



Family Times

Enriching youth, families and communities through citizenship, leadership, and life skills experiences.



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Tell Why You L VE 4-H

Many people have heard about 4-H but don't understand what it is or where to go and because of our history people think 4-H is only about rural activities. 4-H is much more than that, it is about Youth Development.

One way you and your club can help promote 4-H and get more members for the program and your club is to make promotion one of your goals. Here are some ideas:

Happy members are the best promotion. Word-of-mouth is very powerful! If your members are happy with their 4-H experiences, they will tell others about them.

Welcome new members. When new members attend your meeting, make them feel welcome, be sure they are greeted and make them feel part of the group. Many children are shy and have a difficult time getting acquainted. If they don't have a good experience, they might not come back.

Promoting 4-H

- **Tell a positive and accurate story.** Perception is more influential than the truth, therefore, your promotional efforts should be positive and polished, per example: make sure the posters are neat and complete.
- **Promotion should happen all the time.** Special events are only part of the total effort. Promotion is a continual process, the public today is different than tomorrow.
- **Promotion should use different channels.** Vary your ways to promote 4-H, make posters, send announcements to the radio, write a letter to the editor at your local newspaper, use the 4-H Facebook page, etc.
- **Be creative.** People like to hear and try new things all the time. Try a new way to promote 4-H! Be unique and get noticed.



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- **Other promotion ideas.** Use and adapt the ideas listed below as needed.
- * Join the celebration and participate in **National 4-H week, October 4 - 10, 2015**
- * Wear your 4-H pride: t-shirts, buttons, etc.
- * Community service is a great way to create public relations.
- * Send announcements to your local newspaper, the Facebook page, etc.
- * Host a “poster making” party/contest. Make sure to include details like: place and time of your meeting and contact numbers. Place the posters in public places (with permission)
- * Don’t forget to send thank you cards to the people who helped you, great way to maintain their support.
- * Host an open house.
Purchase or create placemats and donate them to a local restaurant.
- * Arrange public presentations at school, libraries and community groups.
- * Participate in community functions: parades, Fondue Fest, etc.
- * Create a club banner to be used at public events.

The UW-Extension office will support your promotional efforts - send us pictures, articles, stories to be featured in the “Family Times” newsletter, Facebook, etc. We can also provide promotional materials such as 4-H brochures, flyers, stickers, etc.

New 4-H Family Corner

Share 4-H with Others

Yes, families who are finishing their first year in 4-H do have clout. You have experienced new things: learned about many 4-H opportunities; met new people; learned about things you never knew existed; and hopefully had fun in the process. Now it is in your power to tell your friends, neighbors, relatives, and classmates what you did. Tell them about your club activities and the projects you worked on. Describe what it is like at the fair, camp, community service events, and other activities. Your enthusiasm is key to creating awareness about 4-H. Bring a friend to your next 4-H event.

Fostering Leadership

Teens – We Know You Want to Be Part of What is Happening!

Teen Leader Association (TLA) members had great fun tailgating and going to a Brewers game in August. We are now planning for the new 4-H year of activities. Any 4-H member who has completed 6th grade or above is eligible to participate in TLA events. The next meeting is Monday, September 28 at 7:30 pm at Rolling Meadows Meeting Room at the golf course in FdL. We are done by 9 pm. All meetings include food, friends and fun. See you there.



TLA sponsored a day at Marsh Haven Nature Center for 38 Boys & Girls Club Members. We did crafts, took a nature hike, learned about animals and took a walk on the boardwalk at Horicon Marsh.

Apply for 2016 4-H Conferences, National Experiences & Key Award

Now is the time of year to apply to be a county delegate for the 2016 state and national 4-H conferences and educational experiences, and the Key Award. All 4-H members in grades 7 + are strongly encouraged to apply for one or more of the 4-H experiences. You are guaranteed an opportunity like no other! The 4-H Leaders Association provides financial support for these experiences and additional support is available upon request. Details about how to apply are available on page 15-16 of the August newsletter. Applications are available from your club general leader, the UW-Extension office, or the county 4-H website: <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/4h/travel-experiences-a/>. Applications are due to the UW-Extension office by September 15.

4-H Grows Here

Adult and Youth Leaders - Mark Your Calendars for Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

Don't miss out on a great statewide workshop for youth and adult leaders!!!

What: Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

When: November 6-8, 2015 (starting with registration at 6:00 p.m. Friday, November 6 and ending 10:30 a.m. November 8)

Where: Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells

Who: Each county is encouraged to send a delegation of youth and adults

- 7th – 13th grade youth
- Adult volunteer leaders

Cost:

- \$100 registration fee for youth and for adults. One half of this will be reimbursed by 4-H Leader Ass'n. (Includes 4 meals, breaks, facility fees and supplies) Market Fresh Buffet will be used for lunch and breakfasts. Teen Leaders will provide \$35 for lodging for youth active in in TLA.
- Lodging:
 - * Adults
 - ◆ \$60/night if there are a minimum of two adults
 - ◆ \$75 - Single adult room
 - ◆ \$35/night with three or more adults per room
 - * Youth
 - ◆ \$35/night with three – four youth per room

The program kicks off Friday evening with over 15 interactive sessions. Saturday offers more than 25 workshops to choose from. Top off the night with a special celebration where 10 people will be inducted in to the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. An evening of circle dancing and table games will follow the celebration. Sunday morning brings a high energy program that you can use at the club or community level.

Hall of Fame

All youth participants need to have a chaperon who has completed Youth Protection identified when they register.

Top Ten Reasons Youth and Adult Leaders Will Want To Attend!

1. 15+ interactive sessions Friday night... science , archery, 4-H Military Kids , exploring Upham Woods,
2. 25+ sessions Saturday from electricity and photography to team building
3. Hear the Vision for 4-H from State Program Director Dale Leidheiser
4. Get to meet adults and youth from around the state
5. See youth adult partnerships in action
6. Networking and idea sharing
7. Be part of Wisconsin's largest university youth outreach program!!
8. Great ideas and projects to take home to use in clubs, schools and community settings
9. Have fun!
10. Celebrate Wisconsin 4-H and learn more about First Generation 4-H!

Register through 4-HOnline at <https://4honline.com> beginning September 4th. Registration will end September 28th. This program is partially funded by the WI 4-H Foundation.

Required Annual Training for Each Club and Chartered 4-H Group

'Find the Heart of 4-H' is the theme for the 2015 e-Forums hosted by the North Central Region. There are three forums that will each be offered twice. The forums will last 1 ½ hours. Check below to learn which training(s) will be offered in our county or neighboring counties. At least one volunteer from each chartered 4-H group and club must annually attend a training. More people from each club are certainly welcome. Pick the topic, the date or location that fits your needs and interests. You may attend all three programs.



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Annual Training Program Topics

Topic	Date	Time	Host County
The heart of belonging	Oct 8	6-7:30 pm	Sheboygan, Calumet, Winnebago
The heart of belonging	Oct 13	7-8:30 pm	Fond du Lac, Outagamie
The heart of community	Nov 5	6-7:30 pm	Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, Outagamie
The heart of community	Nov 10	7-8:30 pm	Washington, Calumet, Winnebago
Encouraging the heart of leadership	Dec 3	6-7:30 pm	Sheboygan, Winnebago
Encouraging the heart of leadership	Dec 8	7-8:30 pm	Fond du Lac, Washington

The Heart of Belonging

Learn how to guide youth in developing a list of club or group expectations that accommodates all members, to support youth with special needs, and discover resources to help you in your role as a caring adult. Leave with activities that will help you foster positive behavior, belonging, and inclusion in your club!

The Heart of Community

Volunteers in this session will be prepared to help youth find their voices as they become actively engaged in their communities. The session will include resources and models to incorporate mastery, belonging, generosity, and independence as you include citizenship activities in 4-H settings.

Encouraging the Heart of Leadership

Young people do not magically become leaders at age 13! Leadership is nurtured from their first 4-H experience. You'll receive tools to help inspire youth of all ages to discover and develop independence and mastery.

Youth & Adults – Select from the Following Opportunities

Both youth and adults may serve in the roles listed below. Full details and background info are available. Contact Denise at the UW-Extension office by mid-September for more information or to volunteer.

- Review volunteer and business recognition applications, select recipients and announce them at the leader banquet – Commitment is in Oct & Nov
- Interview youth who applied for trips and key award (Youth who are not applying may be interviewees) – Interviews are held Sept 29 and Oct 3. Interviewees may volunteer either or both days.
- Read and critique trip and key award applications (Youth who are not applying may be readers) Commitment is from Sept 20 to Oct 1.
- Suggest topics, recruit presenters and plan details for Family Learning Day – there will be one planning meeting in Oct

Each of these volunteer roles will have the potential to enhance or use your skills, allow you to mingle with new people, provide insight into the depth and breadth of 4-H, bring new and creative ideas, and positively impact the 4-H program.



Which Volunteer or Business Has Made a Difference in Your Life or Club?

It is time to nominate 4-H volunteers and businesses to be recognized for their contributions. Please send in their name and a short description of the difference they are making. There are four categories

1.) 4-H Alumni - given to an individual who, at one time, was a 4-H member and currently shows much support for the 4-H Program. Two to four (2-4) awards may be given annually.

2.) Meritorious Leader - given to an individual who was not a 4-H member; however currently shows much concern and responsibility as a 4-H Leader (i.e. not 4-H Alumni). One to two (1-2) awards may be given annually.

3.) Friend of 4-H - given to an individual, business, or group from the community that has shown much support for the 4-H Program in a variety ways. One (1) award is given annually.

4.) 4-H Volunteer of the Year (less than 10 years of service) **Lifetime Volunteer of the Year** (10 or more years of service) – given to individuals who have done an outstanding job of volunteering. Here is a link to the 4-H Volunteer & Business Recognition application <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/files/2015/08/Vol-Awrd-App.pdf> or call the UWEX office for a copy. It is due Sept. 30.

Adult Volunteers Being Sought for Leaders Association Executive Board

You can provide direction for 4-H while learning more about how 4-H operates beyond the club level. Six adults serve three-year terms on your board of directors for the Adult Leaders Association. Meetings are held about eight times a year to plan programs, set policies, and provide leadership for the county 4-H program. Two adults are being sought for election to the board this year. They must come from the following clubs:

District #3: Busy Bees, Green Valley, Hands of Friendship or a county leader. Currently, Karen Holzmann represents this district on the board. She has served one term.

District #5: Armstrong, Campbellsport, Welcome or a county leader. Currently, Kimberly Carey represents this district. She has served one term.

See the current board member profiles on pages 15-17. If you are interested in serving on the board, or would like to nominate someone, contact the Extension Office or a current board member for position details. Elections will be held at the leaders' meeting in Oct. Elected individuals start their term in December.



You Can Help Select 4-H County Award Recipients

Any interested adult volunteer or 4-H parent is eligible to review record books and other applications for county and state awards. Each club is to have a minimum of one representative. Larger clubs should have more than one representative. This year's chairpersons are Rose Petrie and Karen Albert. Orientation is provided. Review of materials will be on Saturday, September 12, at 8:30 a.m. in UW-FdL Admin/Extension Bldg. room 205/6. If you cannot be present by 8:30 a.m., come as soon as you can. The Leaders' Association will provide lunch, so please call the Extension Office by Sept. 10 if you are attending.

Club Representatives Invited to Upcoming Fond du Lac County 4-H Leader Meeting

The annual meeting of the Fond du Lac County 4-H Adult Leader Association, Inc. will be held Tuesday, October 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the UW-FdL Arts Building in room A219. Board members will be elected. Refreshments will be served by Brandon Tanagers, Forest Hills, and Taft 23. All volunteers, parents and teens are invited to this meeting. Each club is encouraged to have a representative present.

Opportunities & Events



What: Training for 4-H adult and older youth leaders about the importance of providing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs for 4-H youth taught by State 4-H Youth Development Specialists. During this one day training, participants (will learn how to lead STEM activities including robotics and the use of digital learning such as GPS units. Participants will be provided with time during the training to plan how they will implement STEM programs with youth in their county. Limited to the first 40 participants.

When: Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Lincoln County Service Center Assembly Room (upper level)
801 N. Sales Street in Merrill, WI 54452

Cost: The training is FREE. Participants are asked to bring their lunch.

All participants must register by Monday, September 28, 2015 by returning the form below.

STEM Leader Training Registration

Due by Monday, September 28, 2015 to:

Lincoln County UW-Extension Office

801 N. Sales Street, Suite 101

Merrill, WI 54452

Names(s) participant: _____

Address (include city) _____

Phone: _____ County: _____

Every Kid in a Park

This school year, fourth graders in the United States and their families will be entitled to free admission to America's national parks, federal lands and waters. The program is part of the White House's "Every Kid in a Park" initiative, in collaboration with the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation. Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, students can sign up online to receive a voucher that grants entrance to the holder and a carload of passengers to federal recreation areas for a year. Below are links to more information about the program, including how to sign up, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2015/02/19/let-s-get-every-kid-park>
<http://www.nationalparks.org/look/every-kid-in-a-park>
http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/23/travel/free-passes-to-parks-for-fourth-graders.html?_r=0

In the Spotlight

Featuring this month...

Celebrity Servers at the 2015 Fond du Lac County Fair

Rick Gudex, WI State Senator

Senate President Pro-Tempore Rick Gudex was born in Eden, WI in 1968. At an early age, a strong work ethic was instilled in him as he worked on construction sites and the family farm while attending St. Mary's Springs High School in Fond du Lac. Much of what he learned on the family farm is used in his work today in the legislature.

I support 4-H because: 4-H is a valuable program that teaches kids about leadership, teamwork, and personal responsibility. I fully support 4-H and hope that more of our younger generation become involved.



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Mike Howard, Fond du Lac County Fair Board Director and 4-H parent

I have lived most of my life in the suburbs of Chicago, far from any farms. I currently have a hobby farm and raise chickens, turkeys, goats, cows, pigs, a miniature horse and a miniature mule. I have run 8 full marathons.

I support 4-H because: I believe 4-H instills a fundamental direction for our children to be successful leaders in our community. 4-H is a guiding light that grooms our youth to have a strong work ethic, develop lifelong skills and to help support our community.



Citizenship Washington Focus:

A Great 4-H Experience

Are you a 15-19 year old 4-Her interested in seeing a new part of the country, making new friends and enhancing your leadership skills? If you answered yes to these questions, then Citizenship Washington Focus would be a great trip for you!

My name is Jacob Loehr and I was selected as a delegate for CWF this year, and just went on the trip from June 13-21. This experience was a blast and included: A tour of the Gettysburg Civil War battlefield, a trip to Mount Vernon to see George Washington's home, a night tour of all of the monuments and memorials in D.C., a visit to the capitol and a chance to meet our state's senators, and going to the national mall and visiting any of the Smithsonian's you wanted to. Aside from the sightseeing, we spent a lot of time at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. At the center, delegates took part in debates about current issues facing our country, a congressional session where bills were voted on, a derby (field day) where we got to play games outside, a dance, and committees that focused on different aspects of life such as healthy living or open mindedness.

Discussing the issues faced by our country and trying to find solutions to them was a great exercise for me. It encouraged me to think more about global issues and talking with other 4-Hers definitely allowed me to see these issues from different points of view than my own. Overall my CWF experience helped me come back a better-

rounded person than I was when I left. Meeting 4-Hers from across the country made me realize how much different life is for people even living in the same country as us. I made friendships with people from many different states as well as Wisconsin, and hope to keep in touch with them in the future. Going on this trip and going through the congressional and committee workshops made me want to participate in government, and become a better, more active and aware citizen. I also gained leadership skills on this trip, by having to organize, gather materials for and run a game at the derby, which was like a field day. If you go on this trip, I know you will feel the same and will come back with a much more open mind as well as many new friends.

Overall Citizenship Washington Focus is a great experience and I encourage high-school aged 4-Hers to attend it. This experience will enhance your understanding of current issues and events and help you see and appreciate other viewpoints that will challenge you to form your own opinions and contribute more to your community and country. To be able to attend CWF, you must first apply (applications found on the UW-Extension website) in September and go through and interview process before finding out if you have been selected for the experience. I fully endorse the Citizenship Washington Focus trip, and hope that many more youth from our county will have the opportunity to go on this trip and come back as better individuals ready to make a difference in their community.



Mount Vernon, George Washington's Home

Highlights from New Horizons

By: Kyle L

New Horizons has helped me develop my leadership and social skills. From participating in the monthly meetings, and fundraising, I helped plan the trip from start to finish. At the first meeting, we discussed fundraising ideas and places to go. A few months later, we all decided to go to Missouri. Then we did fundraising such as a brat fry, selling popcorn, and working at Culver's. Although this was not the most fun part of the experience, it taught me how much money something like this costs. I personally coordinated a community service project at the Salvation Army. It was cool to see how many people we were helping. We did another service project, and met with three 4-H groups from Missouri. We also did a few fun activities like visiting a cave and going to an old penitentiary. The New Horizons experience is a blast and I recommend it to any 4-Her.

New Horizons participants prepare and serve lunch at Salvation Army in Jefferson City MO.



By: Hanna B

Last September, I applied and got interviewed to go on the New Horizons trip again this year, and I got accepted. Part of the responsibility of this trip was planning where we were going, what we were going to do there, where we were going to stay, how we were going to get there, and all of the other details involved in organizing a trip. We had a meeting about once a month, and we decided to go to Missouri from July 26th through August 1st. We arranged to volunteer at a Dream Center, and a Salvation Army in Missouri. We also met up with two different 4-H groups from St. Louis, which turned out to be a really fun and great learning experience. I really enjoyed going on the New Horizons trip again this year, and I would strongly recommend this trip to anyone who meets the age requirements.

Understanding Culture & Heritage

4-H Alumni Spotlight: Posted on 4-H Today Blog by Elizabeth Riley

<http://www.4-h.org/4-h-today/?author=Elizabeth%20Riley>

Wood shavings, goat hair, and judging notebooks characterized my summers growing up, rather than the traditional sunscreen and bathing suits. I spent most of my time with Sarah, Ace, Geoffrey, and Habanero -- all sheep or goats in our show string.



Elizabeth spending time with her animals

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My 4-H career spanned nearly every conceivable event and team. I sewed, judged livestock, went to 4-H camp, learned to safely shoot BB guns, cured country hams, attended national conferences, and gave speeches. Dipping my toe into so many disciplines definitely made me a more well-rounded student, but my heart lied in the livestock program, specifically in Skillathon. I enjoyed that part of the livestock competitions the most because you relied solely on your ability and knowledge of animal science. Ten years of work and study culminated at the 2007 National 4-H Skillathon Contest in Louisville, Kentucky. My sister and I were on our county team (not to mention coached by our mother!) representing Kentucky 4-H and to our delight won the National Contest! This remains my proudest accomplishment as a 4-H member.



2007 National 4-H Skillathon Contest in Kentucky

Certainly the more traditional 4-H projects continue to remain relevant and practical, but I learned some of my most important lessons in an initiative Christian County 4-H took on called Youth in Governance (YIG). This program trained youth in advocacy and how government worked. Through our efforts, youth were placed as non-voting members of various boards and government agencies. We contended that the voice of youth was valuable and worth hearing. I was an ex-officio member of our local Economic Development Council (EDC), where I learned how industry impacts a community, how local governance works (or doesn't), and most importantly in my mind, the value of caring. When I was a teenager, it certainly wasn't "cool" to be passionate about something. Apathy was popular and being on the EDC as part

of YIG showed me that people dedicated to a cause get things done in their community. That lesson has stayed with me and ultimately played a part in my decision to join the Peace Corps, where I'm still working with 4-H in Jamaica. Our YIG group went to the Citizenship Washington Focus in 2004 and happened to be there during President Reagan's funeral, certainly a memorable experience.

One of my most treasured memories in 4-H is when I was an adult counselor at 4-H camp. I always preferred to be in charge of the youngest girls, even though they were often plagued with homesickness; the drama and boy-craziness of the older girls hadn't hit them yet, for which I was profoundly thankful. In Kentucky 4-H camps, a Spirit Stick is awarded to the teams with the most "spirit" at each evenings' activities; basically, the loudest ones. This always put my little ones at a disadvantage, but one night they pulled out all the stops and were awarded the Spirit Stick. To this day, I don't know why it touched me so much, perhaps we'd been denied it so long, but I was unbelievably proud of those girls.

My 4-H activities and animal science knowledge led me to receive my BS in Animal Science from the University of Kentucky and my MS, also in Animal Science, from Virginia Tech. The people I've met and friendships forged throughout the years have certainly enriched my life and made me a better person. I carry with me all the lessons that I learned through 4-H, especially applicable as I continue my Peace Corps service in Jamaica. I don't know what my next step in life will be, but you can bet 4-H will be part of it.



Elizabeth in Jamaica

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Are you a 4-H member, parent, volunteer or alum interested in sharing your story with the 4-H community? We would love to hear from you! Send your story to the UW-Extension office.

Taking Care of Business

Fair Checks

You should receive your fair check from your general leader. Please cash them soon. If you have questions about your check, email the fair office at:

info@fonddulacountyfair.com.

Contacting the UW-Extension Office

Yes, we like to hear from you! So here are a few tips to help us communicate effectively:

Emailing

- Type "4-H" and the topic that you are communicating about in the subject line.
- If you want confirmation that an email message was received, please indicate so in the document.

Calling

- Use the UW-Extension phone numbers listed on the back of the newsletter, or found on the home page of the 4-H website.
- Talk with Ann Kaiser, Gloria Kelroy, Tina Engelhardt, or Angela Folske. Each of them are Administrative Assistants in the UW-Extension office. They can answer many 4-H questions or will connect you with the person who can provide a response.
- With caller ID being so common, you may have the direct number to an educator. Because we are often at meetings or programs, your question might be answered faster if you call the main office and speak with an administrative assistant. They can tell you if someone is out of the office, so that you have a better sense of when to expect a reply.
- We have an answering service, so messages may be left in the evening or weekend.

In Person

- Schedule an appointment if you would like to talk specifically with an educator to ensure that our schedules work with your schedule.

- UW-Extension office is located on the UW-Fond du Lac campus in room 227 (second floor) of the Administration/Extension Building.
- Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.
- A drop box is located close to the UW-Extension office door if dropping off mail after office hours.
- Using Facebook and the 4-H Website are effective ways to get quick short answers about 4-H programs.



Fond du Lac County

Animal Sciences

Horse Calendar



A complete list of events and activities throughout the year can be found in the Horse & Pony Project Book, or on the 4-H website at <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/4h/projects/#horse>

September

- 7 Board of Directors, 7 pm, RMDB
- 5-6 State Gymkhana
- 15 Project Meeting, 7pm, RMDB, Election of Officers
- 17-20 State Horse Expo in Milwaukee
- 26-27 Wisconsin Interscholastic Horsemanship Association Show

October

- 5 Board of Directors, 7 pm RMDB
- 10 Trail Ride – Kettle Moraine/Chili dump 10 AM - ride departure, trail pass needed
- 20 Project Meeting, 7pm, RMDB, munchies & mixer, Humane Society Donation

Livestock Project - Upcoming Events

For a listing of all events, check <http://fyi.uwex.edu/fdlmeat/>

September

- 11** Market Livestock Project Forms Due to Extension Office. Form available at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/fdlmeat/forms/>
- 15** Market Livestock Committee Applications Due

Market Livestock Committee

Applications due September 15th

Each year the Fond du Lac County Fair Board accepts applications for new Market Livestock Committee members. The purpose of the Market Livestock Committee is to oversee the Market Livestock (beef, sheep, swine and meat goat) Projects. The committee is directly involved with educational requirements, show related activities and requirements, the market livestock auction, and volunteer coordination for the project and sale. If you are interested in serving on the Market Livestock Committee, please complete an application which is located at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/fdlmeat/forms/> Applications are due September 15th to the Fond du Lac County Fair Office by emailing them to info@fonddulacountyfair.com. If you have any questions regarding the Market Livestock Committee, please contact Market Livestock Committee Fair Board Liaison Mark Ryan at 920.923.3528 or Fair Manager Matt Immel at 920.907.1054.

Market Livestock Project Form

In order to be eligible for next year's sale, project members who sold a market animal at the Fond du Lac County Fair must turn in their Market Livestock Project Records Form to UW-Extension by 4:30 pm, Friday, September 11th. The form is available on the web at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/fdlmeat/forms/>.

Failure to complete the project record will result in loss of sale privilege for next year's market livestock sale. If you have any questions regarding the Market Livestock Project Record, please contact committee chairperson Ron Felten at 960.0609 or at rnfelten@hotmail.com.



The Small Animal Auction Says "Thank You!"

The Small Animal Committee and the project members of Rabbits and Poultry would like to extend our thanks for the community business support of our 23rd Annual FDL Co. Fair Small Animal Auction. The proceeds the committee makes on the resale and start-off donations help us fund our scholarships for the youth in our projects. Thank-you to all buyers listed and the great bidders who also participated.

Alex Costello	Mike Howard
Colton Grinstead	Mike Immel Rural Ins
Country Visions Coop	Oakfield Elevator
Dan & Pat Ludtke	Pat C.
Denise Retzleff	Rienzi Cemetary
Don's Custom Cabinets	Rose-Eld Farms
Dutch's Trading Post	Sadoff Iron and Metal
Eden Meat Market	Sattler Family
Eden Vet Clinic	Stan's Service Center
Frey Livestock	Todd Schaefer
Hillman Holsteins	Troy Schmidt Trucking
J & J Pickart	Utility Tool
Kohlman Farms	West Bend Elevator
Little Z's Chicken Shack	Youth Supporters
Meinert Tractor	



Valerie Kramer with the Ludtke family 'Lead Off' donation and purchaser Frey Livestock.

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Karissa Birschbach and Alex Costello received Small Animal Project scholarships awarded by Luke Zimmerman.



Grade 9-12
Prizes in each division
1st \$35
2nd \$25
3rd \$15

Rules

Size 11"x14" poster board
Print clearly on back: name, address, age, grade
Include theme in design
Posters become property of Honey Ass'n.

Most bees live in bee hives. Paper wasps live in nests hanging from a tree branch. Not bees!

Mail by Oct 25 to Sharon Pufahl, W6432 Hwy O., Mauston WI 53948
(608)-847-4407

Arts & Communications

The No Name Arts Event

You get to name this new event that will be a combination of the Music and Drama Fest, the Speaking and Demonstration Contest, Writing Contest, Drawing Contest, and with newly added areas of arts, crafts and photography. Mark your calendar for Saturday morning January 30, 2016 at UW FdL. Many prizes will be awarded. Rules and categories for Music and Drama Fest and the Speaking and Demonstration Contest will remain the same as in 2015. See <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/4h/activities-events-2/> for the 2015 guidelines. Details on new arts, crafts and photography categories will be available soon. This is for all ages. There are options for group or individual performances. It promises to be a fun family event. You can be part of the planning team. The next meeting is Tues. Sept 1 at 6:30 pm at UW FdL in rm. AE205. Bring your ideas. See flyer on page 12.

Honey Bee Poster Contest

Sponsored by Wisconsin Honey Producers Association
Theme for 2015: Honey Bees – Pollinating for Fruit and Nuts

Divisions:
Grade 2 and under
Grade 3-5
Grade 6-8

Enrollment

Fond du Lac County 4-H Policy on Membership

1. Youth wishing to join Fond du Lac County 4-H must be enrolled in kindergarten (and be at least five years old by October 1, 2015) through one year after high school graduation. Youth in grades K-2 enroll in the Cloverbud project.
2. Re-enrollment period is until October 31. New member enrollments will be accepted until Jan. 31, 2016. Members not enrolled by the appropriate date will not be eligible to exhibit for a premium at the 2016 Fond du Lac County Fair. They may show for ribbon only. Youth will be able to participate in other club and county events. Memberships must be accepted all year long.
3. Dropping a project must be done in writing by the first Friday in April. Projects may not be added after the enrollment deadline.
4. Policy on re-enrollment of non-achievement members is left to the local club.
5. It is recommended that younger members take one project only, and a maximum of five projects be taken by older members.
6. A member should satisfactorily complete all pro-

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jects carried in order to be an achieving member. (See Fond du Lac County 4-H Achievement Policy)

7. Members qualify for full graduation honors upon completion of high school, though they have the option to remain in 4-H one year past high school graduation.
8. A member is to enroll in one 4-H club during the enrollment year.

Notes on 4-H Enrollment

The 2015-2016 4-H year is fast approaching! General Leaders, or Enrollment Leaders, may pick-up enrollment information at the UW-Extension office. Starting September 3 each family can input and update their own on-line enrollment data. Members enroll based upon their grade as of October 1, 2015. This is when the 4-H year begins. You will specify literature requests in the on-line enrollment system. Re-enrolling deadline is October 31, and new enrollees is January 31, to be eligible to exhibit at the Fond du Lac County Fair for premiums. Volunteer leaders must re-enroll annually. The 2015-16 Enrollment Booklet and Policy Guide is available from your club leader or at <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/4h/enrollment/>, and includes step by step enrollment instructions. New this year, the guide contains county 4-H event information that will be especially valuable to newer families. We encourage your family to keep the guide as a reference throughout the coming year. If you'd like help entering your information, you may come to the UW-Extension office Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Tina Engelhardt, UWEX Administrative Assistant will be the main contact person at the office regarding enrollments. She may be reached at 920-929-3171 or tina.engelhardt@ces.uwex.edu

Enrollment Fee

Each 4-H member is assessed an enrollment fee of \$4.00. This fee increased by 50 cents this year. It helps cover the cost of insurance, Wisconsin 4-H Foundation annual assessment, volunteer background checks and general 4-H programs. Typically, each club will collect these dues this fall. However, some clubs do not collect dues directly from members, but pay the cost through their general club fundraisers. Clubs are billed in the spring. Any clubs who pay the bill after the due date will be assessed \$4.50/member. This additional fee for late payment is to encourage clubs to pay their bill by the due date.



Helpful Project Explanations

Dairy - members wishing to sign up for dairy may do so by enrolling in ONE of the following: Dairy 1, 2 or 3. This will make you eligible to take an animal to the fair. Dairy Management project, does not make you eligible to take an animal to the fair. It is a hands-on project that focuses on management skills in operating a dairy. It involves guest speakers and tours.

Self-Determined - is designing your own project. In order to exhibit in it at the fair you must be enrolled in it.

Club News

Springvalley

Members had a potluck and shared their fair projects at the August meeting. They also enjoyed tubing on the Wolf River.

Cayden displaying his 4-H project



Weeping Willow

Holding the American Flag during pledges at the Weeping Willow 4-H Club August meeting is 12-year-old Ayumi Okawara, a foreign exchange student from Fukushima-ken, Japan. She is hosted by the 4-H family of Jesse and Carol Van Loo in Wau-pun to experience American culture and lifestyle, and to practice the English language. Holding the 4-H flag is Camron, who just recently returned from a visit to Japan through the 4-H States International Exchange Program.



Ayumi & Camron

Green Valley

By: Secretary Noah J

Members met at the Kottke Farm. Guest speaker. Mary Ann from the Yellowstone Trail Association talked about the history of the Yellowstone National Trail. We had a hay ride after the meeting.

Brandon Tanagers

By: Reporter Machaia R.

The July meeting was at Taylor Park. Members who went to 4-H summer camp shared their experiences.

Cloverbud Corner

Pumpkin Contest

The 2015 Pumpkin Contest will be held on a Saturday in October at Hounsell's Greenhouse, located 1½ miles north of Fond du Lac on Highway 45. The following categories will be judged:

Largest in weight, height, & circumference

Most unusual shape

Tallest in height

Largest in circumference

Smallest in weight

Roundest looking

Best pumpkin color

Painted categories are:

Scariest

Funniest

Most colorful

Most unique

Use of 4-H theme

These five categories are to be painted on the pumpkin by the Cloverbud. Watch the next newsletter for the exact date of the contest. Each Cloverbud member may bring one pumpkin to the contest.



Calendar of Events

September 2015

- 1 Application deadline for Arts Camp campers
- 8 Record books and award forms due to Extension office
- 12 Record book and award forms review day, 8:30 am @ UW-Fond du Lac
- 15 Application Deadline - Trips and Key Award
- 22 4-H Executive Board 6:30 pm @ UW FdL
- 27-30 National 4-H Dairy Conference @ UW Madison
- 28 Teen Leader Association, 7:30 pm @ RMMR
- 29 Trip & Award Interviews, 7 pm @ UW- Fond du Lac
- 30 Volunteer recognition nominations due

October 2015

- 3 Trip & Award Interviews, 9 am @ UW-Fond du Lac
- 3-4 4-H Arts Camp @ Upham Woods
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 13 Heart of Belonging Leader training 7 pm @ UW FdL, Art Building rm.A211
- 19 Achievement Night, 7pm @ UW Fond du Lac, Prairie Theatre
- 26 Teen Leader Association, 7:30 pm @ RMMR
- 27 Leader Association annual meeting, 7-8:30 pm @ UW Fond du Lac Art Building rm A219
- 31 Enrollments due for re-enrolling members
- TBD Cloverbud Pumpkin Contest

UWEX = UW-Extension
UW-FDL = UW-Fond du Lac
RMMR = Rolling Meadows Meeting Room

Meet Your Fond du Lac County 4-H Executive Board Members

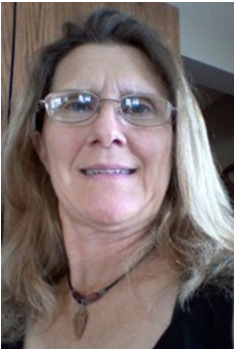
Sue Kamphuis, President

- My 4-H experience includes the beginning year I started in Fond du Lac County 4-H and the remaining 9 years in a Dodge County 4-H Club for a total of ten years.
- Roles in 4-H - Club's Photography Leader for the past eleven years. Help guide our club's general leaders and assist with many duties. I have four children, all involved with 4-H: Derrek, Darren, Emilie, and Kellie.
- Employed as a Laser Assistant in Ripon at Alliance.
- Interests - Enjoy being outdoors- gardening, being active in my children's activities, and I also use my creativity with photography and writing.
- Currently I am completing my third year on this board and enjoy being active in the decision-making process that over 600 youth need. I enjoy meeting new people, and learning new things. Serving on this board is just something I enjoy doing.



Rose Petrie, Vice-President

- I have been a leader with 4-H for 20 years starting with the Johnsbury Lakeviewers and currently with the Calumet club.
- Married to Bernie for 35 years with three children and nine grandchildren and feeling very blessed.
- I am currently employed with the Villa Loretto Nursing Home as a CNA.
- Interests - the rabbit and poultry projects of which I am a county leader.
- This is my third term on the board and consider it an honor to serve.



Jackie Luedtke, Secretary

- Was a Fond du Lac county 4-H member for 5 years
- Currently assist the club general leader with activities
- Employed as a human resource manager at Kohler Company
- Interests - reading, running, outdoor activities and spending time with family
- I volunteered to serve on the board because I want to help youth explore the activities and leadership opportunities that 4-H offers.



Karen Holzmann, Director

- 4-H member in FdL County for 12 years; member of the Pioneer 4-H club, which is no longer in operation
- I volunteer at the Fond du Lac County Fair and supervise the youth leadership and natural sciences departments.
- Employed at Aramark Food Service for the Fond du Lac School District
- Interests – Crafts, knitting, scrapbooking, Red Cross blood drive in Mt. Calvary
- Why do I serve on the board? The reason I serve on the board is because I like having the opportunity to be able to be a part of the very important decisions that are made that will affect the youth of 4-H.



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Kimberly Carey, Director

- I was not in 4-H in my youth. I got involved in 4-H when my daughter joined Welcome 4-H, Fdl Co. in kindergarten.
- I am a project leader for rabbits, and arts and crafts. I also am very involved with the Fdl Co. 4-H Adult leader's food stand.
- I am a secretary at Waucousta Lutheran Grade School and Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
- Interests - camping, arts and crafts, gardening, computer design, working with animals, watching movies.
- I agreed to serve on the board because I thought it was a great opportunity to bring new ideas and talents to the group. I also wanted to help assist clubs with any questions or concerns they may have. I enjoy being on the board. I serve with some very nice people, and we have many talents and great ideas to share.



Lorna Bock, Director

- I have been a dairy farmer all my married life, and I am a state certified veterinary technician.
- I have raised four children, all of whom were involved in 4-H. I was not a member as a child, but my husband and his family have been members for many years.
- I have been a leader in veterinary science, flowers, plant crafts, and beef for 22 years.
- Interests - gardening, sewing, crocheting, and tending my sheep.
- I agreed to be on the board because I have seen with my own children, how 4-H can benefit the development and self-esteem of its members.



Olivia Engelhardt, Youth Representative

- Fond du Lac county 4-H member for 8 years.
- Roles in 4-H: TLA Vice President, WI State 4-H Youth Leader Council member, Brandon Tanagers Club President
- Freshman at Northern Michigan University
- Interests - running, reading, hiking, photography
- Why I agreed to serve on the board- I agreed to serve on the board because I wanted to get more of a behind the scenes look at events that take place in the 4-H program.



Allison Opheim, Youth Representative

- 4-H member in FDL County for 8 years
- Roles in 4-H - TLA President/Vice President, Horse Project Youth President, State Youth Leader Council Member, Camp Counselor
- Senior at Laconia High School
- Interests - Student Council, Jazz/Polka Band, Forensics
- Why I agreed to serve on the board- I wanted to better understand how 4-H is run on the county level and what role youth can play in that process.



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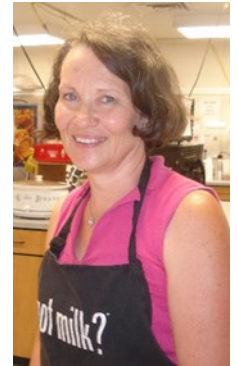


Ryan Stommel , Youth Representative

- 4-H member in FdL County for 6 years
- Roles in 4-H - TLA member, President of Campbellsport 4-H club, Cloverbud youth leader
- Attended Campbellsport High School
- Interests - Forensics, FFA, drama, Spanish club
- Why I agreed to serve on the board- I wanted to serve on the board to represent the TLA and get more involved in 4-H on the county level.

Jo Ann Maedke (ex-officio board member)

- Was a 4-H member in FdL County for 10 years
- 4-H roles - Clothing Leader -Armstrong 4-H, Help with the Adult Ldr and Teen Leader Food Stands
- Self-Employed Tax preparer and Farm Accountant - Maedex Tax & Farm Accounting LLC
- Interests: Church (Dorcas Society, Choir and Joyful Witness), PDPW, Wisconsin Agri-Business Council, FDL Area Agri-Business Council, Leadership WI Board, Gardening, Reading, Sewing, Quilting
- Why I serve on the board- I enjoy helping 4-Hers and expanding their horizons. It is also an opportunity to give back to 4-H.



Save the date!

**January 30, 2016 at UW Fond du Lac
Fond du Lac County 4-H presents:**



Festival

**See page 12
for details!**

**Featuring: Music, Dance, Drama, Public Speaking, Demonstrations, Arts and
Crafts, Photography, Writing, Drawing and much more!**



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4-H Adult Leaders Association

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- Director** - Karen Holzmann
- Director** - Kimberly Carey
- Director** - Lorna Bock
- Youth Representatives**

Olivia Engelhardt, Allison Opheim & Ryan Stommel

Teen Leaders Association

Executive Board

- President** - Allison Opheim
- Vice President** - Olivia Engelhardt
- Secretary** - Emily Franke
- Treasurer** - Bethany Doll
- Attendance** - Jake Dabringer
- Advisor** - Mike Weiss
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- 4-H Youth Development Educator & Co-Dept. Head** - Denise Retzleff
- Bilingual 4-H Youth Development Assistant** - Araceli (Shelly) Oswald
- Community Garden Coordinator** - Patty Percy
- Community Resource Development Educator** - Diana Tscheschlok
- Crops & Soils Agent** - vacant
- Dairy & Livestock Agent** - Tina Kohlman
- Entrepreneurship Educator** - Michael Winkler
- Family Living Educator & Co-Dept. Head** - Michelle Tidemann
- Nutrition Educators** - Pam Nelson & Kris Schaeffer
- Program Assistants** - Tina Engelhardt, Angela Folske, Ann Kaiser and Gloria Kelroy
- WNEP Coordinator/Family Living Educator** - Amanda Miller

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