22

For more information please contact Janet Stolp (horse project leader) or the UW-Extension Office.

Horse Project Reminders

The gaming clinic has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2009, from 6-8 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Get your copies of the coggins paperwork turned in to the Extension Office as soon as possible.

Get your workshop/clinic form signed. They are due to the Extension Office by July 22, 2009. You must attend 3 events.

Reservation of the Horse Area at the Taylor County Fair Grounds

To reserve the horse arena call the Taylor County Extension office for approval, the extension office will approve requests based on the following criteria.

- 1) 4-H sponsored horse training/workshops need to pass through Taylor County Extension office with the 4-H agent or Department Head, approving the grounds reservations. This will be at no cost to 4-H. (Other horse organizations must pay a county grounds rental for the arena.)
- 2) If this is an official 4-H sponsored event it means **all participants** must follow 4-H policies and rules **for every date** that is reserved under 4-H.
 - a. Be Non discriminatory
 - b. All safety gear must be used by all parties all the time, all adult teachers or project leaders must be registered with the 4-H office and have successfully completed the new leader training program. They cannot teach or be with the 4-H kids until this happens.
 - c. A teaching outline or detailed project description must be submitted. (Name of club, number of youth participants, list of adult leaders, flow of the evenings program—what will be taught, methods, and routines.)
 - d. State whether this is an individual 4-H club activity or if this series of workshops is open to other **County 4-H horse project members**.
 - e. If it is found out that the above rules are not be followed, it is a violation of 4-H commitments to our youth, therefore all reservation dates will be withdrawn, and the County will charge for the grounds rental.

The Taylor County Building and Grounds Department requires this procedure to ensure there are no violations of their rules, liability insurance issues, fairness to the public, and avoidance of future conflicts.

Youth Sweepstakes offered at Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

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

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

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

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

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

Cash premiums sponsored by Farm Service Agency will be awarded to the Overall Sweepstakes Winner in each age category. 1st place - \$75, 2nd place - \$50, and 3rd place - \$25. An embroidered award will also be presented by Profiles Embroidery to the highest placing individual in each age division. Thank you to Sue and Jim Rupnow for their generous support of this event.

The purpose of Youth Sweepstakes is to encourage youth attending the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival to take part in educational and exhibition events to broaden their knowledge of sheep production above and beyond the show ring.

The goal of the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival Youth Program is to offer educational experiences that are high quality and will give youth exposure to and prepare them for future contests. We encourage 4-H, FFA and other youth groups preparing for district, regional or national contests to attend and participate in any of these events.

Additional resource material on judging wool, identifying meat cuts and contest information can be found at: www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com as well as the Youth Livestock Website: www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/index.cfm

Please contact Todd Taylor at taylorssheep@yahoo.com.

Natural Science

All Competitive Shoots are open to 4-H youth who are registered in the 4-H Shooting Sports project area in their county. Some age/grade restrictions do apply. More information and registrations are available at the UW-Extension Office (748-3327) or online at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting.html>



State 4-H Plant Science Day A fun way to learn about Horticulture Science!!! July 9, 2009 Hancock Agricultural Research Station

Plan now to be part of the State 4-H Plant Science Day to be held July 9 at the Hancock Research Station in south-central Wisconsin. Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography and speaking contests. See the *Horticulture Contest Study Manual* (2002) which is available from your County Extension Office or online from the [National Junior Horticultural Association](http://www.njha.org) (NJHA.org). For more details call Chuck Prissel at 715-485-8600.

Shooting Sports Schedule

All Competitive Shoots are open to 4-H youth who are registered in the 4-H Shooting Sports project area in their county. Some age/grade restrictions do apply.

COMPETITIVE SHOOTS

July 18, 2009; 4-H Triple Crown Statewide Archery/Air Rifle Invitational Shoot; Disciplines: Archery, Air Rifle, and Wildlife Events; Location: Central Wisconsin Sportsman's Club, Marshfield; Contact: Dave Hebert, phone 715-659-5361; Rick Huber, phone 715-486-6033; Brad Guse, phone 715-652-3295; or Todd Tyrolt phone 715-387-4982. Registration deadline: July 12, 2009.

August 1, 2009; 2009 4-H State Shoot and National Qualifying Event; Discipline: Archery, Air Pistol, .177 Air Rifle, Small bore Pistol, Muzzleloading Rifle, .22 Rifle, Shotgun/Trap, and Wildlife/Naturespace Contest; Location: Beloit Rifle Club in Beloit; Contact: Kevin Shull, phone 608-868-7699, email kragco@ticon.net. Registration deadline: July 20, 2009.

CERTIFICATION SHOOTS

September 12 & 13, 2009 (Saturday & Sunday) at the Lucerne Camp and Retreat Center in Waushara County

September 18 & 19, 2009 (Friday & Saturday) at the Stoughton Conservation Club in Dane County

October 17 & 18, 2009 (Saturday & Sunday) at the Rice Lake Rod and Gun Club in Barron County.

Registration Information for these workshops will be posted at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/2009CertificationTraining.cfm>

More information will be published in the next newsletter.



The contest for participants will be held in the morning, and the afternoon will provide educational tours and workshops for all. Come learn how to identify trees and shrubs or how to design a prize winning floral arrangement. Tours of the research station and its production will also be available.

The event begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. Registration is \$10.00, which includes all materials, handouts, and lunch. Walk-ins are welcome but pre-registration is preferred for lunch and material count. Send no money now, but fill out the registration form by calling the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327.

Thanks to Hancock Research Station for hosting the Day and our wonderful Plant Science Committee for all their help and support.

4-H Million Trees Project

Belmont 4-H Club

c/o 1111 Park Pacifica Ave.

Pacifica, CA 94044

Tel: 650.738.1070

Fax: 650.738.1992

E-Mail: 4hmilliontrees@gmail.com

www.4hmilliontrees.org

If your club is interested in learning about the 4-H Million Trees Project, please visit the website for information.

2009 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum

Giving them our BEST
October 1 — 4, 2009
Lincoln, Nebraska

The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum is a conference to enhance 4-H 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
- ... and more

Also be prepared for:

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

Watch for information at: <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm> - Doug Swanson at 402-472-2805

WI 4-H Youth Leader Council

Attention Youth who have completed 8th grade but have not exceeded the completion of the 11th grade (to enable their completion of the two terms while in high school).

The purpose of the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Council (YLC) is to strengthen 4-H Youth Development programs by addressing youth issues, promoting 4-H, providing leadership at the Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference and communicating needs between local and state needs.

Members of the Council represent geographical districts throughout Wisconsin. YLC members meet three times a year: 4-H and Youth Conference, Fall Forum, and a Spring Retreat. Besides their role with the 4-H and Youth Conference and connection for input into youth issues, YLC members are active with the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, Wisconsin State Fair Youth Exhibits Committee, 2008 North Central Volunteer Leader Forum Steering Committee, and other state-wide committees and events.

For the application go to <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/youth/leadership.cfm> **Applications are due Monday, August 21, 2009!**

Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership 2009 Conference

November 13—15

Wisconsin Lions Camp, Rosholt, WI
GOT VOICE? MAKE CHANGE!

For teams of adults and mature, high school aged youth sharing or wanting to share decision-making roles in communities, schools, and organizations.

2009 Focus Issues:

- Promoting Healthy Relationships
- Entrepreneurial Environmental Change
- Diversity
- Alcohol Abuse
- Sexuality and Teen Culture



Conference Goals:

- Gather and engage a diverse group of youth and adults who believe in youth voice
- Develop and share skills among youth/adult teams
- Provide models of community actions led by youth and adults
- Increase engagement in local and statewide issues
- Build the movement for youth voice in Wisconsin

For program and registration information visit www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/yig/2009YPCLConferenceInformation.cfm or call the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327.

Bernice Brandner Memorial Leadership Award

1. Person needs to be nominated by a current 4-H member/leader and/or club.
2. Person has to have been a 4-H leader (past or present) for at least 1 year.
3. Awards will not be given posthumously.
4. Letter needs to demonstrate what made (makes) that person a good leader and why they are deserving of the Memorial award.
5. Letters are to be mailed directly to the Award presenter (address below).
6. Please enclose contact information for the applicant and also who is submitting the letter so they can be reached for any questions.
7. **REMEMBER — this is not the Leader of the Year Award.** This is a separate award intended to recognize leaders that demonstrate the same values and dedication to 4-H that Bernice Brandner did. They should have participated in 4-H activities in addition to the club level, such as Summer Camp, award trip chaperone, Project Discovery Days, Cultural Arts Festival, Dairy Breakfast, etc., and be an active ambassador for 4-H by involvement in community service projects and by active recruitment of new members and leaders.
8. Deadline for applications: September 11, 2009.
9. Letters will be reviewed and the selected person will be contacted before the October Leaders Banquet and Awards Ceremony, so they can be there for the award presentation.
10. Please contact the award presenter with any questions.

Send letters of nomination and direct questions to:

Lanice Szomi
W5101 Correction Lane
Medford, WI 54451
Phone: 715/748-2269

Past Recipients Include:

Deloris Larson
Florette Kohn
George Larson
Vi Jensen
Kitty Rau
Tim Conway
Ron Sromek

Leader of the Year Award

Send in a one page or less description of why your nominated leader should be the Leader of the Year.

These nominations should come in with the Record Books and MPE's on August 31, 2009.

Miscellaneous

Wisconsin 4-H Tractor Driving Contest

August 22, 2009

Racine County Fairgrounds

Contest is open to any 4-H tractor project member wishing to compete. Top senior will earn the right to compete at the National 4-H Engineering Challenge at Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, in West Lafayette, IN. in late September, early October. This individual will receive more information at the completion of the August 22 contest. Contact Event Chairman and coordinator: Kirk Weese, Racine County 4-H Tractor Program Coordinator 262-960-1302 or e-mail at: ihcollector@juno.com

Registration at 9:30 am — Contest begins at 10:00 am
Pre-registrations due by August 1st

Registration Fee:\$5 per participant—payable at the event

Junior (Grades 6-8) Senior (Grades 9-13)



Forms

Ambassador Application Form

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Grade: _____

Years in 4-H: _____ Age: _____

What 4-H and non 4-H activities (sports, church, job, etc.) are you involved in?

If money and time were not an issue—what would you do to recruit and promote 4-H to others in Taylor County? Please put a star next to the one you think is the most important.

Imagine that you don't know anything about 4-H. What would someone have to do and say to convince you to try it out?

What would make the 4-H ambassador team a joy to belong to?

Cloverbud Day Camps

All Cloverbuds have an opportunity to attend one or both of the day camps.

Name _____ Club _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Grade: _____

Male _____ Female _____

_____ Cloverbud Day Camp
July 20
Community Center, Taylor County Fairgrounds
10 a.m.—3 p.m.
Crafts, physical activity, and nutrition activity

_____ Cloverbud Nature Day Camp
July 21
Medford School Forest
10 a.m.—3 p.m.
Nature hikes, pond exploration, and nature craft

Space is limited, each camp is \$10 per child. Youth needs to bring a brown bag lunch. A healthy snack will be provided in the afternoon. **Registration deadline is July 15, 2009.**

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