



Dear 4-H Families,

April is National Volunteer Month. It is the month which we take a moment and thank the many volunteers that give so much to the 4-H program.

In celebration of the two hundred plus leaders that help make the 4-H program what it is here in St. Croix County, I salute you because you are...

V - very special person

O - one that can make a huge difference

L - loves sharing skills with others

U - unselfish in giving

N - never wants attention

T - tireless in their efforts

E - educating the members

E - each and everyone very special

 ${\bf R}~$ - remember to thank them since they are

S - so very crucial to the program's success!



Now here is a challenge to all of the 4-H members......National Volunteer Week is April 10-16. Make sure that you recognize one, two or more of the 4-H leaders who have helped make a positive difference in your life. Send a thank-you note, call to let them know you appreciate them, give them a small gift, or simply say "thank-you" the next time you are together. You may be surprised by their reaction! I want to hear many stories from our adult leaders that they were thanked by the members.

As we all know, volunteers don't do what they do for the fame or the glory. They use vacation, choose to give time to work with youth because they love what they do and they know they are making a difference in our future.

Time is a very precious gift. Thank-you for choosing to use your time as a volunteer in the St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development program.

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St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development Agent

2016 St. Croix County Fair Dates July 20-24, 2016

St. Croix County Fair Association, Inc. has printed a twoyear fair premium list (fair book) for the 2015-2016 fair. Premium Books will be issued to NEW families in 2016.

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Thank You

Horse Project Thank You

Greetings from the Horse Project! We want to thank everyone that made our Meat Raffle and Tack Swap such a success. The turnout we had for volunteers was AWESOME!!! It made things go so easy it is great having so much good help. We raised \$2,000 which will go directly to the horse barn.

The Meat Raffle held at the Village Inn in North Hudson on Feb 20th could not have been accomplished without the great donations we received from Swanks Meats - St. Croix Falls, WI, Eichten's Cheese and Bison- Center City, MN, Ellsworth Creamery - Ellsworth, WI, Specialty Meats - Hudson, WI, Sailer Meats - Elmwood, WI, Olson's Meats - Woodville, WI, Deer's Food Locker - Deer Park, WI, Daeffler's Meats - Fredric, WI, RJ Meats - Hudson WI and lastly the Village Inn for letting us hold the event.

If you are in any of these businesses, please thank them for supporting 4-H and youth programs. We also held our 3rd annual tack swap, which was a success. We are now gearing up to help Roberts Ribbon Reapers with their annual Garage Sale. Then it will be time to ride with clinics starting in April. (See clinic schedule)

Livestock Committee Thank You

The Livestock Committee sends a huge thank you to everyone that came to the Pancake Breakfast on March 13. If you came to eat, bought baked goods and/or won a silent auction item it was all very much appreciated.

A special thank you to the clubs that donated items for the silent auction; Baldwin Wide Awake, Forest Timberwolves, Lone Pine, Springbrook and Wildwood.

National Volunteer Week

Thank you to our 250+ 4-H volunteer leaders as we celebrate National Volunteer Week; April 10-16 all your hard work and dedication doesn't go unnoticed!

Leader News

Leader Training: Service Learning

April 14 at 7:00pm

UW-Extension Office

Are you interested in advancing your 4-H clubs from community service to service learning? Are you looking for new ideas for service work? Then you will want to attend this workshop. Please RSVP to Heather by April 12 if you plan on attending.

M.E. Wrap Up Meeting April 19 at 6pm UW-Extension Office

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association will be holding a M.E. wrap up meeting on April 19 at 6:00pm at the UW-Extension Office. We are inviting all club leaders, parents, and youth to provide us feedback on our M.E. process. Your thoughts will help us improve our process for this coming fall and the 2017 4-H year.

Leader's Council Meeting April 19, 7 pm Ag Services & Education Center

All of the Leader's Council Meetings are open meetings. Anyone is invited to attend at any time. Agenda items are due 10 days before the meeting date. If you have any items to discuss with the council, please get your agenda items to DaNell Jamieson. The agendas and minutes are posted on the St. Croix County UW-Extension 4-H Web Site under Leaders' Council.

You can attend meetings by using the audio conference. Just dial the following number: 1-866-244-1377 US Toll Free and then enter the following password: 5863291#.

Living Memorial Award Nominations due April 1

We all know people who put a lot of time and effort in the County Fair to make it a success each year. Sometimes they are out front and very visible to all of us and sometimes they are people who work quietly behind the scenes. The Living Memorial Award is a way to honor those individuals. The actual award is a bronze plaque that is permanently displayed on the monument near the flags at the fairgrounds. It is a "surprise" award that is presented during the County Fair.

Please encourage your club to nominate someone for the Living Memorial Awards. Often the Living Memorial Award is presented to a 4-H Leader, but it could also be presented to an individual who is not a 4-H leader.

Recipients of the Living Memorial Awards for the past 4 years have been:

Alfie Schrank, 2015 Dale Hudson, 2014 Dean LeMay, Dean & Jodi Lingenfelter, 2013 Warren & Lori DeBoer, 2012

Insurance

The American Income Life Insurance covers both 4-H youth and certified 4-H volunteers. Clubs would need to purchase extra insurance for non 4-H youth and adults who are not certified.

Inventory List Wanted

The Adult Leader's are in the process of updating their insurance policy. We are looking for inventory lists and estimated value from all clubs and committees. Please have this to Beth Sippl (bethsippl@yahoo.com) by Tuesday, April 19.

Teenage Alcohol Use & Abuse Awareness Month

Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking

This time of year brings lots of opportunities for teens to celebrate. Unfortunately, many times these celebrations end in tragedy because the party was fueled by alcohol provided by an adult. This year, St. Croix County wants teens (and their parents) to celebrate prom and graduation safely without alcohol.

Now through June, coalition members are raising awareness about the health and safety risks of adults serving alcohol at teen parties. The "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking" campaign includes public events and educational displays around the community.

It is illegal for adults to purchase, pour, or provide alcohol for anyone under age 21 who isn't their child or spouse. Parents can't provide "permission" for an adult to purchase, pour, or provide alcohol to their children.

"Adults who purchase, pour, or provide alcohol to teens are placing both the teen and themselves in jeopardy," said Julie Theisen, AODA Counselor with St. Croix County.

Here are some tips for adults (especially parents) on how to avoid being a party to teenage drinking:

- Don't be afraid to be the bad guy. Taking a tough stand on alcohol use can help youth say no when they are pressured to drink by their friends.
- Talk with other adults about hosting alcoholfree youth events. Unity creates a tough, enforceable message.
- Set a positive example. If you host a party, always serve alternative non-alcoholic beverages and do not let anyone drink and drive.
- Stay home if a teen is hosting a party in your home. Observe the activities and confiscate any alcohol that may brought by party goers.
- Report underage drinking to the police promptly.

The "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking" campaign was developed by the Drug Free Action Alliance. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has partnered with the Drug Free Action Alliance since 2009 to provide this program each year to over 40 community groups statewide.

Club Opportunities

4-H Food Stand

The 4-H Food Stand at the fair still needs help filling 3 shifts. They are: one shift on <u>Thursday</u> from 1:30-4:30, a small shift 11-12 people. Another shift on <u>Friday</u> from 2:30 to 5:30, a large shift 20-22 people and the last shift needing coverage is on <u>Saturday</u> from 9:30am to 11:30, a small shift 11-12 people.

Contact person: Mari Omann at momann@baldwintelecom.net

We would like to thank all of the clubs and groups who have signed up all ready: Ambassadors, Bellringers, Dry Run Go-Getters, Golden Fireballs, Lone Pine, North Country, Riverside, Roberts Ribbon Reapers, Rolling Hills, Springbrook, Sunnyside Shamrocks, Tri-River Voyagers, and Wildwood.

Club Banners

The St. Croix Leader's Association is asking that each club/committee submit a banner to be displayed at the St. Croix County Fair. These banners will be hung in the 4-H building. So they are more eye appealing, we ask that they be 3' wide x 5' long in size. Please add a 2" pocket on the top for a dowel rod to be inserted for hanging. We encourage you to add weight at the bottom of the banner so that it doesn't blow in the breeze. The banners will need to be at the Extension office no later than July 1st. The banners can be made out of any material and we ask that you put your club/committee name on them. They will be returned to you after the fair, however, we may ask for them to be displayed at other events (banquet, Farm City Days, Clover College, etc.).

Please contact Lori DeBoer if you have any questions! Thank you for helping us beautify the fairgrounds!

Twelve Months of Giving

The Food Resource Collaborative of St. Croix County invites area community organizations to participate in various monthly collections to benefit local food pantries and charities. Choose to participate in one month, four months, or all twelve months. All contributions can be collected at your site all month and then dropped off at your local food pantry. If you have any questions about your local pantry, call Mary Lestrud at 715-531-1930.

