



St. Croix County 4-H Communicator

January / February 2017

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Dear 4-H Families,

There's been lots of talk lately about meeting the needs of youth. That is a constant struggle with youth development professionals, as their needs are constantly changing. Youth are a population that doesn't have very static needs.

But there has been some research emerging in youth development circles that uncovers four main needs of youth. The "essential elements" of youth development have been developed and discussed as a way of pinpointing four needs that are common and consistent across young people. The four needs are the need to belong, the need for independence, the need for mastery and the need for generosity.

Belonging: To know they are cared about by others

Independence: To practice responsibility and make decisions

Generosity: To practice helping others through their own generosity

Mastery: To feel and believe they are capable and successful

4-H helps meet these needs by providing positive youth development experiences. In 4-H, youth build skills and values, and use their skills, talents, and time in ways that make them feel confident and competent. You may hear 4-H staff and volunteers talking about the **BIG-M**. That is an easy way to remember these important developmental needs – **B**elonging, **I**ndependence, **G**enerosity, and **M**astery.

The **BIG-M** are essential needs that every child has. Current research has emphasized that one of the key components to meeting the needs of today's youth is consistent long-term relationships with adults other than parents. Youth need to see that there are adults who care about them outside of their family structure. It allows for them to build more of a support system and feel more welcomed and valued in life. By being a mentor, a leader or even a caring adult, you are meeting the needs of today's youth. Thank you😊

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St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development Agent



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Spaghetti Supper Thank You

Thank you to everyone that participated and helped with the St. Croix Livestock Committee spaghetti supper. A special thank you to the following 4-H cubs for donating items for the silent auction: Forest Timberwolves, Springbrook and Wildwood.

Summer 4-H Employment

This summer, St. Croix County UW-Extension will be hiring a 4-H summer assistant position.

The position description, details the responsibilities for the position will be posted on the UW-Extension website at <http://stcroix.uwex.edu> once available.

The position is available to college students who may have an interest in exploring a career in UW-Extension. I would appreciate your help in recruiting potential applicants for the summer employment opportunity at the St. Croix County UWEX Office.

Thanks so much for your assistance. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to call. Application deadline is March 17, 2017.

Pancake Breakfast

March 12; 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Baldwin American Legion

There will be Silent Auction items and a bake sale to go along with the breakfast or to take home. Come enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausages, fruit and assorted beverages!

If you have any questions, please go to the website at www.stcroixbreedingstock.com or call Warren or Lori DeBoer at 715-263-4201. Stay tuned for pricing.

Clubs are welcome to donate items for the silent auction or bake sale by dropping it off any items by 8:00 am on March 12.



Communicator Reminders

Communicator Available On-Line

The 4-H Communicator continues to be online after fall enrollment is entered into the 4-H Online Program, <https://4honline.com> (Connect tab then Newsletters). The Communicator is also available at the UW-Extension Website, <http://stcroix.uwex.edu> (4-H Youth Development, 4-H Newsletters). The link to the Communicator is also available on our Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/ChrisClover. We are trying to do our part in helping keep our planet healthy and reduce our costs. Instead of receiving the newsletter in your mailbox, we continue to provide an electronic version of the newsletter to those that have access to internet. We will continue to send hard copy of the newsletter to those that wish to receive it.

Communicator Deadline

Do you have news you want included in the 4-H Communicator? The deadline for having news in the Communicator is by the 15th of each month. Please make sure you keep this in mind so that we can get the Communicator out on time.

Leader News

St. Croix County 4-H Policy

4-H, like any other group you might join, has expectations for being a member. The St. Croix County 4-H Policy is where you will find all the rules and regulations for our 4-H program. The 2016-2017 policy has been posted on the web site (<http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/leaders-council>). If you would like a hard copy please contact the UWEX Office.

4-H Website

UW-Extension's website can be located at: www.stcroixcounty4h.org. This site will share more general county information such as the 4-H Communicator, General Organizational Leader information, Leader Council information, forms and other resources. For more information or suggestions for this site contact Melissa Heath at 715-531-1930 or melissa.heath@co.saint-croix.wi.us.

