



# Thanks & Congrats

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

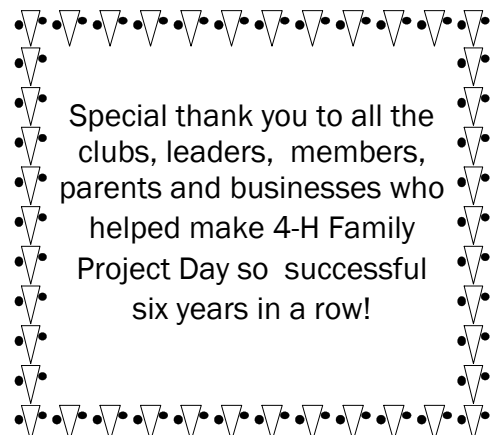
- Ryan and Tammy Harms Myers, Jaiden Jenkins, Janet Hottenstein and Elaine, Rebecca and Bethany Harkness for assembling the February ECHO.
- Active Americans, Blockhouse Builders, Busy Badgers, Cassville Riverside, Cornelia Badgers, Dairyland Diamonds, Happy Clovers, Hazel Green Clever Clovers, Little Grant, Merry Mixers, Mt Hope Cardinals, Platteville Woodchucks, Plum Valley Boosters, Stitzer Go-Getters, Wingville Clovers, Town & Country Kids, Mt Ida Hilltoppers, Happy Hopper Rabbit Club, Wings Over Wisconsin, UW-Platteville Robotics for having booths at 4-H Family Project Day.
- Blakes Prairie Bombers 4-H Club for preparing the meal for 4-H Family Project Day.
- 4-H Family Project Day Committee: Jeanette Campbell, Laurie Schuler, Charlene Ackerman, Peggy Reimenapp, Bev Broihahn, Cindy Arndt, Sue Breuer, Scott Napp, Pauline Pitzen, Karen Reimer and Dyan McLaughlin for planning 4-H Family Project Day.
- Grant County Cattleman, Premier Coop, Wapsie Valley Cheese, Foremost Farms, Grant County Drug Coalition, WI Milk Marketing Board, Platteville Quick Trip, Spensley Trucking, Walmart and Queen B Radio for helping support 4-H Family Project Day.
- Keeney Motors, Reynolds Electric and Austin Engineering for sponsoring the Radio ads for 4-H Family Project Day.
- Becky Martin and Jeanna Burggraf for coaching the Dairy Quiz Bowl teams.
- Errthum and Moore families for providing transportation to the State 4-H Quiz Bowl.
- The Weekender newspaper for advertising 4-H Family Project Day.

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

- Erin Beck, Brian Cooley, Leana Frank and Mason Crooks for winning the drawing books at 4-H Family 4-H Family Project Day.
- Charlie Moore, Charlie Hamilton, Cordt Esser and Abraina Errthum for placing 2nd at the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest. Andrea Pagenkopf, Becky Steffensmeier, Jeff Burggraf and Sean Scanlan for competing in the Senior Division.
- Brian Vaassen and Arnold Adams for being certified in the Shooting Sports Project.

### 4-H CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP TO MAKE A 4-H MAP OF WI

Utilizing GIS software and 4-H club coordinates, the Bayfield County Extension Office will produce a map of Wisconsin that indicates the location of each club across the state. If your club wants to participate or have any questions please contact Andy & Kelli Tuttle at 715-739-6881; [bluestemforest@cheqnet.net](mailto:bluestemforest@cheqnet.net) or Ian Meeker at the Bayfield County Extension Office [ian.meeker@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:ian.meeker@ces.uwex.edu).





# 4-H Club Reports

## BLAKES PRAIRE BOMBERS

by Quinn Crubel

- Having a Christmas party and exchanging gifts.
- Handing out record book awards.
- Discussing 4-H Family Project Day.
- Having our next meeting February 15.

## BUSY BADGERS

by Shelby Schramm

- Making a Valentine sun catcher.
- Going to see Ruby and Sydney Kwallek's lambs at their grandpas.
- Roller skating at Fennimore on February 21 at 1:00 pm. Bring a friend.
- Donating \$30 for Operation Easter Bunny. Bringing a canned good to the March meeting.
- Having our next meeting March 8, at 6 pm.

## DAIRYLAND DIAMONDS

by Emily Reuter

- Discussing 4-H Family Project Day.
- Playing bingo with the residents at Orchard Manor, we all had a lot of fun.
- Congratulating Cora Cornett for her picture being selected for the State 4-H Photography exhibit.
- Welcoming new members Drew Noble and Gracie Vesperman to our club.
- Donating \$75 to Operation Easter Bunny.
- Meeting Betsy Olson our new 4-H Youth Development agent.
- Making homemade pizza and having a pizza party.

## HAZEL GREEN CLEVER CLOVERS

by Dustin Kilburg

- Doing a club fundraiser with sales due by next meeting.
- Sampling dips and spreads.
- Reading Thank You letters from adopt-a-family and local food pantry.
- Reminding club members about county speaking and demonstration contest.
- Talking about 4-H Family Project Day February 14 at the Youth and Ag.
- Painting a base coat on flower pots.
- Discussing on purchasing speakers and receivers for dances.
- Having a club design-a-T-shirt contest.
- Having the new 4-H Agent/Betsy Olson attend our 4-H meeting.
- Deciding to donate canned vegetables to Operation Easter Bunny.

- Playing kick-ball and basketball in gym.
- Having our next meeting at Hazel Green Town Hall, upper level at 1:00 pm, following the meeting, we will go to Firehouse for fire safety meeting.

## TOWN & COUNTRY KIDS 4-H CLUB

by JJ Donar

- Donating money to Junior Leaders Operation Easter Bunny.
- Deciding to have a couples discount for the February Dance.
- Doing Adopt a Family for Easter.
- Having diorama project meeting with Mike Holzer.
- Voting on banner for our club.
- Voting on coloring contest for Operation Easter Bunny.
- Having our next meeting March 8 at 4:00 pm, coloring contest and making cards.

## JUNIOR LEADER MINUTES

Meeting Date: Sunday January, 25

### Old Business:

- Dance/Lock-In—Saturday, February 28. Be here at 5:00 pm, to help set-up. Dance is at 7:00 pm.
- Melissa is ordering cheese, pepperoni & sausage pizzas for food at the dance. We are still looking for a male chaperone!
- Operation Easter Bunny

### New Business:

- Pizza fundraiser
- 4-H Family Project Day,
- Guest Speaker Loren Daentl came to speak about opportunities with 4-H.

Having our next meeting: Saturday, February 28 at the Youth & Ag Building at 5:00 pm.

Activity: dance & lock in.



# President's Message

Hello all,

*Sorry I've been a bit remiss in getting these letters done! The 4-H year is going fast already!*

*How many of you made it to 4-H Family Project Day on Saturday, February 14? It was wonderful to see so many clubs teaching projects and such a huge response of families attending.*

*Keep an eye on your ECHO as there are many great opportunities coming up at the various project meetings.*

*The Leader's Association Executive Board has been busy setting goals for this year. Our main focus will be how to maintain our budget in the difficult economy and how to recruit new members as well as retain our current 4-H members. We continue to see a decline in membership each year.*

*We will be brainstorming on these goals at the Countywide 4-H Leaders Meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. If you have ideas or suggestions, please join us at the meeting. If you can't make the meeting, please contact myself or one of your district representatives with your suggestions. We can't achieve our goals without input and hard work from all of our 4-H leaders.*

*Thanks for all you do for 4-H and its members,*

*Jeanette Campbell, 4-H Leader's Association President*

*943-8432*

Letter from Agent:

Wow! What an amazing two months Grant County 4-H has had in 2009. We had a record attendance at 4-H Family Project Day, thanks to all the great work of the 4-H Family Project Day Committee as well as the creativity and planning of many 4-H clubs. New leaders have received training, new officers had a chance to learn about their roles, and new club leaders collaborated at a training session with Cathy McPhail.

I have started visiting the 4-H club meetings and have had a really good time meeting parents, members, and leaders throughout the county. The diversity and energy of the 4-H clubs continues to strike me and I learn a new lesson at every club I visit. Thank you to the clubs I have visited so far and I anticipate more lessons and laughs at the rest of the clubs on my list.

As you look forward to spring and the new growth and sunny activities that it brings, I encourage you to use these final weeks of winter to start this year off on solid ground. Starting off with a solid plan based on lessons learned from the successes and challenges of this last year leads to a higher chance of progress. We must all work together to make this 4-H year a success and so far all indications are that we are starting out on the right path.

Betsy Olson, 4-H Youth Development Agent

Did you know you can find the ECHO and all the record book forms, registration forms, & so much more on the 4-H web site at: <http://grant.uwex.edu>



# Miscellaneous

**VOLUNTEER TAX DEDUCTIONS** Volunteer Tax Deductions—A number of tax benefits are available for volunteers under the general charitable deduction of the International Revenue code. Volunteers may deduct unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses directly related to a charitable organization such as 4-H if they itemize deductions for 2008. Detailed information is available in IRS Publication 526, or check out the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Click on “More Forms and Publications” then “Publication number” then scroll down to Publication 526.

**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. Such events could be attending National Breed shows, State and National judging contests, fitting and showing clinics, or any other activity that will educate and benefit a Grant County youth interested in the livestock 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.

**WISCONSIN CATTLEMEN'S & WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP**— Students in senior year of high school enrolling in any university, technical college or community college can apply. Ten \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Application deadline is March 17, contact the Extension Office for more information.

**GRANT COUNTY FARM PROGRESS DAYS SCHOLARSHIP**—Students must be pursuing a course of study in a recognized School of Agriculture, either two—or four-year. The scholarship will be based on: Scholastic achievement; Extracurricular activities; An essay on career plans and two letters of recommendation from non family members. Application deadline is March 1. Contact the Extension Office for an application.

**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.

**TREES FOR SALE**—The Wisconsin DNR - State Nursery Program would like to encourage 4H clubs and other youth groups to plant trees. Go online to <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/Nursery/Order/index.htm> and download an order form for a list of available trees and prices. Or you may contact one of the three state nurseries for a tree order form—(608) 375-4123, (715) 424-3700, or (715) 634-2717.

**WISCONSIN STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS**—New rule this year: In order to participate in the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Livestock show a member must attend at least 3 educational experiences sponsored by their youth organization. The following are classified as educational experiences: Fitting Clinics; - Judging Workshops; Attend breed/Livestock Sales; Speaking Contests; Project Meetings; Skillathon Workshops; Quiz Bowls; \*Recreation/Social Activities; \*Organizational Meetings (monthly); \*Exhibiting at Livestock Shows. \*May only be counted as an educational activity once. Evidence of non-compliance may disqualify a member and or organization from current or future Wisconsin State Fair participation.