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2011 Brown County 4-H Calendar

A complete 2011 calendar can be found on the 4-H web site at www.BrownCountyExtension.org and click on "4-H Youth Development" and then "Forms & Documents" and scroll down to "4-H Calendars."

August			
2	Tuesday	Brown County 4-H History Club	Area
2	Tuesday	Brown County 4-H Leaders Executive Board & Leaders Association Meetings	County
2	Tuesday	Brown County LOT ²	County
4-14	Thursday-Sunday	Wisconsin State Fair	State
14	Sunday	Brown County Fair "Clean-Up Day"	County
17-21	Wednesday-Sunday	Brown County Fair	County
September			
3-5	Saturday-Monday	State 4-H Dog Show, Washington County Fair Park Pavilion, West Bend	State
6	Tuesday	Brown County 4-H History Club	County
6	Tuesday	Brown County 4-H Leaders Executive Board & Leaders Association Meetings	County
6	Tuesday	Brown County LOT ²	County
10	Saturday	Wisconsin Make it Wool Contest	State
10-11	Saturday-Sunday	State 4-H Horse Gymkhana	State
15-18	Thursday-Sunday	State 4-H Horse Expo	State
23-25	Friday-Sunday	Foto Follies 2011—Statewide Training for Photo Leaders & Judges, Wisconsin Dells	State
October			
4	Tuesday	Brown County 4-H History Club	County
4	Tuesday	Brown County 4-H Leaders Executive Board & Leaders Association Meetings	County
4	Tuesday	Brown County LOT ²	County
8	Saturday	Conservation Day at Osprey Point	Area
8-9	Saturday-Sunday	4-H Arts Camp at Upham Woods	State





Best wishes to Kathy DeChamps who accepted a different support staff position in the UW-Extension Brown County Office. I want to extend my sincere thanks to Kathy for all that she has done during the past 3 years to support 4-H program efforts, volunteers, youth,

and families. Professionally it was a pleasure working with Kathy and there is no doubt that she will be missed, not only by me, but by numerous Brown County 4-H families and volunteers.

I also want to thank all of the adult and youth volunteers that have contributed their time and talents throughout the year coordinating or helping with a variety of events and activities. Just in the past month alone this includes those who helped with the Naval Reserve Station Family Day event, Area Animal Science Day, Camp, and the Summer Library Programs. All of these activities would not have been possible without volunteers. Other events like Drama Fest, Music Fest, Speaking Fest, 4-H Foods Revue, 4-H Clothing Revue, and 4-H Graduation are events that are coordinated and conducted by volunteers. Each one of these events provides 4-H members with educational opportunities beyond their club. In addition, some of these events provide community outreach opportunities for youth not enrolled in the 4-H community club program.

Not only do Brown County volunteers actively plan and conduct a variety of educational county-wide activities throughout the year, but they also work diligently throughout the year to raise money to support numerous youth programs and opportunities. The 4-H Food Stand at the fair, the Fleet Farm Brat Fry at Lambeau Stadium, and working concessions at the Resch Center, are just a few of the ways that volunteers earn money to support 4-H and outreach programs. Thank you to all of the 4-H leaders, youth, parents, and others who spend countless hours coordinating or helping with these fundraisers throughout the year.

Thanks also to the volunteers who serve on 4-H committees! Without the Cultural Arts, 4-H Graduation, Fundraising, Livestock and Dairy Auction, and many other committees, Brown County youth would not have the number and quality of opportunities that are currently available to them.

As the 4-H Program year winds down for 2011, please think about the new 4-H year and how you can help support the program. What has your involvement been in the past and how can you help in the future? There are several positions on the Brown County 4-H Leaders Association that need to be filled this fall and some

committee chairs that will soon be stepping down from their current role.

While it's true that serving in a 4-H volunteer or leadership position takes time and commitment, it also provides a valuable opportunity to gain new skills and provide a valuable contribution to our youth, 4-H program, and our communities. Please contact any member of the 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board or the office if you want to learn more about the positions that need to be filled.

Finally, I want to welcome Tina DuBois who is serving as a summer Americorps VISTA in the 4-H STEM Outreach program. Tina is both skilled and enthusiastic about working with Brown County youth and expanding outreach efforts. Tina has also accepted the year-long 4-H STEM Outreach Americorps VISTA position in Brown County so will be with us until mid-August 2012.

Nice to Meet You!

Submitted by Tina DuBois

I just wanted to take a minute and introduce myself. My name is Tina DuBois and I am an AmeriCorps VISTA for the Brown County 4-H Youth Development Program. My duties for my just over a year here include Outreach and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Previous to holding this position I was a Brown County 4-H member for many years and after my 4-H graduation, less than 5 years ago, I became a project leader. Through my years as a 4-Her, I had the opportunity to meet many of you and I am excited to meet those I haven't yet had to pleasure to meet.

I look forward to this next year of working with all of you!
Tina DuBois

Animal Crackers



Livestock and Dairy Auction

After all the animals arrive on Wednesday there will be a Livestock judging contest at 7 p.m. in the show barn. On Thursday, we will again have Gary Onan from UW River Falls doing ultrasound judging. On Saturday is the 4-H and FFA Dairy and Livestock Auction.



Questions? Contact the 4-H Office or a Livestock and Dairy Auction Committee member: Mark Cornette, Mary Johns, Dave Kabat, Steve Leiterman, or Gary Vander Heiden.

Leader Awards

Leader Awards will be presented in October at the National 4-H Week celebration. All forms are due September 1 and no late forms will be accepted. The forms are available online. In addition, leaders eligible for anniversary awards will be receiving information from the office around August 1. Leaders need to complete the postcard and return it to the office no later than September 1. If you have questions, please contact Abbie Jo at 920-285-5300 or the 4-H Office

Nasco Showing and Grooming Contest



Nasco is sponsoring a contest to showcase youth who show animals at shows or expos such as the county fair. Each entry must include a photo (professional photos are not necessary) of the entrant with their show animal and a story (800 words or less) about their relationship with their animal and their experience preparing for the event, plus their name, age, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address (optional). Entry deadline is October 3rd. More information is available at http://www.enasco.com/page/SG_Contest_0411LP/?utm_source=FarmRanch&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=frcontestjuly11

Livestock Youth Resources

Would you like to receive information on upcoming events, workshops, results from events, resource information as it relates to youth livestock (beef, sheep, swine and meat goats)?

If yes, please subscribe to the Youth Livestock Website. Go to <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/>, where it has a box with the subscribe, unsubscribe buttons, type in your email address and click subscribe.