4-H Enrollment

Deadlines for new enrollments

Remember, new members enrolled by March 1 may participate in the 4-H program and County Fair without restrictions if they have met all the guidelines for the projects in which they have enrolled. New members enrolled between March 2 and June 1 may enroll and exhibit in non-animal projects only.

Project Literature

There is project literature available for some project areas located at the UW-Extension Office. However much of this literature is outdated and no longer being published. Therefore, members are welcomed to utilize the literature on hand but when the literature is gone, we will not be ordering any additional items.

If you have literature you aren't using, please recycle it with your club leader or at the Extension Office. If you are going to utilize this literature, please contact Melissa and I'll pull your request for your members and let you know when it's ready to be picked up.

WI Tour Committee Meeting

The first planning meeting for the 2017 WI Tour will be held at 5pm on January 17 at the UW-Extension Office. If you are interested (youth or adult) in being part of the planning committee please join us.

Leader's Council Meetings

Jan 17, 7:00 pm

Feb 21, 7:00 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 Lori DeBoer, lordeb651@gmail.com. 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#.

4-H Committee Presentations

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association is requesting that all committees provide an annual committee report of program, activities, assets, and future direction is to be presented at a 4-H Leaders Association meeting throughout 2016 - 2017. This is a great opportunity to educate all leaders about each committee. This will also count towards completion of the Annual Volunteer Leader Team Training equipment for your committee charters. Presentations (can be formal or informal) should be no longer than 10 minutes with an opportunity to ask questions afterwards. Committee presentations need to be scheduled through Heather, please contact her to sign up. All meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the UW-Extension Office in Baldwin. Below is a list of available meeting dates.

January 17	February 21	March 21
April 18	May 16	June 20

2016-2017 Volunteer Orientation - Want to become a 4-H leader?

The Wisconsin 4-H program depends upon the more than 20,000 adult volunteers to help youth gain caring, coping, and competency skills. Volunteers are the backbone of the 4-H Youth Development delivery model, and serve as mentors and role models for youth. Training helps volunteers understand the program and their role and provides an opportunity for volunteers to ask questions about the St. Croix County 4-H program. All volunteers who work with 4-H youth must attend a volunteer orientation workshop and go through the Wisconsin Youth Protection process.

The Wisconsin 4-H program is making some changes to the Volunteer Orientation program. The following dates have been set for St. Croix County 4-H adults who wish to become volunteers in the Wisconsin 4-H program:

January 10, 2017	May 2, 2017
June 27, 2017	(All at 7:00pm)
October 28 – 8:00am	

These orientations will be held at the UW-Extension Office / Ag Center in Baldwin and Pre-registration is required. You can register by calling the UW-Extension Office 715-531-1938 or by emailing Heather at heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu. Please provide your name, club, contact information and the

date of the orientation program you wish to attend. Each orientation will last about 1 ½ hrs. In addition, volunteers are required to fill out 4HOnline enrollment information, acknowledge volunteer expectations, and complete a mandated reporter training online module. Background checks are conducted on new volunteers and repeat every four years for continuing volunteers. Any adults working with 4-H youth other than their own children must comply with these requirements.

Club Opportunities

Twelve Months of Giving

The Food Resource Collaborative of St. Croix County is inviting area community organizations to participate in various monthly collections in 2017 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 questions about the local pantry, please call Sarah Johnson at (715) 531-1930.

January and February: “It’s Cold Outside”. Bring your favorite cans of soup, stew, hash, chili & crackers.

Help keep Mailing List Up-to-Date

If you have a change of address or if you are receiving our newsletter and would like to be taken off our mailing list or prefer to view it online, please update your profile on 4HOnline.com.

Youth News/ Opportunities

4-H Hang Time

February 4; 7-11pm

Calling all older youth 4-Hers!!! Roberts Ribbon Reapers are hosting the very first 4-H hang time at the Roberts Park Building. We are opening this event to 4-Hers and friends that are 7th grade and up to come and sled, hangout, eat and have fun with people our age. Save the date and we’ll see you there!