April: Please collect Protein items which would include: peanut butter, kidney beans, pork & beans, tuna, canned ham and canned chicken. Financial contributions are also accepted. Checks payable to: Food Resource Collaborative/Protein Project.

Earth Day Event

Sunday, April 17; noon to 4:00 pm YMCA Camp St. Croix (532 Cty Rd F, Hudson)

Our 12th annual Earth Day Celebration: "Pollinators" is a family event of booths, activities and programs that feature environmentally friendly messages and get people back outside.

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Youth News / Opportunities

A.S.T.E.A.M. Academy

(Art, Science, Technology, Engineering, Ag., & Math)
Saturday April 9, 2016
Register at 8:30am, Program is 9:00am-2pm
New Richmond Commons

A.S.T.E.A.M. Academy is a 5 hour event filled with hands on workshops for youth in grades 5-8. Youth may attend three or four different 1 or 2 hour sessions. Sessions include: Lego robotics, chemistry, physics, construction, food science, and much more! The cost is \$15 per youth. Bring a sack lunch, come and join us for a day full of fun!

R.I.O.T. (Revolution, Innovation, Operation, Transformation) Youth Leaders

April 18 @ 6:00pm UW-Extension Office

Are you interested in making positive changes within your community and your life? Join an adventurous group of teen leaders to explore the possibilities. R.I.O.T. is open to all youth (4-H and non-members) grades 8-13 interested in community service, youth leadership, and civic engagement. Our next meeting will be held April 18. We will be having a movie night and dinner. For more information contact Heather.

Craft Make and Take

April 23; 8-10am

Ag Serviced & Education Center, Baldwin

The St. Croix County Ambassadors will be hosting a craft day for members in Kindergarten through sixth grade. There will be various crafts to make for you to give to that someone special in your life. Each craft you make will be \$5 with no limit on how many you make.

Please register by emailing DeAnn at: deannhammer@gmail.com or Carole at: carole@dewittmeida.com. Feel free to mail registration to UW-Extension to: 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140, Baldwin WI 54002. The registration form is at the end of the Communicator. Space is limited so first-come, first serve with potential walk-ins welcome.

Male Chaperone Needed

We are in need of a St. Croix County male chaperone for the 2016 Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference trip on June 20-23 in Madison, WI. Chaperones need to be / or become a certified 4-H volunteer leader. All expenses for chaperones are paid for by the WI state 4-H program and the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association. If you are interested please contact Heather by April 15.

Host Families Sought for One-Month 4-H Japan and Korea Exchange Programs

Here's a brief listing of 4-H International hosting opportunities for this year:

- 1. 4-H host families are still needed for **Finnish** delegates ranging in age from 16 to 19! They will include several 18 and 19 year-old delegates (male and female) so families with older teens, including those who will be home from college for the summer, may find this of special interest. Please contact us immediately if you'd like specific information about the delegates available placement, however, will be done at the national exchange office in early March. The youth will homestay between June 30-July 23.
- 2. Young people from **Mexico** are scheduled for their homestay from July 1-August 1. If you love Spanish and have a child between the ages of 11-18,

this is a great opportunity to have fun practicing Spanish while learning more about our southern neighbors first hand.

- 3. **Japanese and Korean** youth between ages of 12-19 will experience Wisconsin host family life between July 24-Aug. 20. Bios have arrived and we are ready to hold/assign one of these great young people to your family.
- 4. Don't forget there are opportunities for hosting **adult chaperones** from all of these delegations!
- 5. **Japanese, South Korean, and Eurasian high school exchange** students are being assigned to hosts NOW! Apply now for the 2016-17 school year! The students' bios are beginning to arrive now and are placed on a first come, first served basis. Hurry for your choice of countries and students!

Host applications and brochures about the program are available through the county 4-H office and at wi4hinternational.org. Any questions can be e mailed to Nancy Burman, International County Coordinator at music mommy@hotmail.com

Ambassadors

On Saturday, March 5, the St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors helped lead 4-H Clover College, at the Community Commons in New Richmond. We helped lead songs, greet attendees, collected food for Five Loaves Food Pantry and assisted in teaching classes. Clover College is an annual event open to 4-H members and youth in grades 1-3. Watch for the St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors next event on April 23rd at the St. Croix County Extension office in Baldwin. We will be holding a Mother's Day crafting session. So grab Dad and come make a Mother's Day gift for mom, we hope to see you there. —Claudia Lenz, 4-H Ambassadors



4-H Summer Camp June 13-15

Grades 3-8

Camp will be held at the beautiful Camp Kiwanis on the St. Croix River, just ten miles north of Stillwater, Minnesota. This site has all the accommodations for an exciting camping experience. Recreational facilities at Camp Kiwanis include: 30' x 60' outdoor swimming pool, basketball and tennis courts, sand volleyball court, tetherball area, canoeing, large campfire circle, craft building, wilderness hiking trails, and softball diamond.

Camp features:

- · Fellowship and friendship from a four-county area (St. Croix, Polk, Barron, & Sawyer)
- · A 1/7 counselor/camper ratio. Counselors are high school youth who have been screened and trained
- · Terrific food and lots of activities
- · An adult staff of Extension agents, volunteers, and college students

Transportation to Camp: Several bus stops will be available. The bus cost is included in the camp fee. **Cost:** Camp will be \$100.00 / youth (covers housing, food, transportation and all camp programs)

<u>Parents:</u> Enroll your children in camp according to their current grade in school. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't delay!

4-H Golf Classic June 13, 2016

Kilkarney Hill Golf Club

The 2016 4-H Golf Classic will be held on June 13 at the Kilkarney Hill Golf Club in River Falls. The proceeds from this event help support the 4-H programs in St. Croix, Polk, Pierce, Dunn, and Chippewa Counties. We are in great need of hole sponsorships. Get your business recognized at this event. We are also looking for golf teams of 4 (business or individuals). Golfers will receive 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, lunch, dinner, a very nice gift bag, and be eligible for prizes for attending the event. For more information please see the flyer in the back of the Communicator.

St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo

June 17-18 Fairgrounds

In addition to top quality, professional rodeo, added family attractions include horse drawn wagon rides, Stick Rodeo, Muttin Bustin, Nickel Scrambles, Pony Rides & an Exotic Animal Petting Zoo. Go to <gorodeo.org> for details. This is great family fun in your "backyard"!!

Wanted Club Roadside Displays for the 2016 Rodeo. Build a display and win the following prizes: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50, plus all participating clubs will receive 3 Rodeo tickets to be drawn for by club members. To be eligible for judging, displays must be erected by Monday, May 30th. Contact Chris Libbey for details (651) 247-0395.

Now accepting applications for St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Queen

The St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo is currently accepting applications for the 8th annual St. Croix Valley Rodeo Queen position. Applications are due to the committee by April 2 with tryouts on April 9.

We are currently looking for young women ages 16-22 that live in a 60 mile radius from the St. Croix County Fairgrounds in Glenwood City. All contestants must be able to ride a horse well, speak to the public about the sport of rodeo and other topics as pertain to her reign. The primary function of the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Queen will be to promote the rodeo and the queen program in rodeos, parades, on the radio and by representing the rodeo at various social events.

Application materials are available and can be downloaded at www.gorodeo.org.

Direct question to St. Croix Valley Rodeo Queen Coordinator, Theresa Hoffman at 715-781-1046 or scvrodeoqueen@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you. Go Rodeo

Youth Leadership Derby

April 16-17, 2016 10:30am, Brillion High School

I would like to call your attention to our annual career exploration and leadership opportunity that may be a great fit for some of your county youth. It is the Youth Leadership Derby, sponsored by Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW). This lock-in style event is perfect for youth who have an interest in real-world science, leadership development and hands-on learning in the agriculture industry.

Many people overlook the career opportunities in agriculture that are associated with our state's \$43.3 billion dairy industry. You don't need to be from a farm to be part of this vibrant industry – one that has steadily provided jobs and careers in this state through every economic cycle. Students who attend PDPW's Youth Leadership Derby will meet some of these people as they experience:

- Hands-On dissection Veterinarian Labs and tour of Holsum Dairy
- Choice of Discovery Forums
- An Agricultural Career Panel
- Group activities to increase confidence, team-work and leadership skills
- Amazing featured speakers including Sam Glenn, NCAA Track Star Ed Slowikowski, Comedy Sportz and Alice in Dairyland!

All of this takes place at Brillion High School beginning at 10:30 am on Saturday, April 16 and concluding on Sunday, April 17 at 12:45 PM. A brochure can be found here and a registration link can be found here. The cost is \$79/student. Youth Leadership Derby provides a safe, energetic and fun learning environment.