Whenever there is new information posted, you will receive an email.

Follow us on Facebook:

Search for Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program and like the page.

We are also on Twitter:

Our twitter handle is @wiyouthlvstk

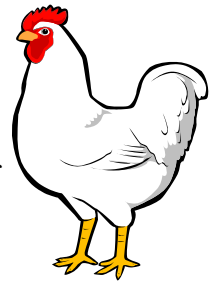
All of these methods will keep you up to date on all information as it relates to Youth Livestock in Wisconsin. Share with other Livestock Members!

25th Anniversary Pullet Surprise Contest

An extraordinary opportunity for young people with an interest in poultry

Celebrating the memory of Eric Wilhelmi (1972-2002)—A young man who influenced the lives of many

In an attempt to promote the breeding and exhibition of purebred poultry among Wisconsin's youth, the Wisconsin International Poultry Club invites interested youth to apply for the Pullet Surprise. The lucky winners in each of two categories will receive a pair of show quality purebred fowl, complete with an incubator, caging, feed, a copy of the 2011 edition of *The American Standard of Perfection*, a one-year membership in the WIPC, a poultry carrier and a copy of *The 4-H Guide to Raising Chickens* by Tara Kindschi. All awards will be presented at the 2011 Wisconsin International Poultry Club Show. Birds will be provided by the members of the Wisconsin International Poultry Club.



Contest Rules: Applicants must be Wisconsin residents between the ages of 8 and 18 as of January 1, 2011. Entries will be divided into two groups (please give age as of January 1, 2011): Junior 8-12, Senior 13-18. Each applicant must submit an entry of 500 words or less on one of the following topics:

- "Why I Want to Raise Exhibition Poultry"
- "Raising Poultry-It's a Family Affair"
- "A Humorous Poultry Experience"—Fact or Fiction
- "My Most Memorable Moment in Poultry"
- "An Original Poultry Poem"

Entries exceeding 500 words will not be considered. Applicants must send their entry, along with their name, address, telephone number, email address, birth date, and parent's or guardian's signature postmarked by **August 20, 2011**, to: Barbara Gromacki, Wisconsin APA-ABA Youth Club Advisor, 27225 Ketterhagen Rd., Burlington, WI 53105. Winners will be selected by a committee designated by the Wisconsin International Poultry Club. All decisions are final. Winners and their parents or guardians are **required** to attend the award presentation to be held during the Youth Show at the 2011 WIPC Show on Saturday, September 24, 2011, at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, Portage.

Scouting/Ducks Unlimited Greenwing Field Day

Submitted by Lauren Boden, Brown County 4-H Shooting Sports Club

On Saturday, July 9th, some of the members of the Brown County 4-H shooting sports club attended the Ducks Unlimited Greenwing Field Day at Triple J Wing & Clay near Brillion. There were a lot of things to do there like duck blind demonstrations with Frisbees, duck and goose calling lessons, a BB gun range, shotgun shooting, geocaching destinations, dog training demonstrations, and DNR conservation officer presentations.

For the duck blind Frisbee demonstration we got to lay in the duck blinds with a fake gun and pop up when the “ducks” flew into range and pretend to shoot at the ones in each of our zones. It was really fun. There were a lot of dogs that got to show us how they can retrieve by just some words, whistle commands, and hand motions. They had a 3-legged dog named Feather that got bit by a water moccasin snake when she was a puppy and had to have her leg amputated. You wouldn’t believe how great that dog is able to retrieve and how fast she can run, even with just 3 legs she can outrun most kids. She’s sweet and has a lot of energy and eagerness to retrieve. Watching the dogs do that and seeing how excited they are to do it while learning how they are trained was really a good time.

I would recommend everyone to attend a Ducks Unlimited event when they get a chance. You can learn a lot and have fun. On Saturday, October 8th, is a Conservation Day at Osprey Point at the East River Conservancy on County Highway GV in Bellevue that everyone should plan to attend, it sounds like that will be a really fun day, and it is in Bellevue, so it is really close by.



Arts & Activities



Statewide Training for 4-H Photo Leaders & Judges Scheduled

Please mark your calendars for “Foto Follies 2011,” a statewide training program for Wisconsin 4-H youth and adult photo leaders and county fair judges, to be held **September 23-25**, at Upham Woods Environmental Education Center, Wisconsin Dells. The conference begins with registration at 6 p.m. on Friday and ends at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. It will feature separate tracks for beginning and advanced photo leaders, as well as sessions for those who want to be registered as county fair photography judges.

The registration fee will cover five workshop sessions; keynote talk; personal photo critiques; photo walks and activities; two breakfasts, lunch and dinner; two nights lodging in a dorm or cabin; and all program materials. All youth leaders must be in high school and accompanied by an adult.

For adult and youth 4-H photo volunteers, the conference will focus on ideas and information on how to be an effective leader, with an emphasis on resources and activities that you can use to teach photography to young people. You’ll also have many opportunities to practice and improve your own photo-taking skills. Workshop choices will include photo composition and technique; basic portraiture and lighting; studio lighting and portraiture; taking photos of people and animals; taking still life photos, taking photos of buildings; outdoor photography; and sessions related to digital photography, manipulation and presentation.

For new and aspiring judges, sessions will cover the basics of Danish and conference judging photos at Wisconsin county fairs. You can use this opportunity to polish your judging skills or to become registered as a Dept. 20 county fair judge. Watch for registration information soon. To get on the conference interest list, contact Tom Carpenter at the Wisconsin 4-H Office, at tom.carpenter@ces.uwex.edu or 608-262-1223 or as soon as possible. Space is limited.

2011 WJPA Youth Photo Contest Rules and Guidelines

The Contest will be held Saturday, September 24, at the Wisconsin International Poultry Show held at Portage County Fairgrounds. The photo must be taken of domesticated show poultry (ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons, chickens, guineas). All photos of wild poultry will **NOT** be considered (raptors, song birds, pheasants, wild pigeons, or wild turkeys). All photos submitted **must be 8x10"** and unframed or unmounted. All photos will be judged on **quality, clarity, and composition**. The bird(s) should *be the main subject*. All entries must include your **name, address, city, state, zip code & age** printed on a piece of paper taped to the back of the entry.



There are 3 categories: **Ages 10 and under**, **Ages 11- 13**, **Ages 14-18**. You may enter as many photos as you like, but the prizes will go to different youth so no one contestant wins all of the prizes for his/hers age category. There is a small entry for each photo you enter. Final entry date is **September 12**. The photos must be postmarked by this date or they will not be considered. All entries become property of the Wisconsin Junior Poultry Association and may be reproduced. Mail your entry/entries to: Vanessa Beach, P.O. Box 185, Forest Junction, WI 54123. Contact Vanessa for entry fee and more info at 920- 989-1147.

The WJPA 2011 calendar will be dedicated to **Dawn Marie Murphy**. Mrs. Murphy was an award-winning digital photography and a freelance photographer in Poland and South Africa. She was often a community volunteer, including painting murals at orphanages in Warsaw, Poland, and volunteering in a soup kitchen in Johannesburg, South Africa. Mrs. Murphy passed away this April from kidney cancer. **Kodak Photography Tips** can be found at www.kodak.com/eknec/PageQuerier.jhtml?pq-path=317

Wisconsin Make It With Wool Contest

The Wisconsin Make It With Wool Contest will be held **Saturday, September 10**, during the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival at Jefferson County Fair Park in Jefferson. Garment competition is open to preteens through adults. Contest information is available at www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com or www.wisbc.com. For more info, contact Carol Battenberg at batten2@tds.net or 920-699-2233.

Conservation Day at Osprey Point

The Brown County Chapter Izaak Walton League is sponsoring a Conservation Day at Osprey Point at the East River Conservancy/Osprey Point on County Highway GV in Bellevue (located approximately one mile south of Hwy. 172). The event is scheduled for **Saturday, October 8**, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Activities will include bird house decorating, fishing (catch & release, bring your own tackle & bait), geocaching, bird viewing, hiking nature trails, pumpkin painting, make a suet feeder, and a marshmallow roast. Demonstrations will be provided by Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, Taxidermy, Wings Over Wisconsin, and Mammal Trapping. Registration fee includes lunch, fishing, and making a suet feeder. For more information or to register for the event, email gizwicky@gmail.com no later than September 28.

4-H Arts Camp October 8-9

The State 4-H Arts Camp for 6th– 8th graders is on October 8-9, at Upham woods, Wisconsin Dells. Youth will get together to learn about music, drama, photography, communication, visual arts and juggling. Campers will learn plenty of creative ideas to bring home to their club.

Registration fee includes a camp t-shirt. For an application go to <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm>. Applications are due September 1 and space is limited, so register early. Adult chaperones are also needed.



Bits & Pieces



Einstein Brain: Some like it HOT!

Submitted by Lena Hosking

Are your kids tired of the sandbox? Do they want something new to do at the beach? Have them use their endless amounts of energy to make molecules vibrate.

What you'll learn: Friction produces heat.

What you'll need: coffee can with lid; sand; thermometer; pen and paper

Fill a coffee can halfway with sand. Measure the temperature of the sand, and write it down. Remove the thermometer, place the lid securely on the can, and shake the can rapidly for a few minutes. Measure the temperature of the sand, and write it down again. Repeat the test one more time.

What happened? The energy you used to shake up the can make the sand particles rub against each other and against the side of the can. This created friction, and the friction produced heat. The sand particles acted in a similar way to molecules from two different surfaces that are rubbed against each other. Now change the experiment. Try different lengths of shaking time, or different substances in can. Do all particles heat up the same amount? This might be a nice time to introduce how car engines can overheat, and why some machines need ways to keep them cool to operate efficiently. Including me! It's so hot today that I am going to pour myself a tall glass of cold lemonade. Have fun!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Krystal Van De Hey who was selected to represent Brown County in the State Fair Clothing Style Revue. She will join other 4-H youth from around Wisconsin to participate in a number of the State Fair Style Revue shows each day from August 4-6.

Krystal will be modeling a two piece outfit that she has sewn. While at the State Fair, she will learn how to plan a Style Revue. Krystal will also be planning the Brown County Style Revue that will be held on the WPS Family Stage on Sunday, Aug. 21 at 12:00 p.m. during the Brown County Fair. Other Brown County 4-H members will join her in modeling garments they have made. Please mark your calendars to enjoy the show.

Go to Bat for 4-H

Want a chance to win tickets to the 2011 Major League Baseball World Series and help 4-H win \$25,000? You have a chance to do both just by visiting the State Farm Go To Bat website at http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/sweepstakes/y2011/state_farm/gotobat/index.jsp.

State 4-H Youth Conference

By Kathy Kocken, Brown County Adult Advisor

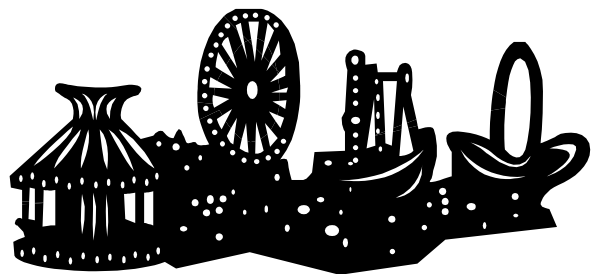
Thank you to Mitchell Murphy, Brett Van Dyck, Zak Kocken, McKenna Rohan, Lauren Boden, Calli VanDeHey, Jackie VanDeHey, Kristine VanDeHey, Molly Connell, Colleen Connell, and Lauren Vanderlinden. These 4-H members attended State 4-H Youth Conference in Madison. I had never chaperoned a trip before and you were all great!! I couldn't have asked for a better group. Thank you!



Fair News

White Show Pants

Morrison 4-H has a collection of white show pants for showing dairy available. If anyone needs a pair contact Theresa Reynders at (920) 336-4553 or tmreynders@gmail.com.



Fair News

Submitted by **Kathy Kocken**, Exhibits Coordinator
kathy@browncountyfair.com or 920-606-5120

Summer Library Program

The Brown County Fair and 4-H have been working together to promote 4-H and the fair this summer at the Brown County Library Branches. Our theme is "Kitchen Cupboard Chemicals: Transfat Free Fun". We have one more branch to do our demonstration at. We will be at the Central Library on **Tuesday, August 2nd at 1:30 pm**. This branch tends to get larger crowds so we really could use extra help. Any 4-H family wanting to help out should contact Kathy Kocken.

Thank you to the following volunteers that helped with the Weyers Hilliard Branch and the Pulaski Branch:

Anston-Country Squires – Joel Gohr; **Lost Dauphin 4-H** – Kaylee and Beth Coel; **Morrison 4-H** – Brianna and Emily Cappelle; **Rockland 4-H** – Kaylee DeBeukelar, Zak and Leah Kocken.

Superintendents: Thank you to Debbie Olsen, Louise Dahlke and Mary Van Dyck for stepping up and help fill the vacant Superintendent positions in Flowers & House Plants, Natural Sciences, Mechanical Sciences, Electricity and Photography. Because of these great volunteers we are able to continue to offer these project areas at the fair. Please be sure to thank all superintendents and judges – without them we could not offer the experience of having projects evaluated and put on display.

Anyone wanting to help volunteer on entry day, please contact Kathy Kocken. We have many departments that could use an extra set of hands, even if it is only for a few hours.

Deadline Reminders:

July 30th Camping Reservation Forms start being accepted – 9 am
Open & Senior Divisions Entry Forms due
Animal Stall, Pen & Cage Reservations due
Aug 10th Overnight Permission Forms due



The fair is just around the corner. Here are a few reminders as we approach the big week: **Clean up day is August 13th starting at 9:00 am** in the Exhibit Building. We could use many hands to help with cleaning, so that the projects can be well displayed. We will have lunch and soda/water for those that help. Please bring a bucket and a rag.

***Barn Decorating Hours:** The barns will only be open during these hours to decorate. Please plan accordingly.

Saturday, August 13th – 9 am – 4 pm
Sunday, August 14th – 12 noon – 4 pm
Monday, August 15 – 9 am – 7 pm
Tuesday, August 16 – 9 am – 7 pm

***Reminder that Entry Day is Tuesday, August 16th.** Judging will take place from 1:00 until 5:30 pm. **You will need to be in line by 5:00 pm.** When coming to the fairgrounds to have your exhibits judged, please use the South Gate (by the De Pere Ice Center). You will be able to park in the lot by the boat landing. We will also have gators and wagons available to help with larger exhibits. NOTE: Due to the county workshop expanding into the exhibit building there will be a little less room this year. Given that we are encouraging exhibitors to pick up their entry tags ahead of time and have them on their projects. We will have a prep area; however it may be outside the exhibit building.

***Each year the judges are given a coupon to purchase \$5 of food from the 4-H Foodstand.** We are looking for clubs to donate to this cause. If you are able to donate, please send the money to the 4-H office (checks made payable to the 4-H Leaders Association).

***Fair entry tags** will be available for pick up starting July 25th at the Fair Office.

***Fair Office Hours:**

July 25th thru August 12th
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – 12 noon – 4 pm
Thursday and Friday – 9 am – 4 pm
August 13th 9 am – 12 noon
August 15th 9 am – 7 pm
August 16th 9 am – 8 pm
August 18th – 22nd FAIR HOURS

***There are many volunteer opportunities at the fair.** Please contact Kathy at 606-5120 or kathy@browncountyfair.com for a list of the areas that could use help. *Don't forget to check out the web site at www.browncountyfair.com for the complete schedule of daily activities and entertainment.* **Brown County Fair is on Twitter and Facebook. Please check us out!**

Food Stand

Submitted by Eileen Rueden

Please be aware of the length of the shift your club has signed up for. Please be early for your shift. We need the a cell phone and a shift manager name before the fair, please call into the office or contact Eileen Rueden at 470-5562. The **food shift manger** should be there for the complete shift and arrive 15 minutes early for a smooth transition of workers. Volunteers please be there for the complete shift. Let the 4-H office or Eileen Rueden know if you are short of workers.

Food stand training will take place on August 2 at 7:15p.m. Another food stand training will be at the fair during work cleanup. The training will be at 10:30 on Saturday, August 13. We would like the club shift manager, parents, leaders and youth to attend. We will be going over the menu and reviewing food policies. We will be making the items on the menu and enjoy sampling.

Date & Time	Club
Tues., Aug 16, 11-3 pm	Junior Jets
Tues., Aug 16, 3-7:00 pm	Denmark Red Lightning
Wed. Aug 17, 9:30-1:30	Lost Dauphin
Wed., Aug 17, 1:30 -6:00 pm	Glenmore
Wed., Aug 17, 6:00-10:30 pm	Rockland
Thurs., Aug 18, 9:30-1:30 pm	Happy Valley
Thurs., Aug 18, 1:30-6 pm	Greenleaf
Thurs., Aug 18, 6: -10:30 pm	Morrison
Fri., Aug 19, 9:30 am-1:30 pm	Hi-Flyers
Fri., Aug 19, 1:30-6 pm	Friendly Fields
Fri., Aug 19, 6:00-10:30 pm	Wrightstown
Sat., Aug 19, 9:30 am-1:30 pm	Anston/Country Squires
Sat., Aug 20, 1:30-6 pm	Suamico Beavertails
Sat., Aug 20, 6:00-10:30 pm	Youth Going on Trips
Sun., Aug 21, 8:30 am-12 noon	East River Riders
Sun., Aug 21, 12-3:30 pm	Tailwaggers
Sun., Aug 21, 3:30-7:00 pm	Shooting Sports

Club News

News

Greenleaf 4H Club

By: Casey Sroda, Club Reporter

July is probably about the busiest month for Greenleaf 4H members. Our meeting was held July 11 and attendance was down, even I was unable to attend due to vacation. Email helps communication and here is news shared across the web. Because members are busily preparing for the fair, our next meeting is September 12 at 6:30pm. We welcome youth interested in joining our club to attend. For current members, Record Books are due this day. The Greenleaf Fireman's picnic was July 17th. Tracey Koltz thanked those in our club that could volunteer their time for this event. "Games: Bonnie & Chloe Crossman, Deanna & Cody & Austin VandeHey, Kim, Kristine, Jackie & Mitchell VandeHey and Susan & Courtney Klister Clean up crew: Shelby & Garret & Preston Kussow, Shannen, Dean and Tracey Koltz, Chloe & Bonnie Crossman, Susan & Douglas Klister, Cindy, Sheila and Valerie Cohen and Carla, Cianna, Cracyn and Luca Gemignani. The fire dept thanked us for running the games and doing the end of picnic cleanup. We received a check from them as well as taking and cashing in the aluminum cans. (Thank you to Shannen and Dean Koltz for taking care of that.) Our club will work the foodstand at the fair on Aug. 18 from 1:30-6pm. Youth or adults from the Greenleaf club should contact Barb Louis barblouis@yahoo.com if they can help. A fun part of the fair is decorating - our club chose a Circus theme!

Other things we are working on is painting a club fair book, fair billboard, organizing our fall adopt-a-highway cleanup and working on a showcase window decoration for the extension office, and a club booth for the fair. We are busy and we need help from adult volunteers from the community! If you know of someone who may want to help lead a project or volunteer to work with our club on projects, please contact Shelby Kussow at pskussow@sbcglobal.net. Thanks and hope to see everyone at the Brown County Fair!



Agriculture

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Upcoming Area Ag Events

- **August 4-14—Wisconsin State Fair**, West Allis
- **August 17-21—Brown County Fair**, De Pere

Call 920-391-4653 for more information on these programs, or visit www.BrownCountyExtension.org and click on the “Agriculture” link.

Wisconsin Calculated Milk Cost of Production—July 2011

Ken Bolton, UWEX Center for Dairy Profitability
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The monthly predicted Cost of Production (COP) for milk in Wisconsin is intended for use by dairy producers making production, financial and risk management decisions. It is a calculated cost as it predicts the Mailbox Price (net hauling charges) of milk from the Class III Futures using the regression formula of Gould. An estimated MILC Program payment amount is made, also predicted by Gould <http://future.aae.wisc.edu/milc.html>. Cracked shelled corn, Hi pro soybean meal (SBOM), TM salt and Dicalcium phosphate prices used in this analysis are Southern Wisconsin quotes which include delivery to the farm. The hay price is the monthly USDA, NASS national all hay average quote prior to this report. Corn silage is valued from the “Pricer.exe” spreadsheet by Howard (as fed + \$15). An assumed blended forage ration of 50:50 (Dry Matter basis) haylage: corn silage value is calculated based on the above determined prices. The “Wisconsin Dairy Enterprise Planning Budget (2008)” by Jones and Barnett is utilized in calculating COP.

The Class III Futures price on **July 15**, 2011 opened at \$21.03 (up \$1.83 from June) yielding a predicted Mailbox Price of \$21.52/cwt (+ \$1.68) compared to the June price of \$19.84 with seasonal adjustments. No. MILC payment is predicted for **July** milk. Income is compared to feed prices of; corn (cracked) - \$7.15/bu. (-\$0.84), SBOM- \$375/ton (-\$30), TM Salt- \$15.38/cwt. (NC) and Dical- \$45.88/cwt (NC from June). The national average all hay price reported by USDA for May was \$163/ton (-\$6) and the estimated value of corn silage is \$71/ton (-\$2), both on an as-fed basis.

The value of a purchased replacement heifer \$1,200 (-\$200 from June), heifer calf at \$130 (- \$5) and a 1,300 lb. cull cow of \$785.20 (-\$6.50) are averages reported by Wisconsin markets for the week of this report. Assumed production factors are common to the industry. Because the “Wisconsin Dairy Enterprise Budget 2008” assumes the sale of the heifer calf and purchase of a replacement at freshening, the calculated Income over Feed Cost (IOFC) is for a lactating cow only. Variable costs beyond feed are typical of those reported by dairy producers submitting financial records to the AgFA data base with the cost of developing a replacement heifer factored out. Fixed costs are those calculated by the “Wisconsin Dairy Enterprise Budget (2008)” for the purpose of reporting a calculated COP for a 200 cow herd based on a Double-8 milking parlor. Fixed costs include depreciation, repairs, taxes, insurance and a return to labor and management. All spreadsheet inputs may be changed to fit your particular herd description.

All values used in the Wisconsin Calculated Milk COP are for demonstration purposes only. **Your actual prices will vary.** Those using this information are advised to access the University of Wisconsin - Center for Dairy Profitability website at <http://cdp.wisc.edu/Welcome.htm> to calculate your COP utilizing your farm specific financial and production data as well as to review and use the other Decision Making Aids, budgets and tools available on the site.

A COP analysis using the “whole farm” approach will yield results different from those obtained via enterprise analysis. Those who intend to utilize the results in identifying a “good price” for marketing or production input decisions may want to use the (this) enterprise analysis derived price while those intending to make long term production decisions and for comparisons to other farms may choose the “whole farm” cost per CWT EQ. or, Per Dollar or Percent of Gross Revenue analysis methods.

A \$21.52 expected Mailbox Price relative to current feed prices produces negative margins for the dairy enterprise producing below 18,222 lbs/cow/year of 3.5% BF milk given total assumed feed, other variable and fixed costs,



including a full return to labor and management. No MILC payment is expected for **July**. Because of wide variability in fixed costs, labor and management charges from farm to farm and to present a size-neutral perspective, *a detailed reporting of Incomes Over Feed and Variable Costs per CWT is offered in the table below* instead of expected revenue per cow and Net Return.

Significant declines in feed prices coupled with a nice increase in milk price produced a \$2.41/cwt of milk increase in IOFC this month to \$10.24/cwt. with feed cost per dollar of milk revenue declining precipitously from \$0.61 to \$0.52. Although prices received for cull cows fell slightly the price paid for springing heifers declined \$200/head. IOFC is evident at production levels above 6,660 lbs milk/cow/year. Returns over both feed and other variable costs are positive for production levels from 11,370 lbs/cow/year and above.

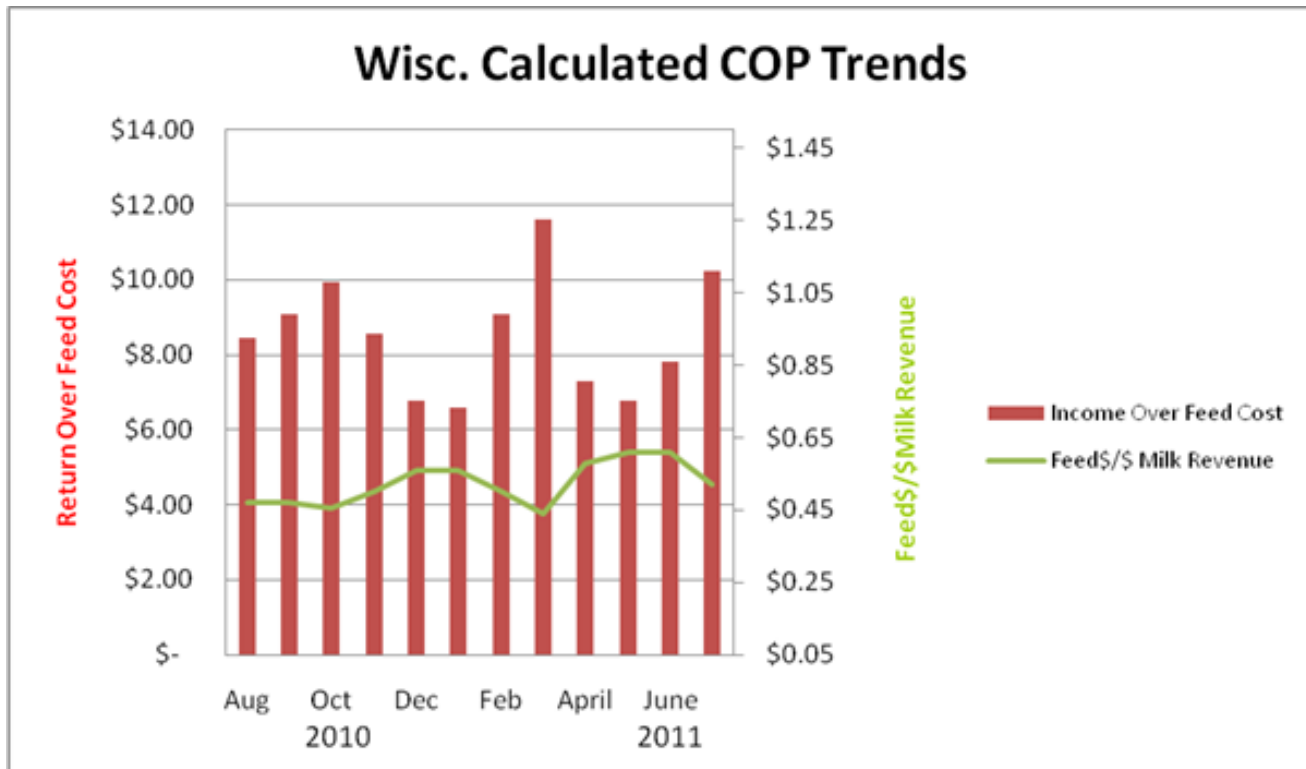
The following table summarizes calculated Incomes over Feed and Variable Costs for July.

**Incomes Over Feed and Total Variable Costs per CWT
For A Mail Box Price of \$21.52/CWT
For July 2011 Milk**

Production per Year	Incomes Over Feed Costs/CWT	Incomes Over Total Variable Costs/CWT
18,000 lbs.	\$ 9.27	\$ 5.39
20,000 lbs.	9.80	6.32
22,000 lbs.	10.24	7.07
24,000 lbs.	10.61	7.70
26,000 lbs.	10.92	8.24
28,000 lbs.	11.18	8.69
30,000 lbs.	11.41	9.09

See the chart below for the developing trend line of monthly Return Over Feed Cost per CWT and Feed Cost per Dollar of Gross Revenue for 2010-11.

**Wisconsin Calculated COP for Milk Income over Feed Cost and Feed Cost per Dollar of Milk Income
22,000 lb Production
2010-11 Monthly Trends**



Dairy Situation & Outlook—7/19/2011
Bob Cropp, Professor Emeritus, UW Cooperative
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USDA's milk production report for June milk production showed production up 1.4% from a year ago for the 23 reporting states and estimated to being up 1.1% for the U.S. This is the smallest relative increase this year. Increases have been below 2% since April. Milk cow numbers continue to increase. Estimated U.S. cow numbers increased another 10,000 head in June and are 0.9% higher than a year ago. Cow numbers have increased each month beginning in October of last year. A good supply of dairy replacements has more than offset cow slaughter which has been running close to 6% higher than a year ago.

The increase in milk production is mainly in the West and Southwest. Increases in June milk production compared to a year ago were: Arizona 3.4%, California 3.4%, Colorado 6.8%, Idaho 5.0%, Washington 6.3% and Texas 10.3%. Each of these states had more cows than a year ago and only Arizona and Colorado had less milk per cow.

In contrast, milk production is down in the Midwest. June production was down 3.7% in Illinois, 0.7% in Indiana, 2.9% in Iowa, 4.6% in Minnesota and 1.6% in Wisconsin. Except for Iowa and Illinois, which had fewer cows, these decreases were due to less milk per cow. In the Northeast, New York had slightly more milk at 0.3% and Pennsylvania had a 2.0% decrease. In the Southeast, Florida had a 1.1% increase.

Dairy product prices and in turn milk prices remain well above year ago levels due to this relatively lower increase in milk production and increased dairy exports. Domestic butter and cheese sales have also been favorable while fluid (beverage) milk sales continue to decline with May sales 1.9% lower than a year ago. With higher milk prices retail prices are also higher. Compared to May a year ago the retail price of dairy products as a group were 6.9% higher compared to all food prices 3.5% higher. Fresh whole milk was 13.6% higher, cheese 5.7% higher and butter 23.4% higher. There is some concern that at these prices sales could slow. Dairy exports have been a factor in stronger butter, cheese, nonfat dry milk and dry whey prices. Through May of this year compared a year ago exports were up 49% for nonfat dry milk/skim milk powder, 56% for cheese, 74% for butterfat and down slightly for total whey proteins. World dairy product prices have been relatively high enabling these exports. However, as with domestic demand there is

some concern that at these high prices exports could soften some.

CME butter during the month or July has been stable at \$2.03 to \$2.04 per pound. Butter stocks have increased since April but May 31st stocks were still 19.8% below a year ago. Butter prices could hold near this level for sometime since cream supplies to make butter are lower during the summer hindering building of stocks for the strong fall sales period. Cheese prices have also held up during July. Cheddar barrels started the month at \$2.0975 per pound and increased to \$2.115 on July 19th. The 40 pound cheddar blocks started the month at \$2.125, but declined to \$2.0025 on July 14th. Further declines were anticipated but as of July 19th blocks had a strong increase to \$2.14. Cheese stocks are tighter than earlier with total May stocks just 2.1% higher than a year ago. Also with the increase in milk production relatively low and milk production declining seasonally cheese prices may hold at higher levels than what were anticipated earlier. Nonfat dry milk prices have also held up with prices in the West trading \$1.62 to \$1.665 per pound. Dry whey has been in the \$0.555 to \$0.585 range. Nonfat dry milk and dry whey prices may weaken some if exports slow. While still at relatively high levels, May exports did decline some from a year ago with nonfat dry milk/skim milk exports 13% lower and dry whey exports 23% lower.

At these prices the July Class III price will be above \$21.00 compared to just \$13.74 last year. The July Class IV price will be near \$20.65 compared to \$15.75 a year ago. These could be the high prices for the year, but may be not. The fairly wide spread summer heat now being experienced is likely to effect milk production, especially if it continues for several days. So August prices may actually hold near these levels. Class III dairy futures have strengthened with prices not falling below \$20 until October and below \$18 until December. Class IV futures don't fall below \$19 until October. We could end the year with Class III averaging near \$18 compared to \$14.41 last year and Class IV averaging near \$19 compared to \$15.09 last year. This is more optimistic outlook than last month. But, history clearly tells us the prices can change rather quickly with new market developments. How this year's crops turn out and their impact on feed prices will be a key factor affecting cow numbers, milk per cow and total milk production this fall and winter.



Home & Community Education

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Presidents Letter

Louise Dahlke

The NVON Conference hosted in Green Bay this year was great, I hope all who attended enjoyed all the sessions. We are at the busy Fair time of the year. If you haven't signed up to help in our **BCHCE** booth August 17th – 21st, please call Joan soon. It is always great to talk to people about BCHCE and sign up a few new members also. The Fair is always fun and the exhibits are great. Coming up September 12th – 14th is the State Conference at Stoney Creek Inn in Onalaska. If you haven't already signed up please consider joining us, it's a great time to renew old friendships and meet new people. Contact Ruth Ann Vannieuwenhoven if you are interested in a room reservation, we may have one or two rooms available. Please contact Louise 920-362-4756 if you need a ride. At this time we have 17 or 18 ladies going. Also on September 20th is our Unity Hospice presentation at the Extension hosted by the Glenmore Club, October is going to be a very busy month with the October 12th training-Where Did I Leave My Coffee Cup? (have you ever had that feeling?!) October 18th is the special interest tour of DePere Christian Outreach hosted by the Lucky Pennies Club, **please remember to call Joan to sign up in advance for these sessions.** We have the Fall Association Meeting on **October 25th** at the Extension with a Potluck at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. This is going to be a very important meeting, please try to attend. We also start our Make-A-Difference month in September – this year we will donate items to NEW Community Shelter (shampoo, flip-flops, finger nail clippers, spiral notebooks, pens, sandwich bags, personal hygiene items, etc.). Have a great August, hope to see you at the Fair. Louise

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2011

September 2011

October 2011

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August 17-21

Brown County Fair

@ Brown County Fair grounds
Please call Joan at 391-4610 to volunteer in the BCHCE booth



September 5

Labor Day

September 12—14

WAHCE Conference

@ Stony Creek Inn, Onalaska, WI

September 20

Speaker from Unity Hospice

@ BC UW Extension office, 5:30 pm—7:30 pm

Arranged by: Marion Kiley
Glenmore HCE Club

September 23

First Day of Autumn

October 12

Leader Training— “Where Did I Leave My Coffee Cup?”

@ BC UW Extension office
1:30 pm or 7:00 pm

October 18

Tour of De Pere Christian Outreach

@ 506 Butler Street, De Pere, WI

1:30 pm

Hosted by: Janice Coenen, Lucky Pennies HCE Club

October 25

Fall Association Meeting

@ Brown County UW-Extension
Potluck at 6:00 pm; Meeting 7:00 pm



Cultural Arts

Ruth Ann Vannieuwenhoven

WAHCE State Conference is just around the corner on September 12, 13 and 14. The conference is being held at Stony Creek Inn, in Onalaska, WI.

The WAHCE Annual Conference shows August 17, 2011 as the deadline to register, after the 17th there is a late fee. Furthermore, for your convenience to register, you may go to the web site:

<http://www.wahceinc.org/conferenceinfo2011.html>. Or you may also contact Joan at the Brown County UW Extension office 920-391-4610 for featured workshops and registration forms.

Make-A-Difference—September

NEW Community Shelter—

Shampoo, flip-flops, fingernail clippers, deodorant, hair brushes, spiral notebooks and pens, sandwich bags.

Citizenship

Shirley Nooyen



August 4

U. S. Coast Guard Established (1790)

August 7

Purple Heart Medal Established (1782)

August 14

Japan Surrendered Ending WWII (1945)



ASPIRO 2011 Cookies

August—Glenmore

In Remembrance

On July 10, 2011, Melba Solka, a member of the Twilight Twelve HCE club, of forty-five years, passed away. Melba was one of the original members of the club. Melba will be remembered for her friendly smile and ability to recite poems. She will be missed by family and all HCE members.



Join BCHCE at the Fair!

Below are the open shift times for the BCHCE Booth at the 2011 Brown County Fair. We need all of these shifts filled up with two volunteers for each shift. Volunteers must be HCE members. Only dues paying members will receive a free fair pass for the day they are in the booth.

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

12—3 pm **OPEN -2** slots
3—6 pm **OPEN - 2** slots
6—9:30 pm **OPEN -2** slots

Thursday, August 18, 2011

10:30 am—1 pm **OPEN - 1** slot
~~1—4 pm **FILLED**~~
~~4—7 pm **FILLED**~~
7—9:30 pm **OPEN - 2** slots

Friday, August 19, 2011

10:30 am—1 pm **OPEN -2** slots
1—4 pm **OPEN -1** slot
4—7 pm **OPEN -2** slots
7—9:30 pm **OPEN -2** slots

Saturday, August 20, 2011

10:30 am—1 pm **OPEN -2** slot
1—4 pm **OPEN -1** slot
4—7 pm **OPEN -2** slots
7—9:30 pm **OPEN -2** slots



Sunday, August 21, 2011

9—11:00 am **OPEN -2** slots
11:00 am—1 pm **OPEN -2** slots
1—3 pm **OPEN -2** slots
3—6 pm **OPEN -2** slots

**TELL OTHERS WHAT
YOU'VE GAINED BY
BEING A
HCE MEMBER.**

College Scholarship—Thank you
Joanne Sannes

THANK YOU

Thank you for the College Scholarship. I received at the Spring Banquet. All the sessions were knowledgeable. I enjoyed them and all the wonderful people.

Thank you again,
Joanne Sannes

Congratulations, Judy!

JUDITH A. KNUDSEN HONORED WITH WAFCS LEADER AWARD

Judith A. Knudsen received the 2011 WAFCS Leader Award at the State meeting in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. She was nominated by her colleagues, Karen Dickrell and Christine Kniep. During the award presentation they highlighted her professional leadership and her contributions to improving the well-being of individuals, families and communities.

Judy is currently the Family Living Educator, Professor and Department Head for a staff of twenty-six, at the University of Wisconsin-Extension Brown County at the office in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Her leadership has influenced Brown County since 1990. Prior to that, she was the Extension Home Economist in Montana for eight years and in South Dakota for one year. She earned her bachelor's degree in Family Environment from Iowa State University in 1981 and her master's degree in Studies and Aging from the University of North Texas in 1990.

Her resume is overflowing with accomplishments related to the leadership she provides in Brown County, Wisconsin and at the national level. She is a visionary providing leadership to thousands of people of multiple ages and stages in their own leadership development. She is a living, stellar example of what the WAFCS Leader Award recognizes and celebrates.

Judy has been a member of AAFCS for over thirty years and has served our state association as Professional Section Chair-Extension from 2001 - 2005, Vice President of Professional Development from 2005 - 2006, President from 2009 - 2010 and next year she is our WAFCS Conference Chair.

She has co-authored publications on money: *Tracking Your Spending and Taking Control of Your Spending*. She was also co-researcher on two projects, *Connectedness*



*Carolyn Barnhart (Left) presenting
Leader Award to Judith Knudsen*

of Residents to Neighborhoods in Green Bay and Tapping into Teen Concerns, Perceptions and Behaviors in Brown County.

She has developed educational materials in *Creating Aging Friendly Communities*, *Food Preservation*, *Diversity Circles* and most recently she has created a *Healthy Eating and Safety Blog*.

If we had an award for Collaborator of the Year she would be a front runner for that award as well. She chairs, leads or has served as an active member in thirteen collaborative community groups from the Brown County 25 x 25 Energy Oversight Committee to the Brown County Dairy Promotion Committee.

Judy shares her knowledge as an active presenter on the state, regional and national levels. Family and Consumer Sciences professionals in extension, education and business benefit from the leadership in *Creating Aging Friendly Communities*, *Conversations between generations*, *Diversity Circles* and sessions on *Financial Management* topics.

In her application she shared the 2010 UW-Extension Brown County Annual Report that she authored. It is a ten page report highlighting and explaining the accomplishments of Brown County UW-

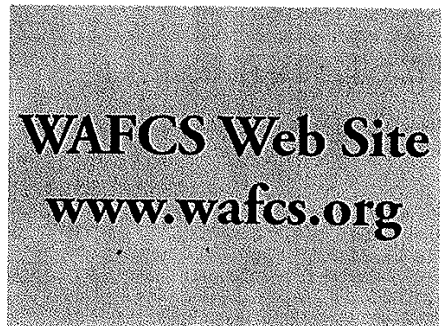
Extension in engaging people in lifelong learning. She also explained her leadership in *Diversity Circles* while offering *Living Library Events*. These events offered safe environments to share stories in a café format. Judy documented her commitment to food preservation classes with a news article printed in the *Green Bay Press Gazette*. Judy has organized and led eight poverty simulations, in 2010, in Brown County. A poverty simulation forces people to experience and appreciate the realities of life with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. Knudsen has been involved

in writing the *Basic Needs Chapter* for the State of Barron County Children's Report. She highlighted research on child poverty, income, transportation, housing, food security and health insurance in Brown County.

Judy Knudsen is a leader! She exemplifies a person contributing on multiple platforms to improve living conditions for children and aging adults. Her unselfish approach to high quality programming encourages collaboration and invites community engagement and growth.

In January of 2012, Judy's application will be placed in national competition for the National AAFCS Leader Award.

Congratulations, Judy!



This article was taken from the Spring 2011 issue of "Wisconsin Affiliate of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences".

Sharp at Any Age: Tips for Keeping Your Brain Young

As we get older, we tend to get wiser in many ways. Thanks to experience, we may be better at making decisions, have bigger vocabularies and be more expert in certain areas than we were when we were younger.

As our brains get older, however, it may be a bit harder for us to learn certain information or remember things. It may be harder, for instance, to remember your neighbor's phone number, or your grandson's birthday.

The good news is that there are lots of things you can do to keep your brain sharp and working well throughout your life. Researchers call this "cognitive vitality."

"Some research suggests that doing such things as exercising regularly, eating right, and staying intellectually active can contribute to cognitive vitality," Says American Geriatrics Society (AGS) member Stephanie Studenski, MD, professor of medicine in the division of geriatrics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Here's what the experts recommend, based on the latest cognitive vitality research:

See your health care professional regularly

Many health problems—such as high blood pressure, diabetes, depression, or not eating right—can make it hard to keep your mind sharp. It's important to get regular check-ups to make sure you're in good health and that any health problems you may have are under control. Follow your doctor's or nurse's advice.

Get Enough Sleep

Older adults don't need less sleep than younger adults. Getting less than 7 or 8 hours of sleep at night can make it harder to concentrate and remember

Get Rid of Stress

Over time, stress can make it hard to get a good night's rest. Stress can also make it harder to concentrate, learn and remember. Exercise, prayer and meditation are good stress relievers.

Exercise

Regular exercise—at least 30 minutes, 3 times a week—can help you stay sharp. Exercise increases blood flow to the brain, which helps keep the brain healthy and working. Well. Exercise may even help new brain cells grow. Walking is probably the easiest thing to do. Wear comfortable shoes and try walking around your block with a friend. If the weather is bad, you can also walk indoors at a school or shopping center. Other great exercise choices include dancing, cycling, swimming and gardening.

Think, Think, Think

The more you use your brain, the better it'll work. Read. Do that crossword puzzle. Play bridge. Join a discussion group at a senior center or church. Take a class at your local community college. Learn to play the piano or speak Spanish.



Socialize

Spending time with other people also seems to give your brain a boost. Find ways to meet and get to know others. Join a club. Volunteer.

Eat Right

A diet that is low in saturated fat (the kind found in fried foods, butter, cheese, beef and pork) but rich in fruits and vegetables and B vitamins is good for your brain. Your diet should also include a couple of servings of fish, especially salmon, tuna, sardines, and mackerel each week. These fish are high in Omega-3 fatty acids, which are good fats that your brain needs. Ask your doctor or nurse if you should take a multiple vitamin daily.

Source: Sharp at Any Age: Tips for Keeping Your Brain Young from the Foundation for Health in Aging, 350 Fifth Ave., Suite 801, New York, NY 10118 www.healthinaging.org

Check Out Our Blog!

<http://bcuwexhealthyliving.blogspot.com/>

Judy Knudsen, Brown County UW-Extension Family Living Educator, will be regularly updating this online blog featuring recipes, tips, and advice on healthy eating and food safety. Come interact with us... We want to hear your comments and feedback!

Food Preservation Classes

Judy Knudsen

Upcoming food preservation classes for August, September and October 2011:

August 3, 2011—Fruit Salsa, Relish and Chutney

August 9, 2011—Pickling

August 30, 2011—Canning Tomato Products

September 20, 2011—Canning Condiments

September 21, 2011—Drying Foods

To register for classes please contact the UW-Extension Office at 920-391-4610.



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