St. Croix County Speaking Contest

January 25th, 2017; 6:00pm

Entries Due: January 23rd

Looking for a way to use your Mini Talent Explosion speech again? Consider using it for the St. Croix County Conservation Speaking Contest. The contest is open to youth in grades 5-12 who reside in or whose school district is in St. Croix County. Speeches must promote the conservation of natural resources and the protection or enhancement of environmental quality.

Winners of the county contest receive a monetary reward and have chances to move on to the Area and State contests.

For contest guidelines, registration and more information contact Aleisha Miller, St. Croix County Environmental Educator. Aleisha.miller@co.saint-croix.wi.us or (715) 531-1915

4-H Camp Counselors Needed

Applications due February 24, 2017

Interviews scheduled as needed

Ag Services & Education Center

Do you enjoy working with younger members in 4-H? Have you had experience planning activities for younger members? Have you worked with other members your age to organize group activities? If you answered yes to any of these questions, think about applying to be a summer camp counselor. It is one of the most fun leadership development opportunities you can be part of.

Send a completed application to the UWEX office by the deadline. We'll let you know what time you need to be there for interviews! Selected camp counselors need to be able to attend the overnight camp counselor training & planning.

Applications are available on the St. Croix County 4-H website and in the back of this newsletter.



Mini Talent Explosion Meeting

Thursday, January 19; 7pm

Culver's - Baldwin

Mini Talent Explosion

*****Please read this carefully as many things have changes from previous years*****

Mini Talent Explosion will be held on Saturday, April 22 at the Heritage Center in New Richmond. Music and Drama will be judged in the morning. Speaking and demonstrations will be judged in the late morning and early afternoon. Theater Arts & Music entries will be judged in the afternoon.

The biggest change this year is, if you signed up for Music or Theater Arts as a project, your judging will be done at MTE **NOT** at the fair.

Some of the other changes include time limits, number of people need, and a new drama category.

Mini Drama/Skits: Includes 2 or more actors, are simple dramas that can be performed anywhere and are no more than 10 minutes. The top mini drama/skit is eligible to go to the State Fair.

*****New*** Personal Drama/Skit:** These are simple one person dramas/monologues that can be performed anywhere and are no more than 10 minutes. The top personal drama/skit is eligible to go to the State Fair.

Music: Includes 2 or more members, can include vocal, instrumental, and dance. The top music performance is eligible to go to the State Fair. Should be no more than 20 minutes in length including setup and take down.

Original Speech: Must be developed by the member who is presenting it. There are 5 age categories.

Cloverbuds--recite the 4-H Pledge as a club group. If your club only has 1 Cloverbud who would like to participate, we can add them in with another club.

Novice (grades 3-4)--1-2 minute speeches
Junior (grades 5-6)--2-8 minute speeches
Intermediate (grades 7-8)--3-8 minute speeches
Senior (grades 9-13)--4-8 minute speeches

Interpretive Reading: Participants select a favorite poem, prose, or part of a story and "read" it aloud for the audience. Memorization is not required. There are two categories for interpretive reading, individual

and dynamic duo, which is a team of 2 members.

There are 4 age divisions for each category.

Novice (grades 3-4)--1-2 minute reading

Junior (grades 5-6)--2-8 minute reading

Intermediate (grades 7-8)--3-8 minute reading

Senior (grades 9-13)--4-8 minute reading

Illustrated Talk: An illustrated talk is another means of sharing information and educating an audience about a specific subject. It is an oral presentation in which the member uses posters/illustrations or objects to emphasize/illustrate specific points in the speech. A member does not actually make or demonstrate how to do something in an illustrated talk. This is a fair entry, so regular fair ribbons are used and premiums are earned, intermediate and seniors could be chosen to go to the State Fair. If you enter an illustrated talk, remember to sign up for demonstrations & communications on your fair enrollment in May. There are two categories for illustrated talks individual and team (2 members). There are 3 age divisions for each category.