For more information, contact Tracy Propst at 800-947-7379 or tpropst@pdpw.org. Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin I 820 N Main St., Suite D, Juneau, WI 53039.

Tractor Safety Class

June 20-23, 2016 Baldwin -Woodville High School

St. Croix County Agricultural Tractor/Equipment safety Certification Class will be available again this

year. Complete a 28-hour class and pass both a written and driving test. This is a practical hands-on and academic week and daily attendance is required.

The certification class is available to all youth ages 11 & older working on any farm or business other than their parents. This is a Federal Employment Certificate. There is a \$30.00 fee payable to SCC FFA to cover insurance, books, tractors, fuel and facilities. You <u>MUST</u> have parental permission slips signed and returned on Monday morning, June 20, to drive tractors.

You will need to set up transportation to class on your own. The group will eat lunch at the Dairy Queen, Subway or McDonalds. Bring money for lunch or bring a sack lunch, whichever you prefer.

If you have any further questions, please contact Michelle Kamm, B-W FFA Advisor at <u>715-684-3321</u> Ext: 4119 or Bill Emery, SCC Ag Instructor, <u>715-796-5383 Ext 145</u>.

Communications & Arts

State Fair Qualification Demonstrations

There are now two ways to qualify to participate at the Wisconsin State Fair in Demonstrations.

- 1) Attend the County Mini-Talent Explosion for judging and receive recommendation for state fair attendance
- 2) Members can be recommended by their club general leaders as state fair participants. Members MUST demonstrate at the club level and receive recommendation by the general leader by June 1 of that calendar year. General leaders must provide feedback on the demonstration criteria worksheet currently used at the county judging event and contact the office by the deadline to indicate their approval for your demonstration to move onto the state fair competition.

Please be advised that State Fair participation is the responsibility of the member which includes travel expenses and arrangements to and from the Wisconsin State Fair. Cost of staying at the Tommy Thompson Youth Center (approximately \$35/night and includes three meals in the cafeteria) is also the responsibility of the member. State fair participation for demonstrations varies from 2-3 nights at the state

fair and includes an educational curriculum on public speaking. Members at the state fair demonstrate a total of three times over three days.

The demonstration opportunity at the Wisconsin State Fair has been known to be an incredible experience for the youth from St. Croix County. General leaders should contact the office to request the judging criteria form. Questions can be directed to DeAnn Hammer at deannhammer@gmail.com.

Photography News

Since the year of 2009 I have been the St Croix County Photography Project Leader and I have seen how the photography members have improved in their photography abilities and understanding, how they show their photos and talk to the judges at the fair and how many have taken on the responsibility to learn something new each year. I truly have loved to hear about their experiences and what they have enjoyed about their project. With this being said I am thinking of making some changes for the next fair book. I would really like and appreciate some help with this. I have asked for help for 7 years and I don't like making all the decisions and trying to get things figured out alone. Let me know if you would like to meet and discuss some changes. Thank you.

Our first meeting was on March 19th and there will be another one on Wednesday, June 15th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in Baldwin at the UW-Extension Office (1960 8th Ave Baldwin WI). While the meetings are mostly set up to help the 1st and 2nd year photography members there is always information for everyone and it is good to learn from one another. I highly recommend the meeting for the new beginners!!! We will be going over Fair Book Information, the basics of photography and if there is a topic that you would like discussed please let me know ASAP so that we can make sure that we cover your topic! If you have a group that needs some help and you are not able to make it to the meetings planned then it is your responsibility to contact me and we can possibly set something up (like a photo shoot and meeting) at my place outside of Downing. I live on a farm and it's a great photo opportunity!!! I am available during the week once the end of April arrives.

Please remember that the Alternative Project forms are due no later than June 15th. They can be found on the Facebook page or I can email you one. The **judges strongly emphasized** (recommended) that the photography members that have been in the project

for 3 or more years should be reaching out to learn more through other means. If you are looking for ideas please check past Communicators and check out the information on the Facebook page.

Have a great day, Kay Jacobsen ~ St. Croix County Photography Project Leader

Our email is sccphotographyproject@gmail.com and the Facebook page is SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT (request to join and you will be accepted!).

Clothing Project

Clothing Revue and State Fair Clothing Revue Selection

June 29, 2016, 6:00 pm Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

Be sure to mark this day on your calendar. This year we will include Dunn, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix Counties. The Clothing Revue and the selection for the Wisconsin State Fair Clothing Revue will take place on June 29, 6:00 pm. More details will be shared closer to the event.

Softball

Coaches Meeting

May 11; 8:00pm Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

Softball team registration forms will be mailed to General Organizational Leaders.

4-H Softball All Star Game

July 28 - Erin Corners 7 pm - Junior Game, 8 pm - Senior Game

4-H Softball Tournaments

July 30, 7 pm and July 31, 9 am Hatfield Park in New Richmond

Naturespace

Shooting Sports Orientation Registration

Tuesday, April 5 7:00 pm

Ag Service and Education Center, Baldwin All 4-H members who are signed up for shooting sports are required to attend one of our orientation and registration meetings with a parent in order to participate in our training and practice sessions this summer.

This will qualify you to compete in our shooting sports competition for the fair. You must attend at least two of our practice and training sessions to qualify for the competition shoot.

A \$10.00 fee per member is required at registration. If you have any questions please contact Dan Frye at mlfrye@baldwin-telecom.net or 715-688-6779 or Dave Smith at Lomac@baldwin-telecom.net or 715-684-2966.

Middle School and High School Youth Conservation Camps June 2016

Two fun and unique conservation summer camp opportunities are available for middle and high school students this summer in northern Wisconsin. These camps provides fun outdoor experiences to help foster an appreciation for nature and introduce a variety of opportunities in natural resources and conservation careers. Natural resource professionals present programs on wildlife, habitat, water quality, fisheries, forestry, outdoor skills and more.

Middle School Youth: Sand Lake Conservation Camp - June 22-24, 2006

For students entering grades 6-8 in 2016/17 school year. It is located at Camp Bird near Crivitz, WI. Camp registration is \$100 (\$150 after May 18th) and includes room, board, t-shirt and all activities/programs. To register contact Anne Bartels (715) 732-7784 or abartels@marinettecounty.com. Scholarships available for St. Croix County residents, contact Aleisha Miller at 715-531-1915 for more information.

<u>High School Youth:</u> Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Camp - June 20-24, 2016
For students entering grades 9-12 in 2016/17 school year (must be 17 or under). It is located at the North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters, WI. www.discoverycenter.net

Camp registration is \$250/student and includes room, board, t-shirt and all activities/programs. Register online by June 3 at:

wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-conservation-camps. You can also contact Kim Warkentin at 608-441-2677 or kim@wisconsinlandwater.org.

Scholarships available for St. Croix County residents, contact Aleisha Miller at 715-531-1915 for more information.

Animal Sciences

Area Animal Science Day June 30

Regional animal science educational opportunities available to Wisconsin 4-H members. Specifically, Area Animal Science Days is a series of four daylong events held around the state in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep and swine projects increase their decision making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Events include evaluation of dairy cattle, horses, dairy goats and meat animals; dairy showmanship contests; hippology (the study of horses); and oral reasons workshops. In addition, each site offers a variety of workshops for small animal projects, which may include rabbits, poultry, dogs, cats or llamas.

AASD strives:

- To increase the availability of educational opportunities in the 4-H Animal Science Projects.
- To increase decision making skills through judging and grading experiences.
- To increase the knowledge of animals through breeding and market evaluation and management information.

Visit the UW-Extension Animal Sciences website for more information:

http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hanimalscience/area-animalscience-days.

Heritage Dairy Heifer Calf

The St. Croix County 4-H Dairy Committee is sponsoring a Registered Dairy Calf Award to one outstanding 4-H member. Interested members are asked to write a short essay (100 words or less) on "What would owning your own registered dairy calf mean to your 4-H experience?" Applicants are also asked to list their involvement in 4-H and dairy project activities.

Applications are due to the UW-Extension office by April 10, and applicants may be asked back for an interview with the selection committee. The goal of the committee is to have the winner selected by May 1st. The dairy committee will pay registration transfer fees. *Previous winners are not eligible*. *Decisions of the judges are final*.

Application is open to 4-H members of all ages. This is an excellent opportunity to add a registered dairy calf to your 4-H project experience. Be sure to thank your 4-H Dairy Committee members for making this possible! The application can be found at the end of the Communicator or contact the UW-Extension Office.

Dairy Judging Practice

Monday, April 12, 7:30 pm Lance & Ryan Kamm / Nova Holsteins 1710 190th St., New Richmond

Did you know you do not have to be a Dairy Project member to participate in Dairy Judging? You only have to be interested in learning how to judge dairy cattle.

