



Thanks & Congrats

TAKE THE TIME TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOLKS FOR HELPING WITH 4-H...

- **Alysa Ubersox, Ashley Spease, Jaron and Jordan Frederick and Spencer Jacobson, Ray Cornett, Jake Baker, Britney and Renee Baker and Laurie Schuler** for assembling the March issue of the ECHO.
- **Donna Cyborski** for putting on the Cat Meeting.
- **Mikel Holzer, Nathaniel Pennekamp, Dan Frank and BJ Baker** for helping with the Diorama Day meeting.
- **Dennis Patterson** for coaching members at the State Meat Judging Contest at River Falls. **Kristin Shelliam, Alicia Adams, Karen Reimer and Dennis Patterson** for driving the members to the contest.
- **Grant County Pork Promoters** for paying the entry fee for the 4-H Meat Judging Contest. **Grant County Cattleman** for paying for the motel rooms for the meat judging team.
- **Kate Jeardeau** for facilitating the Speaking Contest.
- **Jake Adams** for facilitating the Demonstration Contest.
- **LeeAnn Bode, Melissa Tranel, Chuck & Pam Frank and Carolyn Seiler** for chaperoning the 4-H Junior Leader Teen Dance.
- **Kim Ashley Spease, Marilyn Dressler, Judy Breitsprecker and Jessie Killian** for helping clothing members at the 4-H Clothing Workshop.
- **Wade Wachter and Kay Bausch** for helping the goat members at the dairy goat meeting.
- **Barb Lane, Vicki Olds and Lou Vosberg** for helping with the Photography Workshop.

TAKE THE TIME TO CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING FOLKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE:

- Grant County Jr Meats Judging Team for placing second at the State 4-H Meat Judging Contest. Team members were: **Andrea Patterson, Lena Frank, Cordt Esser and Jessica McDermott**. **Andrea** placed 2nd overall and **Lena** placed 10th. Other Jr Meat Judging members were: **Brandon Shelliam, Amber Patterson, Andrea McDermott, Cody Adams, Ashley Reimer**. Sr Meat Judging members included: **Amanda Patterson, Shea Esser, Brian Patterson, Everett Schwer, Becca Frank, Jacob Walz, Tyler Bode, Kelli Cliff, Jake Adams and BJ Baker**. **Amanda** placed 4th overall, **Shea** - 5th, **Brian** - 7th and **Everett** - 8th.
- **Britt Vondra, Wanda Sullivan, Amy Brenum, Tyler Wedig, Katie Majerus, Samantha Jackson, Bethany Keuter, Nathaniel Pennekamp, Christina Fox, Luke Reynolds, Chad Keuter, BJ Baker, Brady Vondra, Ashley Spease, Andrea Knutson, Anna Riley and Bridgette Lineman** for being selected as 4-H camp counselors. **Megan Morshead, Alysa Ubersox and Whitni Wiederholt** for being selected as alternates.
- **Cheyenne Hughey and Margaret Drefcinski** for receiving a merit ribbon for their demonstration at the Grant County 4-H Demonstration contest. **Angela Drefcinski, Jake Adams, and David Drefcinski** for receiving blue ribbons and **Ashley Reimer and Cody Adams** for receiving red ribbons.
- **Felicia Holmes, Will Uppena, Andrew Verger, Charlie Hamilton, Dan Nusbaum, Liz White and Leandrea Wagner** for receiving merit ribbons at the Grant County 4-H Speaking Contest. **Andrea Patterson, Ashley Reimer, Brian Patterson, and Aubrea Wagner** for receiving blue ribbons. **Amber Patterson, Matthew Reimer, Kelsey Drew, Chloe Drew, Amanda Patterson and Shea Esser** for receiving red ribbons.
- **Kate Jeardeau, Sam Jackson, Travis Bates, Nicole and Ashley Cray and Ali Bates** for working with Military kids at the National Guard Family weekend.



4-H Club Reports

BOSCOBEL BIG GREEN 4-H CLUB

by Joelle Bohringer

- Planning our visit to Majestic View Dairy Farm in April.
- Having a special visitor, Betsy Olson. Betsy played a game with us that helped find the meaning of 4-H.
- Creating embossed candles as a demonstration by Joelle.
- Voting to donate \$50 to Operation Easter Bunny.
- Signing members up for e-mail for the ECHO.
- Planning a trip to Boscobel City Council meeting.
- Reminding members that Grant County Fair Books will be online this year.
- Ron our leader shared his experience at the leader training we also learned we are the smallest club in Grant County.

BLAKES PRAIRIE BOMBERS

by Quinn Crubel

- Coloring Easter pictures and collecting items for Operation Easter Bunny.
- Discussing ECHO events and Music Contest.

BUSY BADGERS

by Shelby Schramm

- Donating \$30 and canned goods to Operation Easter Bunny.
- Coloring pictures for Operation Easter Bunny.
- Discussing Music Festival and Spaghetti Luncheon.
- Planning bowling party for April 9 at 1:00 pm.
- Learning from demonstration by Jenna Reynolds. She showed us the items she made at Family Project Day.
- Having our next meeting April 5 at 6:00 pm. We will color Easter eggs and have an Easter egg hunt.

CORNELIA BADGERS

by Leandra Wagner

- Thanking everyone who helped at 4-H Family Project Day.
- Donating to Operation Easter Bunny.
- Playing bingo.
- Working on record books.
- Participating in the Speaking and Demonstration Contest.
- Planning our next meeting for April 19 at 7:00 pm.

HAPPY CLOVERS

by Paige Brinkman

- Planning a club bowling trip on April 13.
- Donating money to Operation Easter Bunny.
- Learning from demonstrations given by Alysha Jacobson and Jeffrey Jacobson on their rabbits.

- Turning in club flower bulb fundraiser.
- Having our next meeting April 5 at 7:00 pm.

HAZEL GREEN CLEVER COVERS

by Dustin Kilburg

- Discussing Club Project Day.
- Having a coloring contest with entries going to the Junior Leaders for judging.
- Voting to give a donation to the Grant County Cancer Coalition.
- Discussing where to go for a club trip this summer.
- Setting March 28th for our next club dance.
- Attending a Fire Safety presentation at the Hazel Green Fire House.
- Having our next meeting April 19 at 5:30 pm, at the Hazel Green Town Hall.

TOWN & COUNTRY KIDS 4-H CLUB

by JJ Donar

- Bringing ideas for June Dairy Month.
- Next meeting we will cleaning up around the fire house.
- Congratulating the winners of the coloring contest.
- Making cards for a project.
- Doing adopt a family for Easter.
- Having our next meeting April 19 at 4:00 pm with cleanup starting at 3:00 pm, at the firehouse.

GRANT COUNTY JUNIOR LEADER'S MEETING MINUTES - February 28, 2009

Old Business—

- Operation Easter Bunny donation list & letter were handed out.

New Business—

- Orchard Manor—Bingo—Prize \$25 in nickels
- Volunteers for Cloverbud Day—Julie Orth & Kate and Calvin Jeardeau, BJ Baker, Becca and Missy Frank
- DVD about trips—Julie Orth
- Helpers for speaking and demonstration contest—Kate Jeardeau
- Bingo is still on for 2:00pm at Orchard Manor.
- Taking a tour of the jail. Carolyn will try to set this up for the May meeting.

Adjourn meeting



President's Message

Hello everyone,

Spring is here finally! It's time to get going on all those 4-H projects you signed up for a few months ago. Remember the last chance to join or change projects and show at the fair is coming up on April 1st!

It was great to see some of you at the March Countywide Meeting. It would be better yet to see a few more of you. Remember, these meetings are your chance to gather information to take back to your club and to voice your opinions. It would be wonderful to see a representative from every 4-H club in the county at the countywide meeting on May 11th. Many times the main club leaders have too much on their plate to add one more meeting. Keep in mind that any certified leader from the club can come to these meetings and represent the opinions from your club.

At the meeting this month, we put more focus on our goal setting for the year. The primary topics that come to mind first always seem to be budget and recruitment, how to keep the members we have and recruit more. One interesting suggestion was to make 4-H more fun. The board is working on planning some fun events for this year. If you have any suggestions, please contact me or your Leaders Board Representative.

We are also working on some quick, but not too painful fundraisers. Continue to read your ECHO and attend the Countywide Meeting to hear how you can help. Grant County has a great 4-H program and with your help we can make it even better.

Jeanette Campbell, 4-H Adult Leaders Association President, 943-8432

 * **4-H COUNTYWIDE LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING** *
 * Monday, May 11, 7:30 pm, South Room, Y & Ag Center *
 * All 4-H leaders are encouraged to attend *

Time for April Showers.

For 4-H members it is also time to sign up for the many great opportunities in 4-H this summer. This month's ECHO is filled to the brim with activities that will fill your summer and spring with learning and fun. Be sure to read every page so you don't miss out on anything.

For 4-H leaders it is time to capitalize on the fact that students will soon be out of school and start planning to fill their summer days with activities that are worthwhile and will encourage involvement in 4-H.

I have already packed away my sweaters and am busy planning 4-H Camp, preparing for the fairs, and getting young people ready for their 4-H trips this summer. What a great time of year!



Betsy Olson
Grant County 4-H Youth Development Agent



Miscellaneous

GRANT COUNTY CATTLEMEN SCHOLARSHIP—The Grant County Cattlemen are offering two scholarships for those continuing their education beyond high school. One scholarship is for a student enrolled or enrolling in a four-year college or university. The other scholarship is for a student attending a technical college or short course program. Applicants for both may be a graduating high school senior or a student enrolled in college or a technical program. Students need not be majoring in agriculture or attending a farm training program to receive a scholarship. Applications must be submitted by May 6 to Grant County Cattlemen. Application blanks can be picked up at the Extension Office. The Cattlemen are also offering travel grants to youth involved in the beef industry. Grants can be used to help cover expenses for any educational event relating to the beef industry. There is no deadline for the grant applications, but preference will be given to the applications received by June 1. For more information contact Tim Jerrett at 988-4774.

GRANTS AVAILABLE—4-H clubs in Grant County may wish to apply for a Youth Development Grant through the Roundtable of Grant County. The Roundtable is accepting applications each quarter, March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1. Projects which financially assist Grant County communities and organizations with youth programs that are consistent with The Roundtable missions (“A think-tank that develops and supports alternatives to underage drinking and promotes positive youth development”) will be considered for funding. Contact Laura Murphy, coordinator at 723-6373 or the Extension Office.

UPHAM WOODS VOLUNTEER DAY—Saturday, May 9—Enjoy a beautiful day in the woods while giving back to your favorite 4-H Outdoor Learning Center—Upham Woods! 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. All ages welcome! If you plan to come, please RSVP to Doris at Upham Woods (608-254-6461 or doris.bass@ces.uwex.edu) so that we can plan staffing, equipment, and lunch.

4-H MUSIC FESTIVAL AND VOCAL/INSTRUMENTAL CONTEST— The annual Grant County 4-H Music Festival and 4-H Vocal and Instrumental Contest have been combined and is scheduled for **Sunday, April 19**. This event will start at 1:00 pm, and will be held in the Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster. Main leaders have the entry forms or you can get one from the 4-H website at <http://grant.uwex.edu>. Cloverbuds may be involved in club groups. **Entry deadline for this event is Friday, April 3.**

New this year all vocal and instrumental participants will be eligible for fair premiums. All blue ribbon winners will be asked to perform again at the Grant County Fair. 4-H members may choose to do a solo or duet vocal and instrumental selection. The contest is split into two age divisions, grades 3-7 and grades 8 and over. Each member may have one vocal entry and one instrumental entry. For a complete list of rules check with your Main Leader, Extension Office or the website. **Entry deadline is Friday, April 3** to the Extension Office. **Participants will need to pay a \$2 fair entry fee.**

SPAGHETTI LUNCH & DOLLAR AUCTION—There will be a Spaghetti Lunch sponsored by the 4-H Leader’s Association from 11:00—1:00 pm, on Sunday, April 19, prior to the 4-H Music Contest. They will also be having a Dollar Auction during the Music Contest. Proceeds from these fund raisers will help offset expenses for 4-H youth traveling on trips this summer.



Grant County Fair News

2009 Fair Book Changes

Dairy Keep the Cow class judging first.

Beef All Beef cattle must be in place by 5:00 p.m. Thursday

Auction: Steers: All steers must be castrated & dehorned before weigh-in.

Barrows: Barrows outside the weight limit will not be eligible to sell (Weight 220-280)

Rabbits & Poultry: It is the sellers's responsibility to slaughter and deliver the animal to the buyer. Delivery must take place by the date of the Buyers Appreciation Banquet, unless other arrangements have been made. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the auction proceeds.

Dairy: A selection of eligible youth and animals will then be used to create a maximum of 12 youth selling lots of cheese. The selection will be made as follows (1) Starting with age of youth in the senior showmanship class. Those youth not having sold cheese will be selected first. (2) Must have shown in the showmanship class (3) Must have shown dairy in the last 3 consecutive years. (4) If 12 lots have not been selected, the oldest youth who have met the above qualifications will be selected by a drawing.

Sheep: Exhibitor can enter up to 10 animals

Goats: Wethers: over 3 months & under 1 year. Judging: at 6:00 p.m. with 2 judges

Vet check 1:00-4:00 p.m. showmanship class: Beginners-grade 3-4, Junior-grade 5-6, Intermediate-grade 7-9, Senior-grade 10 & over

Add: Pure boer & boer cross doe class

6 mo & under, 7 mo & under 1 year, 1-2 years, over 2 years

deleted: Nigerian classes

Poultry: best of class eligible for best of show/grand champion

Poultry & Rabbit: Vet check in Wednesday 1:00-4:00 pm., Thursday 8:00am-5:00pm

Rabbit: all classes are eligible for champion (best of market, pet, commercial, crossbred, fancy)

Raise number of rabbits to 10

Start judging at 11:00 a.m.

Split fancy breeds to Large & Small instead of all together

Cloverbuds: Second Grade: Display 8 mounted insects (its now 5)

Add: Graphic illustration using paint, paintbrush, or similar program grade 2

Add: seed picture page to grade 1 & 2

Add: home made fishing equipment grade 1 & 2

Add: Any item made at Grant County 4-H Cloverbud Day, grade 1 & 2

Cultural Arts; Add: Vocal, Vocal duet, Instrumental, Instrumental duet. They would have to perform on Saturday night

Add: Jewelry-necklace, Jewelry-earrings, Jewelry-bracelet, Jewelry-any other(each grade level)

Add: Scrape book, minimum of 5 pages

Photography: Add a 8 x 10 enlargement-any subject (color) to each grade group

Mechanical Projects: Added Robotics, grades 3-8. 1. Robot from a kit, 2. Exhibit showing the parts of a robot 3. Poster on difference between machines, computers and robots. 4. Scrapbook about your robotics project. Grades 9 & over 5. Robot designed and built. 6. Robot designed and programmed 7. Exhibit on loop programming 8. Poster (14"x22") on possible careers as a roboticist