Junior (grades 3-5)--4-7 minute talk

Intermediate (grades 6-8)--5-8 minute talk

Senior (grades 9-13)--5-8 minute talk

Demonstrations: Members show the audience how to make or do something, like how to make ants on a log or sew on a button. This is a fair entry, so regular fair ribbons are used and premiums are earned, intermediate and seniors could be chosen to go to the State Fair. If you enter in the demonstration contest, remember to sign up for demonstrations & communications on your fair enrollment in May. There are two categories for demonstrations individual and team (2 members). There are 3 age divisions for each category.

Junior (grades 3-5)--4-7 minute demonstration

Intermediate (grades 6-8)--5-8 minute demonstration

Senior (grades 9-13)--5-8 minute demonstration

Cake Decorating, Food Revue, and Clothing Revue Update

Saturday, June 10

Agriculture & Education Center, Baldwin

Cake decorating and food revue will be held in the morning and will be judged by a rubric. The rubric will be published in the April newsletter.

The Clothing Revue will be held in the afternoon.

**Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference, WI
4-H Youth Leadership Council
and Key Awards
M.E. Forms Due February 3, 2017**

If you are a 4-H youth interested in any of the opportunities below and would like to receive funding assistance through the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Council please complete an M.E. form and submit it to the UW-Extension Office by Feb. 3. For a M.E. form go to <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/>. Contact Heather if you have any questions. Interviews will be scheduled after the deadline.

WI 4-H Youth Conference – Delegates will take part in educational seminars and assemblies. Delegates will learn about 4-H projects, leadership, and community service. Youth will have the opportunity to meet 4-Hers from around the state. Where: Madison, WI When: June 26-29, 2017 Eligibility: 7th – 10th grade at time of selection. Delegate Cost: Approximate cost of trip - \$250.00

WI 4-H Leadership Council – The purpose of the Council is to provide a statewide forum for 4-H Youth Development youth and adult volunteer leaders to discuss ideas and provide input to enhance UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development programs at the state, county and local level.

- To be advocates for Wisconsin 4-H
- To provide input into enhancing the Wisconsin 4-H Program
- To model youth and adult partnerships
- To provide education and leadership opportunities for others
- To engage youth and adult volunteers in statewide leadership role

Where: Wisconsin When: Nov. 2017-Nov. 2019
Eligibility: 9th – 11th grade at time of selection
Quota: Interviews and Selection held at the State level.

Delegate Cost: Approximate cost of trip - \$500.00/year

WI 4-H Key Award - 4-H Key Award is the highest 4-H recognition you can receive. 4-H Key Award applicants must have consistent 4-H growth, be in 10th grade or older, must have completed at least 3 years of 4-H and 1 year of youth leadership and contributed to service to their club, community, and county.

Where: Presented at the St. Croix County Fair

When: July 2017

Eligibility: Must be in the 10th – 13th grade

Quota: 5

Delegate Cost: \$0.00

**St. Croix County 4-H Leaders
Scholarships**

Applications due Mar 31

There are eight (8) scholarships available. A member may receive only one scholarship sponsored by the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders' Association. Members pursuing a degree in nursing may also want to apply for the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan, which has a separate application.

Any St. Croix County 4-H member who is a graduating high school senior or has graduated from high school with a GPA of 2.5 or above is eligible.

General Selection Criteria:

- Active in all areas or 4-H involvement
- Demonstrated leadership beyond local club level
- Sense of direction in furthering education
- 2.5 grade average

Five scholarships are for any post high school education. One scholarship is for a teaching related field and one for study in a health field. The Forgivable Loan is for study in nursing.

Again this year: **4-H Horse Project \$250**

Scholarship....Financial support for any field of study. To a graduated senior who has been in good standing with the horse project for 3 years.

All applications can be found online at

<http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/>

**Opportunity for Hosting International
Students 2017**

Wisconsin 4-H is again hosting young people from Japan, Korea, Mexico and Costa Rica for 1 month in the summer of 2017. Hosting one of these students is a unique and wonderful opportunity to learn the differences and similarities of another culture, and gain life-long friendships.

Host families are asked to fill out an application form listing all family members and their interests. Hosts welcome the international students into their homes and families for 1 month, including them in family

activities and chores. There are no special trips/activities that are required for hosting. Our exchange students want to experience American family life and hear/speak English. The students will be in the U.S. approximately July 23 – August 19; they are 12 – 17 years of age.

Families pick the students up and return them to Madison, WI. You can carpool, or even have another family pick up your child and meet you if necessary.

If anyone is even remotely curious/interested in hosting, they are welcome to call me for more information, or go to <http://wi4hinternational.org/>. It would be GREAT if we had 4 –5 families from OUR county hosting this year. You will find that this is a very positive, life enriching experience for every member of your family.

Nancy Burman, St. Croix County Coordinator for 4-H International Programs - 715-549-6712

P.S. Families do not HAVE to be 4-H.... if you know of any other families that you would recommend to host, that are not in 4-H, they are also very welcome.

State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarships Available

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships for use during the 2017-2018 school year, to third and fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities. Additional \$1,000 scholarships will be offered to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science.

Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board>. Application deadline is Friday, March 24. For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com.

Naturespace

Shooting Sports Orientation Registration

Monday, March 23; 7pm

Tuesday, April 7; 7pm

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 or 715-338-2637.

Nature Space Project Members

Are you familiar with Wildlife WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program) WI 4-H?

Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H offers hands-on learning activities, workshops, wildlife contests, wildlife art, and community service activities as opportunities of learning for 4-H members and their families. It is open to all 4-H youth members in grades 3 through 13. The activities are led by 4-H youth leaders and 4-H adult volunteer leaders. It's available in all Wisconsin counties. Visit the website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/whepwi4h/> for more information.

Arts / Photography

WI 4-H Arts Programs & State Group Opportunities

State 4-H Teams. A unique aspect of the Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication Program is the opportunity, as a high school-aged youth, to

participate in a state group to learn and study the art with an adult adviser and contribute to a state event. If you are interested in applying to be a member of one of Art Team, Communications Team or Drama Company; the application process is done on-line at: <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/4-h-art-groups-application>. Applications must be submitted no later than January 28, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Pfeiffer at: lynn.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu or 608-262-1222.

4-H ArtBeat

March 17-18

Upham Woods, WI Dells

Registration Due: February 10

4-H ArtBeat was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders, 4-H ArtBeat is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp, including outdoors. Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on cabin hill. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm.

The fee is \$50 will include all materials and supplies, lodging and meals/snacks. For more information, contact Lynn Pfeiffer at lynn.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu or 608-262-1222 or the website at: <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/4-h-art-beat>.

Photography Project Meetings

Repeated Information: As you have heard we have a lot of changes in the Project this year! We are hoping that this is going to be a great change for everyone! We have removed the "Exhibit by Member" and now have precise choices for you to choose from for entries! The list of entries was in the last communicator and on the Facebook page. This year there is still the **Mandatory Meeting** requirement and we are looking to have 6-7 different

county meetings. We do have 3 people that have expressed an interest in holding a meeting so we need 3 or 4 more. You can teach a topic on photography or you can have a speaker do this. The person in charge will have the meeting date, place, and topic picked by January so we can get that out to all members. Only County Approved meetings will count and all have to be done before June 15, 2017. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

New Information: I am still looking for people to hold meetings. I have sent messages to the three people that told me they were interested in helping. These meetings can be on any of the topics/entries or geared for length of time in photography. I will be doing the 1st and 2nd year members so it would be great to have someone do something more for members that have been in the project longer. Please contact me as soon as possible so that we can let everyone know when meetings will be and the topics so that they can plan accordingly. Thank you so much!

The snow is here so I hope you are all enjoying getting some winter pictures!

Kay Jacobsen ~ County Photography Project Leader

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

Animal Sciences

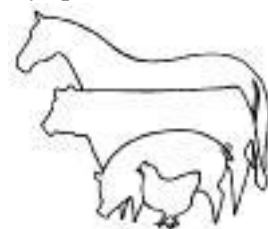
Livestock Committee Meeting

January 10, 7:30 pm

February 14, 7:30 pm

Ag Service & Education Center, Baldwin

All of the Livestock Committee meetings are open meetings. You are welcome to attend anytime. Please call or email DaNell Jamieson at 715-698-3663 or djamieson18@gmail.com to get items on the agenda no later than 10 days prior to the meeting.



