

HELP WANTED—50/50 RAFFLE

The Grant County 4-H Organization will be helping the Grant County Fair Association sell 50/50 raffle tickets at the grandstand during the Fair. Volunteers are needed to help on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights as well as Sunday afternoon and night to sell tickets. Please call the Extension Office at 723-2125 today, to reserve a time slot to help raise money for the 4-H organization.



4-H Club Reports

CORNELIA BADGERS

by Leandra Wagner

- Donating milk to the Food Pantry.
- Talking about fair promotion.
- Participating in the Fair Promotion Sign Contest.
- Having a picnic.

HAZEL GREEN CLEVER CLOVERS

by Dustin Kilburg

- Discussing a local puppet show and will possibly have a food stand for them in the future.
- Receiving Bloomington Fair books.
- Deciding to not have a meeting in August.
- Deciding to have club meetings at the Southwestern Middle School cafeteria starting in September.
- Ordered new club t-shirts.
- Discussing fair promotion ideas and a location.
- Deciding to do a local club trip this year.
- Signing up for the Cancer Coalition Relay.

TOWN & COUNTRY KIDS 4-H

by JJ Donar

- Doing farm tours and ended with a potluck.
- Getting shirt sizes for tee shirts and polo's.
- Helping out with fair entries.
- Turning in dip order forms.
- Discussing who was going to State Fair.
- Discussing camping trip.
- Discussing 4-H camp and who was going.
- No meeting in August, having our next meeting September 13 bring your record books.



Thanks & Congrats

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

- **Blayne Kite, David Schumann, Victoria Kohout, Shyann Daily, Bailey, Kim and Brock Rule, Brandon and Allison Bickford, Kylie Washburn, Kolten Bartell and Joy Bickford** for assembling the July issue of the ECHO.
- **Ione Meoska and Dyan McLaughlin** for helping the Foods Revue Judges.
- **Grant County Cattlemen** for providing beef awards to the top beef recipes at Foods Revue.
- **Becky Martin and Angie Hermsen** for chaperoning the Dairy judging teams at Area Animal Science Day.
- **Dennis Patterson, Karen Reimer and Alicia Adams** for chaperoning the Livestock judging team at Area Animal Science Day.
- **Austin and Dustin Kilburg, Kate, Laura and Calvin Jeardeau, Everett and Rebecca Schwer, Amelia, Rebecca and Lena Frank, Katelyn and Tyler Bode and Meghan Bell** members of the Grant County Junior Leaders for helping paint the swine barn and wash rack at the fairgrounds in Lancaster.
- **Bob Keeney Family, Vicki Hoesly Family, Andy Butles Family and Randy Orth Family** for hosting dairy judging workouts to prepare the Sr Dairy Judging Team for State competition. **Chris and Rita Moore** for helping with the scoring.
- **Fullers Milker Center, Peoples Community Oil Coop and Mound City Bank** for helping sponsor the bus for Area Animal Science Day.

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

- **Brianne Boughton** for receiving the Over-all Special Award at Foods Revue. **Andrea Patterson, Sydney Linneman, Sonja Linneman and Brian Boughton** for receiving the Peer Choice Awards. **Katelyn Bode, Angela Drefcincki, Sonja Lineman and Matt Reimer** for receiving beef awards. **Matt Reimer** for receiving the top beef recipe award.
- **Sean Scanlan, Jeff Burggraf, Chris Moore and Kami Schuler** for placing third in the Senior Dairy Judging Division at Area Animal Science Day in West Salem. This team will advance on to State competition at Polk County. Other senior members were **Jenny Drossler, Kristen Oechsle, Kyle and Lucas Phelps**. **Hilaree Schultz** was Leadperson.
- **Bethany Droessler, Abrainna and Andraya Errthum, Cordt Esser, Jaron Frederick, Cheyenne Hughey, Shawna and Sydney Linneman, Charlie Moore and Mitchell Phelps** for competing in the Junior Dairy Judging at Area Animal Science Day. **Andraya Errthum** also competed in the Dairy poster contest.
- **Brian, Andrea and Amanda Patterson, Shea Esser and Kelli Retallick** all finished in the top ten at Area Animal Science Day in West Salem. The Senior team also placed first in the team competition and will be competing in the State competition July 27 at Arlington. Other senior members included **Jake Adams and Everett Schwer**.
- **Cody Adams, Ashley and Matt Reimer, Jessica and Andrea McDermott and Anna Tolle** competed in the Junior Livestock Judging at Area Animal Science Day.
- **Kelli Cliff and Megan Zart** for attending the Citizenship Washington Focus trip.
- **Rebecca Nelson, Megan Zart, Kelli Cliff, Meghan Bell and Rebecca Frank** for attending the Quad County trip to St Louis.
- **Alesha Kuster** for being crowned Grant County Fairest of the Fair. **Brittany Pitzen** was runner-up. **Bethany Glasson** for competing also.
- **Blockhouse Builders, Busy Badgers, Dairyland Diamonds and Town & Country Kids 4-H Club** for selling dip for the 4-H Leaders Association.

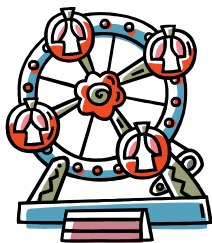
GRANT COUNTY 4-H BLOG

Check out the new 4-H Blog at grantcounty4h.blogspot.com. It has information on upcoming activities and is a place for Grant County 4-H members, leaders and parents to generate, share and keep up with activities, happenings and achievements.



It is here!

August is a big month for Grant County 4-H. Many of the fun activities we have all been waiting for are here. The month starts off with a bang at Grant/Millwaukee 4-H Camp at Upham Woods. I can't wait to see you all there! We have tons of fun stuff planned and we will learn a lot too. Then the Wisconsin State Fair takes up the middle of the month. I can hardly contain my excitement for my first WI State Fair. I am very proud of all the 4-H members and leaders that will be representing Grant County at the State Fair.



We will round off the month with the Grant County Fair. Which is sure to be a Moooving Experience for everyone. I wish all 4-Hers good luck with any 4-H projects they are taking to the fair. You have already reaped the rewards for all your hard work. The reward is the learning and growth you gained through hands-on experience.

Happy August everyone!

Betsy Olson, 4-H Youth Development Agent

WISCONSIN 4-H YOUTH LEADER COUNCIL DELEGATES NEEDED

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. New members need to complete an application and are selected by present YLC members and youth delegates to Fall Forum. Council members must have completed the 8th grade and not exceeded the completion of 11th grade of the calendar year during which their term begins. Council members serve a 2-year term.

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 and other statewide committees and events.

Application deadline is September 1. For more information and application contact the Extension Office.

GRANT COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS TO PERFORM AT WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

Friday, August 7, 10:15 am,
1:30 pm and 3:45 pm—
Bethany White

Thursday, August 13, 9:45 am,
1:30 pm & 4:15 pm—Victoria
Kohout and Camille Mulrooney



Miscellaneous

4-H LEADERS' FUND-RAISER—DIP'N GOOD DIPS

The Grant County 4-H Leaders' Association is selling dips from Dip'n Good Dips. Each dehydrated package makes two cups of dip and will be sold for \$5 with \$2.50 profit for the Leaders' Association. If you or your club would like more dip, contact Marcia Rupp at 853-2357 or Pam Frank at 854-2900. The Leaders Association will be selling dips at their Silent Auction Booth in the Y & Ag during the Grant County Fair.



PLATTEVILLE DAIRY DAYS—September 11, 12, 13—Premium books for Platteville Dairy Days will be ready for pick up August 1. Books can be picked up at the Extension Office or at Vosberg's, 10091 Hake School Rd, Livingston, 943-8492.

TRIP BROCHURES ARE DONE—A booklet which provides details on many 4-H opportunities is now available for 4-H Club Leaders. Information on trips, teams, and camps available in the county and beyond is provided. Next time you are in the Extension Office, get a few for your club. Or contact the Extension Office and we will get some to you.

SALE ON PLAT BOOKS—The Grant County Plat Book prices were reduced from \$30 to the rock bottom price of **\$20**. Snatch them up before supplies are gone!

4-H FLOAT— The 4-H Junior Leaders have updated the 4-H float with the theme of "Capture the 4-H Spirit". If your club would like to use the float in any upcoming parades or local events, contact the Extension Office to reserve it. The 4-H Leaders Association will give each club that uses the float \$10 to help cover the mileage. This is another way to advertise 4-H in your community and help in recruiting new members.

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.

4-H ENDOWMENT FUND—If you would like to contribute to the Grant County 4-H Endowment Fund in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, or make a gift donation, contact Cathy at the Extension Office.



Leader News

NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERS BOARD

At our September 9, 4-H Countywide meeting we will be taking nominations for President-Elect, Secretary, Bloomington Adult and Youth Delegates and Alternates and Fennimore Adult and Youth Delegates and Alternates. These terms are a two year term, except President Elect is only a one year term. The board meets about 10 times a year along with interviewing youth for state and national trips and any other issues that may evolve. This is a wonderful opportunity for youth and leaders to get involved with the operations of the Grant County 4-H. If you know of someone that would be interested, contact the Extension Office or your district representative before the September 9 meeting.

**All 4-H leaders & members are encouraged
to attend the...**

Countywide 4-H Leaders Meeting
Wednesday, September 9
7:30 pm, Youth & Ag Center
Lancaster

4-H Executive Board will meet September 14, 7:30 pm

NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERS AWARDS

The 4-H Leaders Board is asking for your help in nominating leaders for the John Edge Memorial Award and the Meritorious Award. The John Edge Award is presented each year to two adult leaders with 10 years or less of service to Grant County 4-H. The Meritorious Award is presented to individuals and businesses who have given an extended period of exceptional service to Grant County 4-H and youth. If you have someone you would like to nominate call Cathy or Bev at the Extension Office or contact your district representative before the September 9 meeting.

4-H CLUB INTERESTED IN PREPARING LEADERS BANQUET DINNER

Is your club interested in preparing the meal for the 4-H Leaders Banquet scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, at the Youth & Ag Center? The 4-H Leaders Association offers this fund raiser to 4-H clubs and Junior Leaders each year in order to make extra money for club activities. You would be preparing a meal for around 100-130 4-H leaders and distinguished guests. This is on a rotation basis so every club has the opportunity to participate. If your club is interested, please contact the Extension Office.



Leader News

Jr. Leader's June Meeting

Meeting Date: June 28

Old Business:

*4-H Royalty Contest—Tuesday night August 18

*Dairy Breakfast—order more tattoos & balloons

New Business:

*Dunk Tank at Fair: Chuck Frank will call & see about this. Sign-up sheet will go around.

*Fundraising Ideas: car wash & lemonade stand

*Fair Sign: Vet Association. Julie will call.

Next Meeting: July 16th 9am UW-Extension

Fairgrounds cleanup.

Jr. Leader's July Meeting

Old Business—

*Dunk Tank - There are not enough people to work so we will not be having any kind of activity at the fair.

*Royalty Contest - Judges need to be picked by Wednesday, August 5.

New Business--

*4-H Promotions—Sign to promote at fair

*Dance at Armory in Platteville; tentatively scheduled for September 26 from 7-10 pm

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, August 16 at 1:30pm,
Officers meet at 1pm at Youth & Ag in Lancaster

North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum October 1-4, 2009 Lincoln, NE

The University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development Program is excited to invite you to the 2009 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum in historic downtown, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Nebraska team is working hard at “Giving You our Best” so that you, as a volunteer, will be able to “Give them Your Best”. This will be accomplished with:

- Speakers that will make you laugh and learn about the best things you have to offer.
- Educational tours highlighting companies, museums and attractions unique to Nebraska.
- A variety of educational experiences to share with your local clubs, counties, regions and state counterparts.
- Plenty of time for socializing and networking with volunteers from across the region.
- A hotel which is located in the heart of Haymarket District which provides participants with a variety of dining and shopping opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you in Lincoln October 1-4! Check out the website for more information

<http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm>