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NATIONAL SOIL SCIENCE PROJECT—4-H members can help the National Soil Research Project at Northeastern University, Boston, where students are measuring the humic (HA) and fulvic acid (FA) contents of the nations agricultural top soils. HA and FA are vital organic components of healthy soils. They retain water, act as ph buffers, improve soil texture/porosity and regulate many other soil functions. If any one is interested in finding out more information contact the Extension Office or email g.davies@neu.edu for more information.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DERBY—Milton High School, November 7 & 8. This dynamic program is geared to 15-18 year olds looking to explore careers in the dairy industry. For more information contact the Extension Office or visit their website at www.pdpw.org.

4-H ARTS CAMP—October 3-4, Wisconsin Dells, the camp is for middle school 4-H youth. Sessions are taught in photography, music, drama, communications and visual arts. Application deadline is September 1 and it costs \$60. For more information contact the Extension Office.

SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION SCHEDULED: September 18 & 19 at the Stoughton Conservation Club in Dane County. Registration information is at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinepro/shooting/2009CertificationTraining.cfm>.

BADGER PRODUCTION SALE, featuring sheep from the University of Wisconsin – Madison sheep research unit, will take place on September 19, at the UW Research Farms' Public Events Building in Arlington. 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. For more information check out their website at www.badgerproductionsale.com or call the Extension Office.

YOUTH BEEKEEPING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM is sponsored by the Southwest District of the Wisconsin Honey Producers Association. Youth must be between 12 and 17 by November 1 of current year. Application deadline is October 15. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

YOUTH SWEEPSTAKES OFFERED AT WISCONSIN SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL for youth who participate during the September 11-13th Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival at the Jefferson County Fair grounds. 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. The grand prize is \$75. 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 For more information contact Todd Taylor at taylorssheep@yahoo.com.



Animal Science

**TO ALL 4-H AND FFA FAMILIES, AG INSTRUCTORS,
AND GRANT COUNTY LIVESTOCK PROMOTERS**

The Grant County Livestock Promoters are again sponsoring an Appreciation Banquet to recognize all youth selling projects at this year's Grant County Fair Junior Livestock Auction and their Buyers. This event will be held, **Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 7:30pm** at the Youth & Ag Building in Lancaster. Cooperating in this event are the following county organizations: Pork Producers, Cowbells, Cattlemen, Sheep Producers, Holstein Breeder's Association, Lancaster Ambassadors, and the Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce.

We are offering a \$200 scholarship, a \$150 scholarship, and a \$100 scholarship. To qualify for this scholarship you need to sell 6 banquet tickets. Once you sell 6 tickets your name will be placed in a drawing to compete for the 3 scholarships. The more tickets sold, the more chances to win!! Winners must qualify for having a fair entry next year and the prize money must be used towards that project. As an additional incentive, in recognition of promoting this event, the "Top Ticket Seller" will receive a Nintendo Wii donated by Charter Fuels of Lancaster. Tickets will be available for you to pick up during fair week at the Livestock Pavilion kitchen.

All 4-H and FFA youth are encouraged to sell tickets and take advantage of winning some valuable prizes. Buy your tickets from them and enjoy a fine meal and some fun! Tickets are available for purchase or consignment from any of these businesses: M&I Bank, Weber Brothers Jewelers; Woodhouse & Bartley Bank, Bloomington; Badger State Bank, Cassville; Community First Bank, Boscobel, or from any banking office of First National Bank, Mound City Bank, or American Bank & Trust.

Tickets this year are \$7.00 each. Those selling tickets on consignment should **return** unsold tickets and remit sales proceeds to their consignment outlet **prior to September 8**. If you have any questions, call Grant County Extension Office 723-2125 or the Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce 723-2820.

Sincerely,
Shari A. Zenz, Chairperson

GRANT COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK APPRECIATION BANQUET, SEPTEMBER 16

Youth who sell livestock or cheese at the Grant County Livestock Auction are encouraged to sell tickets for the Livestock Auction Banquet, Wednesday, September 16. Friends, family and businesses who did not purchase animals at this year's fair would be good contacts to sell banquet tickets to.

Buyers will receive a special invite with two complimentary tickets to the banquet. The price of the tickets are deducted from the exhibitors check to ensure all buyers receive tickets to the banquet.

The top ticket seller will receive a Nintendo Wii donated by Charter Fuels. Second place ticket seller will receive a \$25 savings bond donated by Dorothy Noble. Tickets sell for \$7 and are available at the Grant County Extension Office and local banks. Ticket sales must be turned into their respective bank or the Extension Office by September 8.



**HELP WANTED FOR THE
LIVESTOCK
APPRECIATION
BANQUET**

The 30th Annual Grant County Junior Fair Livestock Promoters Appreciation Banquet will be Wednesday, September 16. In order for this banquet to run smoothly, we would like to ask for assistance from two leaders from each 4-H group. The people who do the preparation for the banquet and give their time throughout the day would really appreciate having some help during the evening. The banquet is to begin at 7:30 pm, at the Youth & Ag Center. The duties would include helping to serve the meal, coffee, milk, etc., and to clean-up afterwards.

Please send your reply by September 11 to Walter & Mary Hampton, 8476 2nd, Glen Haven, WI 53810. Thank you very much for your cooperation. It is most appreciated.