**Meat Animal/Breeding Stock/
Dairy Goat Members
Rules Meeting (MANDATORY!)**

All exhibitors (regardless of age) AND their parents will be required to attend ONE of the Rules Meetings. The meeting you attend will not count towards your clinic requirements. We will be going over the rules and the changes from previous years. ATTENDANCE by both exhibitor and parent/legal guardian is REQUIRED.

The dates and times are as follows:

January 8th – 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

January 10th - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

All meetings will be held at the Ag Services and Education Center in Baldwin, unless noted. Please contact a member of the Livestock Committee or email: stcroixlivestock@yahoo.com.

**Meat Animal Quality Assurance Clinic
(MAQA)**

Sunday, March 12; 1:00pm
Baldwin American Legion

This is a **MANDATORY** clinic for the **BREEDING STOCK** project members and **MEAT ANIMAL** project members to show at the St. Croix county fair!

You must arrive **ON TIME** and **STAY UNTIL THE END** in order to meet the MAQA requirement. A second MAQA will be offered in June with a date to be determined yet.

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 March 1st, 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!

4-H Meats Judging Contest

February 18, 12:30pm

Registration Deadline: February 12
UW Madison Meat Lab

Registration is from 12:30 to 1 p.m. with the contest starting at 1 p.m. This Contest tests the knowledge of youth in placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, retail cut identification and a quiz. This contest occurs annually with the teams traveling to Kansas City, MO and Denver, CO for national competition. There is a Junior Division as well at the state level.

All of the information including the registration form pertaining to this contest is located on the Extension Youth Livestock Website:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest>.

If you have any questions please contact, Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu or 608-263-4304.

Livestock Quiz Bowl

March 4, 2017 (registration at 9am)

Competition starts at 9:30 am

UW-Madison Animal Science Dept

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. The winning 4-H senior team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl competition in Omaha, NE at the **AKSARBEN** Livestock Exhibition.

Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed

identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. The top Senior level 4-H team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest, held each fall in Louisville at **the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)**.

Competition in Quiz Bowl & Skillathon encourages members to develop a more complete knowledge of animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational program for all project members, including those who may not own a project animal, and provides a way to develop self-confidence. These programs are a great parallel to some similar programs that breed associations and other organizations conduct.

For more information please visit the website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowl/skillathon> or by contacting Bernie O'Rourke at 608-263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

WPA Offers Youth Pig Project Scholarships

The Wisconsin Pork Association Youth Committee is once again offering Youth Pig Project scholarships. These scholarships are designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities in the Wisconsin pork industry.

4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a \$50.00 scholarship used to offset costs associated with their 2017 pig project. Scholarships will be awarded in three age divisions, as follows: Ages 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19 (as of January 1, 2017). At least ten \$50.00 scholarships will be awarded.

Interested youth may download the scholarship application form from the WPA website at www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project or call the WPA office at 800-822-7675 to have a copy mailed. Completed application forms must be submitted no later than February 1, 2017.

The 2017 Youth Pig Project Scholarships are being made possible in part by the following sponsors: Graff Show Pigs, Jake's Pig Palace, Tom Knauer Family, Morgan Pittz, Krebs Farms, Waite Farms & Show Pigs, Magolski Farms, Doherty Family Farm, and Wehrle Farms.

The Wisconsin Pork Association's mission is to insure the future success of the Wisconsin pork industry. WPA represents the interests of the pork industry members with a strong emphasis on social issues, public and government policies, environment, animal welfare and safety.

Shepherd's Clinic and Trade Show

February 4, 2017

WITC Conference Center; Rice Lake

This annual workshop continues to be one of the largest educational events for sheep producers, 4-H & FFA youth in the upper Midwest. The 2017 Shepherds' Clinic has expanded to include goats as well. Themes of the Shepherds' Clinic will focus on Profitability—Sustainability—Genetics / Reproduction / Flock Health—Youth Education. The keynote speaker is Susan Schoenian, Sheep and Goat Specialist, at the Western Maryland Research & Education Center, University of Maryland Extension. Additional speakers include Dr. Justin Luther, UW-River Falls, Maria Bendixion, Chippewa Valley Technical College, Marlin & Cammy Subra, WI sheep producers, and Tim Jergenson, UWEX-Barron County.

For more information, visit the website at <https://indianheadsheep.wordpress.com>. Register for this program at <http://barron.uwex.edu> by February 1. Click "2017 Shepherds' Clinic and Tradeshow" at the website to register.

Cattle Feeders Workshop

February 20, 6:15pm registration

Ag Service & Education Center

UW-Extension St. Croix County will be hosting a Cattle Feeders Workshop to be held at the date and location listed above. *This program is designed for adults and farmers in the beef business. Youth meat animal project members are welcome to attend as an educational event, bearing in mind this is not a show animal focused workshop.*

This year's program is scheduled to cover:

What kind of cattle do buyers want?

Presenter: Mr. Jeff Reed, Central Livestock Association, Zumbrota

Nutrition from weaning to finish

Presenter: Dr. Dan Schaefer, Department of Animal Science, UW-Madison

Market outlook and factors influencing price discovery
Presenter: Dr. Brenda Boetel, UW-Extension
Livestock Economist

Registration begins at 6:15 pm, with the program beginning at 6:30 pm. There is a fee is \$5.00/person. Please pre-register by contacting the St. Croix County Extension Office at 715-531-1930 or ryan.sterry@uwex.edu.

WI State Fair Junior Dairy Show Updates

It's time to start thinking about the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Dairy Show (August 3-13). We will provide you with information as it comes to us. In the meantime if you are interested in showing at the 2017 State Fair or have any questions, please contact Randy Peterson at 715-698-2299 (mistymeadowsfarm@hotmail.com) or Todd Doornink at todd@jondefarm.com

Dairy Quiz Bowl Saturday, January 28 UW Madison - Sewell Hall

Competition in the 4-H Dairy Bowl and Dairy Management Contests encourages a 4-H member to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. These contests provide an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own or show a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness and self-confidence.

The Dairy Bowl is a "quiz bowl" competition where all questions deal with dairy topics. Teams of four members compete with each other in giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Teams receive points for correct answers and may lose points for incorrect answers. The team with the highest final score is the winner.

In the Dairy Management Contest, teams work both as individuals and together to answer questions related to the management of a dairy farm and dairy cattle. Team members work through various stations and at the end of the event, the total score for the team is added together to determine the final team score.

Both of these contests offer the opportunity for youth to test and showcase their knowledge of dairy cattle science and the dairy industry. For more information contact the Extension office or <http://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyyouth> for rules and registration form.

Youth Horse Committee January 2, 7 pm February 6, 7 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 Building/4-H Extension building.

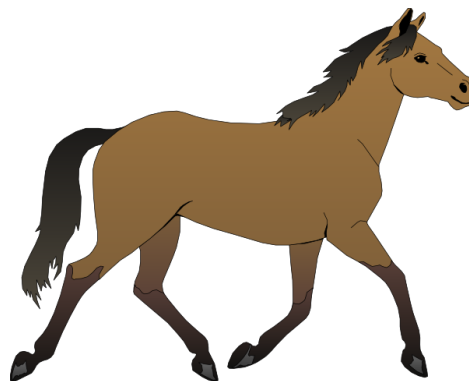
Are you on Facebook? Friend us on Facebook at "St. Croix County 4-H Youth Horse Project"

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.

Save the Dates: 4-H Day Horse Camp will be held June 3 and Horse Camp is scheduled for June 23-25.

Horse Tack Swap February 25, 10am-2pm Roberts Elementary

If you trail ride, run games, show western pleasure, show dressage, hunter jumper or rodeo this sale is for you! If you have items to sell, there is a 10% consignment fee and all items must be tagged by 9:30am on February 25 or they will not be accepted. A seller check in form is required. If your items are not picked up by 5pm, those items will be donated to the Youth Horse Project. Horse related vendors will be on site. Breakfast and lunch available during the event.



St. Croix County Fair

County Fair Premium Checks

2016 County Fair Premium checks were included in the club awards packets. