



4-H HI-LIGHTS

Dane County 4-H Family Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- Leaders Board Election
- State Horse Expo/Clothing Pick-Up
- 4-H Arts Camp
- Record Book Reading
- Join a Committee!
- Scrapbooking with the Fairest of the Fair

Greetings!

My name is Julie Wendt and I'm a co-leader of the Oregon Headliners 4-H club as well as a Member-At-Large on the Leaders board.

Recently, my club had a display set up at a National Night Out event to promote 4-H and show some of the projects done by our members. Someone looking over the display commented to me that he thought 4-H was just about animals. I answered that it is SO much more; 4-H is full of wonderful leadership and learning opportunities.

As a new 4-H year is about to begin, enrollment packets are being handed out. This is a great opportunity for members to think about the year ahead and perhaps try a new project. Maybe something caught their eye at the fair, or a friend made something really neat at Arts Discovery Day, or they enjoyed hanging out with their friend who showed pigs at the fair. If members or parents aren't sure what a project area is all about, ask others in your club, or refer back to the Dane County Fair book to get a better idea. Literature is also available for most areas that can be ordered at a reasonable cost. I've heard of some clubs that have "literature" swaps. What a great idea! Remember, while showing at the fair is a great way to showcase what you've accomplished in a project, it isn't required.

Happy learning!

Julie Wendt
Member-at-Large
Dane County Leaders Board

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Club Doings - submitted by Club Secretaries

Cambridge 4-H: helped at the Dane County Dairy Breakfast

Paoli 4-H Fireballs: talked about tagging butterflies, painting stepping stones, record books and the fair.

Clubs were very busy preparing for Lodi, Dane County, Stoughton and State Fairs the past couple of months.



News from the Clubs

Club Secretaries!

Let us know what your club is doing each month. Minutes should be sent to Kathy at ottem@co.dane.wi.us.

Free Make and Take Scrapbook Event With the Fairest of the Fair!

October 11, 2009

12:00 - 5:00pm

Archiver's Scrapbook Store
Greenway Station, Middleton

Some basic information includes:

- Scrapbook with Molly Rake, the first Dane County Fairest of the Fair - bring your camera along
- Munchies
- Prizes
- Time for getting your 2009 Fair photos scrapbooked
- Fun time for both kids and adults
- An 8 x 8 page will be supplied. Bring a photo(s) if you would like to incorporate that onto the page.

Contact Jane Ripp for more information at 238-7477 or 3badgers@uwalumni.com



You're Terrific!



Jon Morrison
for organizing the Clover Store
at the Dane County Fair.

Cloverbud Evaluators
for making our youngest members
feel great at the Dane County Fair.

**Gale Holloway, Jon Morrison
and Don Warren**
for organizing and supervising the
Potato/Yogurt Stand.

Miller and Sons
for supplying ribbons and tro-
phies for the Dane County Fair.
They also donated cookies,
frosting and sprinkles for Youth
Day.

**Youth Day Activity Center
Leaders and Helpers**
for leading hands-on activities for
youth. This is a great 4-H promo-
tional effort to let everyone know
what 4-H is all about!

Thanks to Badgerland Financial -
for their donation for the 4-H Dance!

**All Groups, Individuals and Clubs Presenting
Activities on the Youth Stage!**

Thank you to:

- all of the people that helped put on the Clothing Revue at the Fair!
- all of the people that made Agri-Versity possible!
- all of the State Fair Participants!
- Ron Rogers and family for setting up and being a great DJ at the 4-H Dance!
- the Dane County Fair Dance Committee!
- Tony Mathews for being our Chris Clover!
- all those who helped make Youth Day possible!

Remember to check the Dane
County 4-H web site often!! We
will be posting events and news as
it comes up. We hope to be posting
more on there, so it can be your
main source of 4-H information
and happenings!

Dane County 4-H Leaders Board

I hope everyone has had a great summer! Thank you to all the great volunteers who provided support at the Stoughton, Lodi, Dane County and State Fairs. It takes tremendous manpower to make them flow smoothly. With the new 4-H year starting, we are always looking for club, enrollment and project leaders. Please step up to the plate and help where there is a gap in your local program. We aren't asking you to do it all, but help some of those leaders who are doing it all. There are several new leaders who will need guidance from those of us who have been around for many moons!