WI Ayrshire Breeders Association Shayr-A-Heifer Program

Applications Due: April 1

Wisconsin Ayrshire Breeders Association (WABA) is now accepting applications for its 2016 Shayr-A-Heifer Program. This program is designed to help young people who are interested in having a Registered Ayrshire dairy project. Ownership will be on a 50/50 basis between the Junior member and the Wisconsin Ayrshire Breeders Association. After two years the Junior member has the option of buying the heifer (original purchase price plus 25%) or selling

her at the 2018 WABA Spring Sale for 50% of the proceeds.

Applications must be received by April 1, 2016. We will select calves and place them by the middle of May. Also, all applicants are invited to attend the Wisconsin Ayrshire Breeders Association Spring Sale held in Neillsville on April 9, 2016.

Questions or more information regarding the program contact Shayr-A-Heifer Chairmen Craig Keller (608-437-5156) or Harry Lynch (608-879-2986).

Outstanding Dairy Member

Application Due: June 1

Each year the Dairy Committee selects one member to receive the Outstanding Dairy Member Award. The member selected receives a plaque and a \$100 cash award. The plaque is presented at the County Fair and the \$100 check is presented at the 4-H Leaders' Banquet in the fall. Contact the UW-Extension Office for an application for the Outstanding Dairy Member Award. Please remember, a member may only receive the award once in their 4-H career.

Badger Dairy Camp June 9-11

Dairy committee will sponsor up to \$500 (registration for 5 youth) to attend the Badger Dairy Camp. Need to apply / contact the Extension office by May 15th for sponsorship dollars.

Badger Dairy Camp is an annual camp held in June and is open to youth between the ages of 12 and 18. This camp, held on the beautiful University of Wisconsin Madison campus, provides an excellent opportunity for youth to get hands on experience learning how to fit and show animals. Youth also learn about the purebred cattle industry and attend workshops including "Roaming Through the Rumen". Instructors for the camp include dairy industry leaders, graduate students, and UW professors.

Each year the camp is open to one hundred youth. This three day event is open to all dairy youth, come near or far, between the ages 12 and 18. For the Badger State application, download here: http://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyyouth/badger-dairy-camp.

Dairy State Fair

It's time to start thinking about the 2016 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Dairy Show. We will provide you with information as it comes to us.

In the meantime, if you are interested in showing at the 2016 State Fair or have any questions, please contact Randy Peterson at 715-698-2299 (mistymeadowsfarm@hotmail.com) or Todd Doornink at todd@jondefarm.com

Cat Fun Show

April 2 11:00 am – Show Begins Vetting to begin at 10:30am Roberts Park Building

Open to 4-H members and non 4-H members and adults. If you didn't register by March 25, there may still be room. Contact the UW-Extension Office immediately.

Current rabies and distemper shot records are required at the time of vetting in when the Vet checks your cat for health problems, fleas and ear mites. Shots must be administered at least two weeks prior to the show if they are not valid from last year. Shots administered at home are NOT ALLOWED. Any cat showing signs of illness or disease shall not be permitted to show.

There's a limit of 1 Cat per Class with the entry fee of \$5.00/cat. Each exhibitor is allowed a total of two cats.

Directions: On Highway 12, turn south on Division St. (at Holiday Station). Follow Division to either Tower or Maple, turn left. Both run into Park Street, on which the Park Building is located.

Dog Project Informational Meeting

April 7, 7:00 pm
Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

Dog project members: there will be an informational meeting on April 7th at 7pm at the extension office. We will be going over the rules and equipment needed. This will be the only time that we will be reviewing information so it is VERY important that ALL new project members attend with a parent or responsible adult. Watch your email for information

or call Anne at 715-246-2659 or email at pawilbur@frontiernet.net.

Watch your email or regular mail for more information. If you have any questions, call Anne Wilbur at 715-246-2659.

4-H Dog Trainings May 5, 12, 19, 26

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

July 7, 14

Greenfield Elementary School; Baldwin

Dog training sessions run every Thursday evening at 7:30pm for 10 weeks beginning in May. Dogs must have the required shots to participate in the training sessions or at the fair. Shot papers must be turned in by the first training session. Dog training is required in order to show at the St. Croix County Fair.

Questions about the St. Croix Co 4-H Dog Project or the vaccinations may be directed to Anne Wilbur (246-2659).

Rabbit/Small Animal/Guinea Pig (Cavie)

All members are required to attend AT LEAST ONE MEETING to be able to show at the St. Croix County Fair in July.

Meeting Dates:

Monday May 9th @ 7pm - fair expectations, rabbit breeds, choosing the right breed, and general animal care.

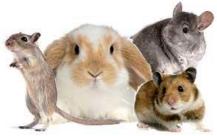
Tuesday May 24th @ 7pm - fair expectations, and rabbit showmanship.

Monday June 13th @ 7pm - fair expectations, rabbit diseases and defects.

Wednesday June 29th @ 7pm - fair expectations, and showmanship help.

Sunday July 10th @ 12pm - fun show!

Contact Information: Kayla Dimler - <u>kayla.dimler@gmail.com</u> (715) 222-5680 OR Valerie Meijer - <u>peter19@frontiernet.net</u> (715) 246-9682.



Youth Horse Committee

April 4, 2016; 7:00 pm Ag Services & Education Center

All meetings are open to anyone who has in interest in the horse program. If you have items for the agenda, please contact Bridget Lentz at (651) 303-4682 with agenda items. Committee meetings are the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Ag Service & Education Center.

Are you on Facebook? Friend us on Facebook at "St. Croix County 4-H Youth Horse Project"

Reminder parents if you want to chaperone an event to stay on the fairgrounds over night or be a clinician you MUST attend the New Volunteer Orientation that the County offers.

May Fair Event—May 7th--Big Fundraiser for barns at the fairgrounds—next one to be built is the horse barn!! Please consider helping, donating and attending.

We are always looking for help and volunteering is a requirement for participating in the Horse Program. We will need volunteers for the events/shows and there will also be other opportunities throughout the season. Watch your email or check our Facebook page (St. Croix County 4-H Youth Horse Project-https://www.facebook.com/groups/59581856212/) for ways to help along with the latest news and events.

Horse Project Clinics

Riding: All Showmanship/Western Horsemanship on Sunday, April 17 at 4:00pm. Location TBD, contact Andrea Monicken, andreamonicken@yahoo.com for more information or to register.

Non-riding: All Q & A Hunter/Jumper/Dressage on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00pm. Clinic will be held at Erickson Acres. Contact Sarah Erickson, info@ericksonacres.com or 715-220-5660 for more information or to register. Treats provided.



Barron County Tack Swap & Horse Expo

Saturday, April 9 9am–3pm Barron County Community Center

Barron County 4-H & Youth Horse project is offering this free event that is open to the public. Come and attend seminars, workshops or even rent a vendor table. Come bid on various silent auction items and enjoy a wonderful concessions.

For more information, contact Tricia at tkwak@cvbean.com or 715-308-6065 or Melanie at mburdick@dairystatebank.com or 715-418-0317. To reserve your table, contact Sherrie Nichols at dsnichols@citizens-tel.net or 715-296-8305.

UW-River Falls

Youth Horse Judging Clinic April 16-17 Registration deadline: April 8

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls is offering an educational clinic for youth interested in competitive horse judging. The clinic is open to youth (12-18).

The program will help youth to objectively judge horses and prepare for judging contests. Instruction will be given in judging halter horses, Western and English performance events and oral reasons. Students will learn the objective criteria on which these classes are placed according to current industry standards. The format and presentation of oral reasons will be introduced and students will receive one-on-one assistance in developing their reasoning skills. Sunday's class will include western riding, ranch pleasure, and reining.

For more information, email <u>anfdsci@uwrf.edu</u> or call 715-425-3704. Also visit the website for registration form at:

https://www.uwrf.edu/ANFS/EquineClinics.cfm.

Midwest Horse Fair April 15-17 Madison (Alliant Center)

There will be something that you'll enjoy at the Midwest Horse Fair. Non-horse owners, families and children can meet the horse close by touring the eight different barns.

Many different breeds of horses are represented during the breed demonstration at the Coliseum. Hundreds of clinics, seminars and educational events are presented by some of the top horse professionals from around the country.

Over 500 vendor booths offer shopping opportunities with something for everyone. Enjoy the "mane" event feature presentation focusing on the magnificent horse.

For more information visit the following website: http://www.midwesthorsefair.com.

Minnesota Horse Expo April 22-24 MN State Fairgrounds

Minnesota's largest equine breed display featuring more than 50 breeds and registries of horses stalled in the Horse Barn for the public to visit and performing in the Coliseum daily from noon to 1pm for the Parade of Breeds; Friday and Saturday afternoons for the Breed Demonstrations with daily Stallion Presentations in the new AgStar Arena.

An unparalleled educational opportunity with both local and national speakers and clinicians scheduled in 5 venues lecturing, demonstrating and presenting methods, tips and suggestions for horse training, care, handling, riding, housing and more every day. For more information: http://www.mnhorseexpo.org.

April 12, 7:30 pm

Ag Services & Education Center

All of the Livestock Committee meetings are open meetings. You are welcome to attend anytime. Please call or email Marla Butler at 715-379-6238 or butlermarla@hotmail.com to get items on the agenda no later than 10 days prior to the meeting.

Ultrasounding Clinic April 11 (Tentative)

The SCLC is working with Boot Jack Cattle Company on an ultrasounding clinic that will include goats and beef. The tentative date is April 11th. If you would like to receive final information about the time, date and place of this clinic, please contact Lori DeBoer at 715-263-4201or lordeb651@gmail.com and she will get the information to you as it becomes available.

Beef/Swine Clinic

Saturday, April 23 Farm and Home, New Richmond

Farm and Home in New Richmond will be hosting a beef and swine clinic on Saturday, April 23rd. The swine portion of the clinic will start at 9:30 and will last approximately 1 hour. Topics will include showmanship and finishing your animal prior to the fair. The beef portion of the clinic will start at 10:30 and will last approximately 1 hour. Topics will include showmanship and fair preparations. There will be a veterinarian there from 10:00-11:00 to ask any questions that you might have regarding animal health. There will also be a feed nutritionist there from 10:00-11:00 to talk about feed rations.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-in

April 2, 9-11:00am,

Fairgrounds on north side of Show arena

Remember to bring your COOL papers that need to be handed in on weigh-in day. If no COOL papers are turned in, there will be no weigh-in.

Swine Weigh-in Information

Again this year, there will be **NO LIVE** swine at weigh-ins on April 2. Please watch your emails for information on how weigh in day will be ran. If you have questions at any time please contact **stcroixswineproject@yahoo.com**.

ALL Swine exhibitors and family members are required to stay in their vehicle in a designated line. A SCLC representative will come to the vehicle to gather information.

Paper work to be turned in on April 2, 2016; 9-11:00 am for swine exhibitors-

- signed and completed certificate of origin affidavit (COOL).
- Exhibitors will have a \$10 per exhibitor swine project fee.
- -Stalling Agreement to be completed and signed by all exhibitors and parents, with a **separate check** (**NO CASH**) than the exhibitor swine project fee. There will be no exceptions made for this not being

filled out completely.

- You will receive SCMA/SCLC tags. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to place tags in hog right ear with the large number facing up/toward back of pig. Only the SCMA/SCLC tags assigned to exhibitor/family will be the only SCMA/SCLC tags allowed in the pig's ear at time of show. (Example: SCMA/SCLC tag assigned to Johnson's family pigs can't be in Smith's pigs.)

To be turned in by April 18, 2016- Two Digital pictures of each pig with exhibitor (or exhibitors in the event of a family plan) in both pictures is required. The first picture needs to clearly show the pigs face with a readable view of the front ear tag. The second show back of pigs ears with a clear, readable view of tag. Email (stcroixswineproject@yahoo.com) or mail a 4x6 picture to Hannah Mason 1639 Highway 64, New Richmond, WI 54017.

Swine exhibitors please watch your email for the latest information!

NO UWRF fair pig auction for 2016.

Goat/Sheep Clinic

April 30

Farm and Home, New Richmond

Farm and Home in New Richmond will be hosting a goat and sheep clinic on Saturday, April 30th. The sheep portion of the clinic will start at 9:30 and will last approximately 1 hour. Topics will include fair preparations and feeding for meat vs. breeding. The goat portion of the clinic will start at 10:30 and will cover selection and making the most of your herd. There will be a veterinarian there from 10:00-11:00 to ask any questions that you might have regarding animal health. There will also be a feed nutritionist there from 10:--11:00 to talk about feed rations.

Northern Elite Sale

Saturday April 2, 2016 Bid off begins 2pm 575 100th Ave, Amery WI 54001

Viewing begins at 12:00pm as well as a free lunch and prizes for youth. For more information, please visit the website: http://www.kuhlshowpigs.com or contact Hannah at stcroixswineproject@yahoo.com.

Pigs purchased at the sale will be eligible for SCLC meat animal project. Prospects can be found at: Kuhl Show Pigs :: Prospects

Kids-N-Pigs Show Pig Sale & Clinic

Sunday, April 3, 2016 12:30pm viewing, clinic at 1:00pm Bid Off starts after the Clinic (3:00) Valley Feeds 1620 Indianhead Dr. Menomonie

Clinic Features: Kent Feeds

<u>Profiles Show Supplies will be on site!!!</u> For more information on the Sale, Contact:

John Entorf: 715-556-0935, Bonnie Walters: 715-220-6975 or Sue Mason: 715-220-0484.

Exit 45 off I-94, South on B, Right on 3M Drive (Wal-Mart Distribution), half-mile blue building on the North side of the road.

Sheep Sale at UW-River Falls April 3

The Indianhead Sheep Breeders Association will be holding its annual **Spring Sheep Sale on Sunday, April 3** at the UW-River Falls Mann Valley Farm.
The sale is mainly geared to offering show lambs to 4-H youth for their market lamb project. There has also been an increase in entries of show quality registered and wether style breeding stock.
Consignments are open to any ISBA member.
Consignment info will be sent out in February. If interested in consignment info, contact Corinne Arnevik-Hansen at chansen@lsdwi.org or 715-205-9603.

If you have not attended the spring sale before, add April 3 to your calendar and attend to see some great sheep and purchase your next winner.

Area Meat Animal Quality Assurance Clinics (MAQA)

THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECT MEMBERS IN ORDER TO SHOW AT THE COUNTY FAIR!

You must arrive ON TIME and STAY UNTIL THE END in order to meet the MAQA requirement. If you can't attend, information on additional MAQA

clinics in the area will be in the Communicator or on the website at: http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/

Polk County will host MAQA on June 2nd, 7:00 p.m. at the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake. For more information, please contact Tim Swenson at 715-491-8161 or Don Dipprey at UW-Extension, 715-485-8600.

There will be an MAQA training hosted by Barron County on April 7th at 6:30. It will be held at the Barron High School Commons. To register, call 715-537-6253.

MAQA dates for Pierce County:

Tuesday, April 19th at Spring Valley High School starting at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 12th at River Falls High School starting at 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Pierce County Extension office to register. Their number is 715-273-6781.

Dust 'Em Off Show

June 4; 9-11am St. Croix County Fairgrounds

Check in for the day will be 7:30-10:30am. The clinic will be held from 9:00-11:00am with the Master Stockman Contest from 11:00-12:30. Show Time will follow at 12:30pm (approximate).

The event will be a one day clinic and show. The show will deal with showmanship for all ages. The This will be a great opportunity for youth to get hands on training on showmanship. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the St. Croix Livestock Committee.

Clinics will be in the morning with the show in the afternoon. This is a great way to "practice" for the fair. Animals may be available to use for showmanship, just ask! Once again there will be the Master Stockman competition. Please watch your Communicator for additional information.

COOL for Youth Exhibitors Country of Origin Labeling

Basic premise of COOL: this is a government USDA rule that provides consumers with information of where their food originated. It is another step to protect the American food supply, and give choices

to consumers. This is not USDA required for swine but is for sheep and goats and the SCLC IS REQUIRING them for all species.

Producers (youth exhibitors) need to provide documentation of the origin of their project animal. You do not need to bring additional information to the first weigh-in. (**Remember**, if you purchased your animals from out of state, you need to bring along the import data that is required by DATCP.)

For more information on COOL visit: http://www.ams.usda.gov. There is **NO SWINE** allowed originating from outside Wisconsin for the 2015 fair.

Animal Health Exhibition Update 2016

Swine:

Swine from within Wisconsin need a Wisconsin intrastate movement certificate:

- Stating that the herd of origin was inspected on the farm within 30 days before the show and showed no signs of disease
- Including documentation of all required test

Swine from outside Wisconsin need a certificate of veterinary inspection that includes the following: a statement of the PEDv status of the herd of origin (if known), a statement of the PRRS status of the herd of origin (if known), and official identification number.

Acceptable methods of ID for swine are:

- USDA silver ear tag
- USDA 840 button ear tag
- Breed association tattoo
- An ear tag with the premises identification number and a unique identifier
- Ear notch (if the pig is a purebred and the notch is registered)

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Swine.

Beef:

Cattle from within Wisconsin have no requirements for tests or health documents.

Cattle from outside Wisconsin must:

• Be accompanied by certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) documenting official

- animal ID and all required tests and certifications
- Have at least one form of official individual ID (including steers)
- Meet all of Wisconsin's normal requirements for import (see http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Cattle_Bison)

Acceptable animal IDs for all cattle from outside Wisconsin

- USDA metal ear tag number that is part of the National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) (starts with state 2-digit code, also known as "brite" tag)
- 15-digit "840" tags (visual or RFID)
- Valid only if applied before March 11, 2015:
 - Manufacturer-coded RFID tag 15 digit number with the first three digits in 900s
 - American ID tab − 8 to 12-digit number prefaced with "USA"

Burcellosis requirements for cattle from outside Wisconsin

- Steers are exempt from any brucellosis test requirement
- Cattle from brucellosis-free states are exempt from brucellosis testing requirement
- Cattle from certified brucellosis-free herds in Class A states do not need brucellosis tests if the CVI has the certified herd number and the last test date
- All other cattle need negative brucellosis test within 30 days before entering Wisconsin

Tuberculosis requirements for cattle from outside Wisconsin

Negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin are required for cattle if they originate from:

- States or zones that are Modified Accredited Advanced states or that Wisconsin treats as MAA because they have had bovine TB cases
- Modified Accredited states (see section below for Michigan's Modified Accredited and Modified Accredited Advanced zones)
- States that do not recognize Wisconsin's TB-free status
- For requirements by state: http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Cattle_Bison

Cattle from Michigan's TB Free Zone:

- Need negative individual TB test within 60 days before arrival in Wisconsin for all animals
- Whole herd TB test and import permit not required

Cattle from Michigan's MA zones and other states with MA zones:

- Need import permits
- Need negative whole-herd TB tests within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin for all animals 1 year and older
- Need negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin
- Must return directly to the state of origin after the show, and there must be a statement on the CVI that they will be doing so.

Cattle from Canada must meet current federal requirements to enter the United States. (See http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import export/downloads/pro-imp-cattle-bison-can.pdf)

For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online <u>http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal Movement/Permit_Request</u>
- Email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov
- Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Cattle-Bison.

Sheep and Goats

Sheep and goats from within Wisconsin:

- If sexually intact, need official individual ID at any age
- If not sexually intact, need official individual ID if they are 12 months or older
- Official ID may be scrapie ear tags, USDA 840 button ear tag, or breed association tattoo (as long as it is unique to that animal)
- Cannot have been exposed to scrapie if they are sexually intact

Sheep and goats from outside Wisconsin:

 Need certificate of veterinary inspection and official individual ID: scrapie ear tag, USDA 840 button ear tag, or breed association tattoo (as long as it is unique to that animal)

By federal rule, the CVI must also include:
 * a statement by the issuing accredited or state or federal veterinarian that the animals were not exhibiting clinical signs associated with scrapie at the time of examination
 * an owner statement indicating whether the animal is or is not a scrapie-positive, suspect, high-risk or exposed animal and whether it originated in an infected, source, exposed, or noncompliant flock.

Goats from Michigan's TB Modified Accredited Zone:

- Need import permits
- Need negative whole-herd TB tests within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin
- Need negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin
- Must return directly to the state of origin after the show, and there must be a statement on the CVI that they will be doing so

For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movem ent/Permit_Request
- Email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov
- Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check http://datcp.wi.gov/Animals/Animal_Movement/Sheetoats.

St. Croix County Fair

Dairy White Show Pants May 7, 5:00pm

Calling for all of the white pants you have stored for show day at the fair. If you have a child who shows dairy, you know that you keep those pants just in case. Well, the kids are growing and those pants are accumulating.

Looking to start your own collection of white pants? Look no further, the May Fair is the place for you to shop or swap. Bring what you don't need and see if there is a pair that will fit your youngster. Bathrooms are open for trying them on. We will have a table set up. Starts at 5pm. You can drop off white pants at the extension office with Ryan if you are donating them

Camping

If you are interested in camping at the St. Croix County Fair this year the registration form needs to be sent to Warren & Lori DeBoer at 651 County Line Ave, Clear Lake, WI 54005.

NEW Lil' Kids Goat Show July 21, 2016

The 2016 St. Croix County Fair will feature a NEW event. There will be a Lil' Kids Goat Show. This show will be open to 4-Hers and non 4-Hers. It will take place prior to the goat show on Thursday. All animal rules will apply for any goats coming in for the show. However, if a youth wants to show an animal for that event only, it does not have to stay at the fair the entire weekend. Watch your Communicator for more info or contact Lori DeBoer at 715-263-4201 or lordev651@gmail.com.

Clover 5K July 24

Mark Your Calendars for the First Annual Clover 5K! The Clover 5K will take place Sunday, July 24th during the fair. We are just in the preliminary planning stages so watch future Communicator issues for more information! If you would like to help out with this venture, please contact Lori DeBoer, 715-263-4201 or lordeb651@gmail.com or Jackie Kumm, 715-381-3744 or jackiekumm@edinareality.com.

Potential State Fair Projects

It's our goal to show off your 4-H exhibits to more than just the folks who visit the county fair. New this year at the fair, if your non animal exhibit gets one of these stickers on your entry tags after judging, your item is being considered to be to be entered at the Wisconsin State fair. Keep in mind that we have to follow the guidelines set forth by the state fair and that we will count on parents or leaders to get the items to and from the fair. If you are selected, we

will have a meeting on Sunday at 1:00pm along the East side of the 4-H building. Our goal at this meeting is to cover some of the logistics for the exhibits. Looking forward to seeing you all at the fair.

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Foods Fair

As indicated on the January Events Calendar, the Food Committee has decided to have the Foods Fair on two days for the 2016 St. Croix County Fair.

The first event will be held on June 11 from 1-4pm at the Ag Center in Baldwin. This day is for members enrolled in Cake Decorating and/or Foods Revue. Cloverbuds and Explorers can participate in the Foods Revue by bringing a healthy snack.

The second event will be held on July 16 from 12-3pm in the commercial building at the Fairgrounds in Glenwood City. This day is for members enrolled in Food & Nutrition and/or Food Preservation. Cloverbuds and Explorers will bring any food related item they make to the St. Croix County Fair on July 20, 2016 with the remaining exhibits they have made.

If you are not able to attend, please complete the absentee form and have somebody bring your item(s) with the absentee form(s) to the event to be judged. The absentee form can be found online at: http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/ under County Fair forms or from the UW-Extension Office.

Seeking Fairest of the Fair Candidates

Would you like to be the official Ambassador and spokesperson for the St. Croix County Fair? Are you the next St. Croix County Fairest of the Fair? Well, you could be!!

The St. Croix County Fairest of the Fair committee is seeking individuals to run for the Fairest of the Fair. The position is open to all individuals 18 years and older, currently reside in St. Croix County, and have an interest and enthusiasm for promoting the St. Croix County Fair!

Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Heidi Feyereisen at 715-977-2365 or feyerehm@uwec.edu. Interest forms are due June 1, 2016.

Junior Fairest of the Fair Program

On behalf of the St. Croix County Fairest of the Fair committee, I would like to invite all Children ages 8-10 (as of January 1, 2016), to run for the Junior Fairest of the Fair position! The Junior Fairest of the Fair, when available, will accompany the newly crowned Fairest of the Fair at parades and other events throughout the summer. This is a one year term with the coronation during the St Croix County Fair. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Heidi Feyereisen at 715-977-2365 or feyerehm@uwec.edu. Interest forms are due June 1, 2016.

Friends of the Fairgrounds Update

News!!

- 1. Horse Barn #1 is on the way construction to begin in April!
- 2. Congratulations to the Horse Project on their very successful Meat Raffle &Tack Swap!!
- 3. Roberts Ribbon Reapers garage sale April 15-16 at the Roberts Park Building to raise funds for the Horse Barn.
- 4. Mark your calendars May Fair Event & Sale, Saturday May 7th
- 5. This year's Renovation for Generation Raffle will again have great cash prizes see details below.

May Fair Event & Sale

When: Saturday May 7th
Where: Fair Grounds - Commercial
Building (Facility heated)
Time: 4-9 PM

Get involved

- Again this year, clubs & projects are invited to offer a service project that will be live auctioned. Examples include detailing cars/trucks/trailers, fitting show cattle, spring or fall yard clean up, etc. To be eligible, the service project must be set up as a club/project activity and comply with 4-H leadership guidelines.
- Each 4-H Club is invited to create "Theme Baskets" for sale in the silent auction. Pick

your theme and load the basket with \$50 worth of merchandise. The baskets will be judged and the 3 top baskets run through the live auction. Must be on grounds by 4 p.m. to be judged.

- Entertainment will include live music and several Talent Explosion Acts.
- Help us out with auction donations for the silent & live auctions, all items are gratefully accepted.
- Bring your family for an evening of fun
 - Exciting live auction
 - Talent Explosion Acts
 - Live music Bruce Libby & his concertina
 - Beautiful flower baskets for your mother
 - Meal catered by Ruth Hurtgen

Contacts

- o Laura Becker (715) 781-7370
- o Rosemary Donahoe (715) 684-9060
- Chris Libbey (715) 246-5626 or (651) 247-0395
- o Allison Mentink (715) 308-3602
- o Terry Mitchell (715) 246-5502

Get updates and auction bill on the Friends Web Site: friendsofthestcroixcountyfairgrounds.com.

2016 Renovations for the Generations Raffle

Again this year - the prizes will be all cash: 1st place \$1,000, 2nd place \$500, 3rd place \$250, 4th place \$100 and 5th place \$50. We kicked off ticket sales in February. The drawing follows the Talent Show, Sunday July 24th. Again this year, 10% of the sales will come back to the selling clubs and there will be a Walmart Gift Card drawing for qualified sales reps. Additionally, based on sales/member, the top 3 clubs will receive an afternoon of bowling at Gibby's Lanes, New Richmond. (Entire top selling club, ticket sellers of record clubs 2 & 3.)

Employee Volunteer Matches: Are you an Allina Health System employee or a 3M employee/retiree that donates time to the St. Croix County Fair/St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo/4-H/Project Committees? Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds has been approved for Allina Health System & 3M volunteer matching grants. To date \$3400 has been donated in matching grants. This is a great way to get involved!

Mark your calendars:

- April 24th: Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Spring Showcase 11am-4:30pm Hockey Arena
- May 7th: 7th Annual May Fair Event & Sale
- June 17 & 18 : St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo

Meat Animal Auction

Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 6:30pm

REMINDER: All exhibitors in the Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats Meat Animal program. The Meat Animal Auction is Saturday, July 23 at 6:30pm with a buyer appreciation meal at 5:30.

We want to better accommodate our buyers so they are not pressed to leave work to hurry up and get to the fairgrounds for the auction. This will also give them the day to look at exhibits before the auction. The success of the meat animal auction depends on you as exhibitors to advertise and tell your story to potential buyers.

If you need help with how to talk to potential buyers or would like brochures please contact anyone on the meat animal committee for more information or resources. If you need a list of committee members, please contact the Extension Office.

Promote the Fair Contest Entries due June 26, 2016

Signs must be in place no later than end of day, Sunday, June 26, 2016 and remain up through July 24, 2016.

All 4-H Clubs, FFA, FHA and other organized youth groups in St. Croix County are invited to participate in the Promote the Fair Contest. Signs promoting the fair may be put up in any prominent indoor/outdoor location in the County. Be sure to get property owners permission! This is an opportunity for major Community Service as well as an outlet to display creative talents! Prizes: 1st Place -\$125, 2nd-\$100, 3rd-\$75. Every road sign/road display will receive \$50 (up to two per organization), and posters will receive \$15 (one per organization), although each organization may put up an unlimited number of posters.

Any material may be used for the road sign, so be creative! The sign can be any size, keeping in mind bright colors, and large print. The sign must be easily seen by the public and must be in a prominent location (intersections, lot corners, town entrances, building walls, etc.).

The Rules are simple:

1. The display <u>must</u> include **ALL** of the following words:

St. Croix County Fair; Glenwood City, WI; and Dates of the Fair.

- 2. Be in a prominent location
- 3. Any type of material or size
- 4. Be easily seen by the public.

Along with a contact person and phone number and email, exact direction to the location of your display must be sent, emailed or phoned in by June 21, 2015 to Gail Maier, 1015 80th Ave, Roberts, WI 54023; 715-749-3442; mmaiergail@aol.com.

Horse Show Times at the Fair

Thursday 6:00pm – Hunter / Jumper Show Friday 8:00am – Dressage Show Friday 1:00pm (or ½ hour after the completion of Dressage) – Gymkhana Show Saturday 9:00am – Trail Class (this will be a called class) Sunday 8:00am – Pleasure Show

Fundraiser

Huge Indoor Community Garage Sale

April 15; 8am-5pm
April 16; 8-11am
Roberts Park Building; Park St., Roberts

If you're cleaning out those closets and doing some spring cleaning, how about donating those things to the annual Roberts Ribbon Reapers 4-H garage sale?

On Thursday, April 14th from 3:00 to 8:00pm we will accept gently used clothes, home decor, household, toys and books (no appliances, furniture or electronics can be accepted).

Any 4-H family, friends of 4-H families and community members can donate to the sale. Proceeds will be used to support new buildings at the St Croix County Fairgrounds. Any leftover items are donated to Treasures of the Heart or other non-profit organizations. Please contact Cindy Schultz at 715-796-5265 or robertsribbonreapers@hotmail.com.

Camp at Glen Hills County Park July 20-24

Fair Exhibitors – Consider camping at Glen Hills County Park, just 3.5 Miles south of the Fairgrounds. Camp at Glen Hills County Park two nights and get the third night FREE during the 2016 County Fair. Use coupon code SCC16FAIR at our new online campground reservation website: https://parks.co.saint-croix.wi.us/parks (no www) to get one night free when you pay for two nights. This code is a \$20 savings and may only be used once by each user, create a user ID and password the first time you log on. Questions, please call 715-381-4440. Thank you for supporting the St. Croix County Parks and enjoy the fair!



Heritage Dairy Heifer Calf

The St. Croix County 4-H Dairy Committee is sponsoring a Registered Dairy Calf Award to one outstanding 4-H member. Interested members are asked to write a short essay (100 words or less) on "What would owning your own registered dairy calf mean to your 4-H experience?" Applicants are also asked to list their involvement in 4-H and dairy project activities.

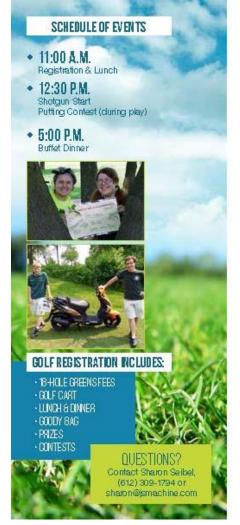
Applications are due to the UW-Extension office by April 10, and applicants may be asked back for an interview with the selection committee. The goal of the committee is to have the winner selected by May 1st. The dairy committee will pay registration transfer fees. *Previous winners* are not eligible. Decisions of the judges are final.

Application is open to 4-H members of all ages. This is an excellent opportunity to add a registered dairy calf to your 4-H project experience. Be sure to thank your 4-H Dairy Committee members for making this possible!

Heritage Dairy Heifer Calf Application (Information to include with essay)

Name)	-
Conta	act info (phone / email)	
Club ₋		
Age _	Year in School	
The c	alf will be housed at (indicate farm)	
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	Member's Signature	_
	Parent's Signature	_

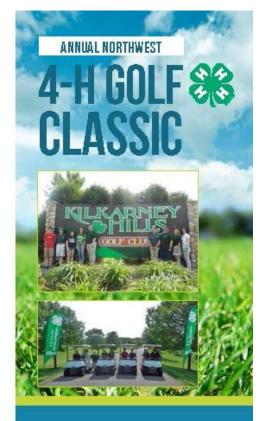
Please return your completed form to: UW Extension at 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin, WI 54002







4-HOULF CLASSIC WRITHWEST 4-HOULE 412 W. Kinne Street PO Box 69 Elsworth, WI 54011



MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016

RIVER FALLS, WI 54022 WWW.KILKARNEYHILLS.COM



This annual charity golf tournament creates resources are used for scholarships, out-state learning trips, robotic programs and to reach out to non-4-Hers in Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, Chippewa and Dunn Counties. Thanks to your support, 4-H has proven results. According to a recent Tuffs University study, young people in 4-H:

- . Report better grades, higher levels of academic competence and an elevated level of engagement at school
- Are nearly two times more likely to plan to go to college.
- Are more likely to pursue courses or a career in science, engineering or computer technology.
- Are shown to have had significantly lower drug, alcohol and digarette use than their peers

SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF OUR YOUTH by participating in the 2016 Horthwest 4-H Goll Classic by: ☐ Registering to gdf as an individual and play in any four some for \$35 ☐ Registering as a four-some for \$340. Player 1 Player 2 Player 3 Player 4 ☐ Become a Tournament Sponsor* ☐ Head Sponsor Major event includes naming rights, signage, print publicity, and a foursome, \$5,000. ☐ Heart Sponsor hole spons or print publicity and a four-some, \$1,000 ☐ Hands Sponsor hole sponsor, publicity and recognition, \$500. ☐ Health Sports or hide sponsor, publicity and recognition at NGC, \$200. □ Buffet Only - \$25 ☐ Donate a silent auction, door prize item or monetary gift. Approx. Value \$____ Campany (Spansar Name):

RSVP BY MAY 30

Please mail check and

412 W. Kinne Street PO Box 69

Ellsworth, WI 54011

registration form(s) payable to Northwest 4-H Golf Classic



May Fair Event & Sale

Saturday, May 7th • 4-9 p.m. St. Croix County Fairgrounds • Glenwood City, WI

The Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds in cooperation with The St. Croix County 4-H Horse & Dairy Committees.







Fun for Everyone Young & Old!

Help us build Horse Barn #1 in time for the 2016 St. Croix County Fair!!

Featuring:

Buffet Dinner catered by Ruth Hurtgen

4-H Talent Explosion Acts

Nickel Scrambles for youngsters

Concertina Music by Bruce Libby

Live & Silent Auctions

Hanging Flower Baskets, Sporting Events Tickets, Dining Certificates

Agricultural & Equine Items Equipment • Feed • Automotive Services All Events Take Place in a Heated Facility!

Something for Evervo

All donations & proceeds to go towards capital improvements.

For Information & Updated Auction Bill visit stcroixcofair.com/may-fair. Terry Mitchell 71 5-246-5502 • Chris Libbey 651-247-0395 • Laura Becker 715-781-7370

A.S.T.E.A.M. Academy: Session Descriptions

Saturday, April 9, 2016 Community Commons; New Richmond Open to all youth grades 5th-8th Cost \$15

Registration Deadline: April 5, 2016

Acid-Base Chemistry in Your Home (1 hour) UWRF Chem Demons

What are acids and bases? What are their properties and how can you identify them? In this workshop you will learn about acids and bases and make an indicator solution to detect them. Some colorful demonstrations involving acid-base chemistry will also be performed.

Class limit: 15

Cheese Making (2 hours)

Judy Lacy

Ever wondered how to make cheese? You will learn what it takes to make cheese, as you make your own.

Class limit: 12

Construction 101 (2 hours, AM only)

Justin Borgwardt

Come learn the basics of construction by building a bluebird house.

Class limit: 12

Make it Move (Robotics) (2 hours)

Joe & Beth Sippl

Learn how to make a robot move through simple programming. There will be challenges for you to complete at your own pace.

Class limit: 22

Spreading it thin: how does radiation spread out? (1 hour)

UWRF-Physics Club

Light is a form of electromagnetic radiation, we can measure how the light spreads out from different shapes of light sources. But will any of those results apply to radiation from a radioactive source? Students will take measurements and study how different kinds of sources of radiation spread out.

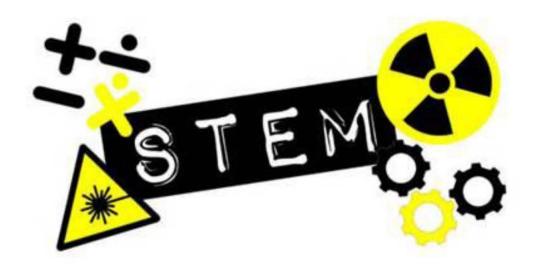
Class limit: 12

Canvas Painting (2 hour)

Kavleen Jakes

Come learn some basic painting techniques while painting your own canvas.

Class limit: 12



A.S.T.E.A.M. Academy

(Arts, Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, and Math)

Saturday, April 9, 2016
Community Commons, New Richmond
Open to all youth grades 5th-8th
Registration at 8:30am / Classes from 9-2
First-come, first serve for sessions. Walk ins welcome.

Registration Fee: \$15 Please provide a sack lunch



Name(s)Email
Address
Telephone Grade(s)
Parent(s) name
Emergency contact name Emergency contact telephone
I am currently a 4-H member: Yes No Club Name
Health Concerns: (allergies, etc.)
I require an accommodation for a disability to participate in this program: Yes No
Amount enclosed:\$15/person Ck# Cash
Make check payable to: St. Croix County 4-H Leaders, Inc. Return to: 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140, Baldwin WI 54002 Registration Deadline: April 5, 2016
Yes No I am available to help with sessions at ASTEAM on April 9, 2016: Name
Sessions and times you are interested in helping:
Please rank all the choices and note the names if more than one person registers per family. All youth will attend 2-3 sessions. Limited participants in each session. Acid/Base (1hour) Make it Move (2hours)
Cheese Making (2 hours) Spreading it thin (1 hour)
Construction 101 (2 hours, am only) Canvas Painting (2 hours)



4-H Camp will be held at the beautiful Camp Kiwanis on the St. Croix River, just ten miles north of Stillwater, Minnesota. This site has all the accommodations for an exciting camping experience: well-maintained buildings, spacious lawns, ample equipment, accredited staff and a safe environment away from major highways.

Recreational facilities at Camp Kiwanis include: 30' x 60' outdoor swimming pool, basketball and tennis courts, sand volleyball court, tetherball area, canoeing, large campfire circle, craft building, wilderness hiking trails, and softball diamond.

PO-CROIX-BAR-SAW 4-H Camp features:

- Fellowship and friendship from a four-county area
- o A 1/7 counselor/camper ratio. Counselors are high school youth who have been screened and trained
- Terrific food
- An adult staff of Extension agents, volunteers, and college students

Sessions of PO-CROIX-BAR-SAW 4-H Camp:

o All Camp: (For campers presently in grades 3-8) June 13-15 (Mon - Wed) Cost: \$100.00

Parents: Enroll your children in camp according to their current grade in school. Camp space is limited.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis – no later than May 15. Don't delay!

Transportation to Camp: Several bus stops will be available. The bus cost is included in the camp fee. A letter containing transportation information and preparation details will be sent from the UW-Extension Office prior to the start of the camp program

Camp Location:

Camp Kiwanis
15987 St. Croix Trail North
Marine On St. Croix, MN 55047
http://camping.northernstarbsa.org/
Camps/Kiwanis.aspx

For questions contact:

Barron County: 715-537-6250 Sawyer County: 715-634-4839 Polk County: 715-485-8600 St. Croix County: 715-531-1930

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4-H Camp Registration Form

Baldwin, WI 54002



University of Wisconsin-Extension

Name:			Male Female
Address:		City:	Zip:
Grade:	County:	4-H Club:	
Parent(s) Nam	ne:	Daytime Phone:	Evening Phone:
I would like 1	to stay in the same cabin	as:	
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Amery		Baldwin	Balsam Lake
Four Co	rners (Hwy 63, 64, & 46)	☐ Houlton	Hayward
New Richmond		Barron	Turtle Lake
Registration	forms are due <u>Friday, Ma</u>	<u>/ 15</u> , but remember camp is first-come, fir	rst-served <u>so register early!</u>
Make checks	s payable to: PO-CROIX-BA	NR-SAW 4-H Camp	
Use a separa	ate form for each camper.		
Information	on Health Forms, transport	tation and what to bring to camp will be m	ailed
to you.			
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1960 8 th A	lve, Suite 140		<u>EXCENSION</u>

April 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April – Teenage Alcohol Use & Abuse Awareness Month					1 Due – Living Memorial Award Applications Due – 4-H Scholarships Due - WI Ayrshire Breeders Association Shayr-A-Heifer Program Applications	2 Due – Rodeo Queen Applications 9am – Sheep/Goat Weighin (Fairgrounds) 10:30am – Cat Fun Show (Roberts Park Building) 2pm – Northern Elite Sale (Amery)
3 12pm – Kids-N-Pigs Show Pig Sale & Clinic (Valley Feeds Sheep Sale at UW- River Falls	7pm – Horse Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	5 7pm – Shooting Sports Orientation (Ag Center)	6	7 6:30pm – MAQA (Barron) 7pm – Dog Project Informational Meeting (Ag Center)	8 Due – UW-River Falls Youth Horse Judging Clinic Registration	9 8:30am – A.S.T.E.A.M. Academy (NR Commons) 9am – Barron Cty. Tack Swap (Barron)
10 Due – Heritage Dairy Heifer Calf Applications	11 TBD: Ultrasounding Clinic (tentative)	7:30pm – Dairy Judging Practice (Nova Holsteins) 7:30pm – Livestock Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	13	14 7pm – Learning Training on Service Learning	8am – Roberts Ribbon Reapers Garage Sale (Roberts) Midwest Horse Fair (Madison)	16 8am - Roberts Ribbon Reapers Garage Sale (Roberts) 10:30am – Youth Leadership Derby (Brillion HS) UW-RF Youth Horse Judging Clinic Midwest Horse Fair (Madison)
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24 11am – Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce Spring Showcase	25	26 7pm – Horse Non Riding Clinic (Erickson Acres)	27	28	29	30 9:30am – Goat/Sheep Clinic (Farm & Home)