An even larger request is in our search to find people willing to be a member of the Dane County 4-H Leaders Board. In November we will be voting for a Vice President (3 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), two Adult Members-At-Large (2 year term), four Youth Members-at-Large (1 year term), two Adult Fair Board Reps (2 year term) and one Youth Fair Board Rep (2 year term).

As a board member, we oversee Dane County 4-H. Our meetings are held once a month with no meetings in December and July. April, August, and November are Leaders Association meetings in which all board members, leaders, parents and youth attend. We work on policies, receive feedback from committees, grant requests for educational activities and hear reports from the Extension Office and offer support to them. It is a terrific way for board members to meet our leaders and the Extension staff who make it all click!

I'm looking for volunteers to be a member of the Nomination Committee and make some recommendations for new officers. If you would like to serve on the committee or have recommendations for officers, give me a call at 835-7514 or email me at sshotliff@charter.net.

I thank each and everyone of you for the time and energy given to make our Dane County 4-H Program the BEST!

Sandy Shotliff, President, Dane County Leader's Board

Wreath and Roping Fundraiser

The Dane County 4-H Leaders Association is sponsoring a wreath and roping sale as an opportunity for clubs to raise money. Forms



were distributed at the August Leaders meeting. If your club wishes to participate and did not receive forms, please call Kathy at 224-3711.

DOLLARS AVAILABLE!!

Dane County 4-H Endowment Grant Funds
Deadline September 15, 2009

What better way to have-

\$\$\$ for community service project

\$\$\$ for a speaker, outside resource person to lead a project or speak to a relevant issues

\$\$\$ to sponsor or lead an educational training for local groups or county-wide 4-H project

\$\$\$ to purchase/print materials for outreach efforts

These are a few "teaser" ideas to prompt your application for \$\$\$\$. The grant application is available on line at the 4-H website.

Large Animals

Meat Animal Sale Committee Meeting

September 17, 2009
7pm at Fen Oak

If you have questions or agenda items, contact Don Barman at 837-0941.

Dairy Committee Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2009
7:45pm at Fen Oak



If you're interested in joining and helping out on this committee, contact Virgil Haag at 832-6607.

Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival

September 11-13, 2009
Jefferson Fair Park



website:

www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com

Youth activities at this event are a Meat Animal Sale Qualifying Event

Horse and Pony Express

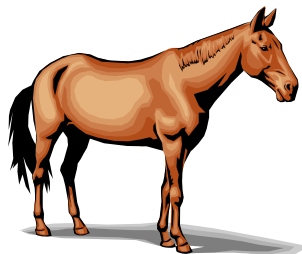


To request a hard copy of the Horse and Pony Express Newsletter, please email ottem@co.dane.wi.us or call the 4-H Office at 224-3711 and leave a message letting us know.

State 4-H Horse Expo

September 17-20, 2009
Wisconsin State Fair Park
West Allis

Good luck to everyone participating!



Clothing Pick-Up

As published previously in the Horse & Pony Express, State clothing orders will be ready for pick up at the UW Ext. 4-H office - Fen Oak on Thursday, Sept 3rd from 6 - 8 PM. You may elect to have one person from your club pick up the orders if it is easier. Thereafter, orders can be picked up at the UW Extension 4-H office at One Fen Oak Court between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM Mon.-Friday. You are responsible for picking up your clothing items BEFORE State Horse Expo.

Leadership

Officer and Leader Training

October 19, 2009

6:30pm

Registration 6:15pm

Alliant Energy Center, Madison

A planning committee is needed to make this happen! If you are interested, please contact Jackie at 224-3728 or gehin@co.dane.wi.us.

Reminder! Each club will need to have a leader present at a mandatory meeting being held at this event in order for your club to be chartered.

4-H Promotion Contest

How did your club promote 4-H this fall and/or during National 4-H Week? Fill out a 4-H Promotion Contest form and submit it to the 4-H Office by October 20, 2009. Your club could be chosen to receive \$100, \$50 or \$25!

Youth Protection Training

A 4-H Leader is "not" a leader until they complete the Youth Protection Training. Please contact Jackie at 224-3728 with any questions. A training session is scheduled for November 17, 2009 at 5:30pm (before the next Leader's Association meeting). Please call 224-3711 to pre-register.

Leader Organizational Handbooks

The committee is re-vamping the Organizational Leader Handbook. All leaders will need to turn in their handbook to the Fen Oak Office. Bring them to meetings, collect them as a club, or drop them off when you come into the 4-H Office.

State-Wide Fall Youth Leadership Conference

November 21, Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells

Sponsored by

Southern District 4-H Leadership Team (SDLT)

Take the Plunge, Get Hooked on 4-H! The 5th Annual State-Wide Fall 4-H Youth Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday, November 21 at the Chula Vista Resort & Conference Center in WI Dells. This conference is open to 4-H youth, in 7th grade and older, from across the state and is sponsored by Southern District Leadership Team members (SDLT). There are many exciting leadership sessions you have to choose from and then enjoy the indoor water park with your new friends! The cost is only \$45 and your parent may attend the conference for only \$15 (which covers lunch, but not a water park pass)

Make this a family outing...rooms at Chula Vista are \$129 per night for November 20 or 21. Rooms can be reserved until October 21. Contact Chula Vista at 800-388-4782 for additional information. Mark your calendars and save the date. Recruit your friends and join the fun. The flyer and registration form is available at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/rock/4h/index.html> or the Extension Office.

Awards

Permanent Record Readers Needed!

Reading permanent records is a great way to learn how to help your children and other 4-H members complete record forms. Please check with your leader and consider volunteering for this one time a year activity. Permanent Record reading will be on September 24 at 7 pm at the Dane County UW-Extension Office. Please email Kathy at ottem@co.dane.wi.us to register your readers.

Submitting Requests for Dane County 4-H Awards

The club leader or club designee needs to complete a club award summary sheet listing all of the club's members' award applications. This sheet must accompany award forms as they are turned in. All award requests need to be submitted by the club leader or designee. This sheet will be mailed to all organizational leaders in August. Awards Packets are available online and also at the 4-H Office. Award forms are due to the 4-H Office on or before 4:30pm on Tuesday, September 8.

Mark Your Calendars!

Dane County 4-H Awards Program
Sunday, October 25, 2009
2pm
Alliant Energy Center

Project Record Readers Needed

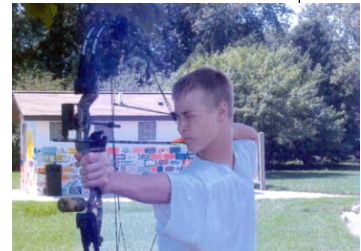
Please contact Kathy at ottem@co.dane.wi.us or leave a message on the 4-H line if you are interested in reading PROJECT records. Project records can be read at your convenience at the 4-H Office. You will be contacted with additional details. Thursday, October 15 has been set up for a night of reading record books also. Reminder: you will not be reading books from anyone in your club or project area.

Shooting Sports

Adult Leader Training Course

September 18 - 6pm until 10pm
September 19 - 8am until 5pm
Stoughton Conservation Club
Indoor Pistol Range

All six disciplines will be available
Watch future Hi-Lights for more information!



Committees

Committee Reports

The Dane County 4-H Leader's Board wants to hear from all of the committees on an annual basis. Keep them informed of all of the great things you do! There is a schedule on the web site at <http://dane.uwex.edu/4h/news.html>. Let us know the month(s) that your committee would like to report.



All Committees!

- Please remember to send your minutes to the 4-H Office.
- Send us a list of people on your committee (and their title) so we have all of this on file and can also enter it into the database.
- Keep us updated when new people join your committee

The above can be sent to us via snail mail or email Kathy at ottem@co.dane.wi.us

Cultural Arts Committee

This committee is also looking for members! This is a fun group of people who do a LOT with the 4-H Program. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Claire Nagel at 846-4185 or woodfood@juno.com

Be a Member of a Committee!

There are many committees that need help throughout the year to make programs happen! Some examples are:

- Awards Committee
- Cultural Arts Committee
- Shooting Sports Committee
- Small Animal Committee
- Dog Committee
- Camp Committee
- Dairy Committee
- Beef, Sheep and Swine Educational Committees



If you'd like to be a part of any of the committees, please contact Jackie (224-3728), or Lesly (224-3702) and they can provide you with contact information.

Photography

Statewide Training for 4-H Photo Leaders, Judges Slated Oct. 10-11, 2009

Sign up now for "Foto Follies 2009," a statewide training workshop for Wisconsin 4-H youth and adult photo leaders and county fair judges, to be held Saturday, Oct. 10, and Sunday, Oct. 11, at Upham Woods Environmental Education Center, Wisconsin Dells. The conference begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and ends at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

The conference costs \$40 per person, which includes four workshop sessions; evening photo activities on Saturday; dorm lodging on Saturday night; lunch and dinner on Saturday; breakfast on Sunday; and all program materials.

For adult and youth 4-H photo volunteers, the conference features ideas and information on how to be an effective leader, according to Wayne Brabender, state 4-H photo specialist who is coordinating the conference. "You will learn many tips and discover many resources and fun activities that you can use to teach photography to young people," Brabender said. "You'll also have many opportunities to practice and improve your own photo-taking skills."

All youth leaders must be in high school and accompanied by an adult, Brabender added.

Additional workshop choices will include making images with impact; still life photography; animal and people photography; digital photography; nature, landscape and plant photography; and building and structure photography. There will also be a Q & A discussion addressing county fair photography classes and issues.

Evening photo activities and opportunities include astrophotography, night photography, and personal portfolio critiques. There will also be roundtable discussions on a variety of topics, from Picasa (a free downloadable photo editing program) to photo panoramas.

For new and aspiring judges, two workshops will cover the basics of Danish and conference judging photos at Wisconsin county fairs. You can use this opportunity to polish your judging skills or to become registered as a Dept. 20 county fair judge.

An optional "Pre-Conference" program is available Friday night, Oct. 9, for those who want to travel early and lodge at the camp. This pre-conference begins with registration at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. It costs an additional \$25, which features dorm lodging Friday night, breakfast Saturday morning and night photography opportunities on Friday.

Conference registration deadline is September 25, 2009, but sign up early because space is limited. For more information and registration materials, visit the Wisconsin 4-H Photography Project web page at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/photography.cfm> and click on "Events." If you have questions, contact Tom Carpenter at 608-262-1223 or at tom.carpenter@ces.uwex.edu. Remember, sign up early!

Miscellaneous

4-H Arts Camp

October 3-4, 2009

If you're in Middle School, grades 6-8, don't miss 4-H Arts Camp! Where else can you go to one place to learn about music, drama, visual arts, photography, communications, and juggling! You'll rotate through the different arts tracks each day, participate in a group arts experience Saturday evening, and close with a ceremony for parents and families, celebrating the results of your group Arts Camp experiences. You'll also meet new friends, participate in camp games, and enjoy the great natural setting of Upham Woods, a 300-acre environmental education center on the Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells. Camp is \$60 which includes a camp T-shirt. Chaperones may attend for \$30. Registration deadline is September 1, but **SPACE IS LIMITED, SO DON'T DELAY!** For more information and registration forms, go to <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/artscamp/index.cfm>

Thank you and goodbye!

I would like to take the opportunity to say THANK YOU to everyone with whom I had the privilege to work with through my role with the Dane County 4-H Program. I have learned so much from the members, leaders and volunteers and have seen many great things happen in many program areas. I only wish that my time with Dane County 4-H could have been even longer. It seems like just yesterday I that I was working on my first "project" as a 4-H staff member. It is hard to imagine that was almost five years ago! My grandpa, who was a farmer all of his life, once told me, "If you find a job that you really love, it won't seem like you have worked a day in your life." As I finished up my last few days at the Extension office, those words could not have been truer. So, as I move on to the next "chapter" which includes finishing my Master's Degree and getting ready to start a new school year as a 2nd grade teacher, I encourage you to keep doing the things that you love. 4-H has so much to offer, and as an 11 year member of the Dane County 4-H Program, I look back and realize just what an amazing program 4-H really is. Good luck to you all as you start the upcoming 4-H year, and thank you for allowing me to be part of your "4-H experience!"

Mark Bussian

State Fair Non-Animal Exhibit Pick Up

Non animal exhibits are at the 4-H Office. Please remember to stop by and pick yours up if you haven't already!

Ambassadors

Ambassadors are responsible teens 14 and over who work with and advise other young people and promote 4-H experiences. Join in and improve your self-confidence, communication skills, gain leadership skills and have fun! All meetings are at Fen Oak on the third Tuesday of the month and start at 7:30pm. If you would like to become involved with the 4-H program at the county level, please join us. New members are always welcome. Contact Jackie at gehin@co.dane.wi.us or 224-3728.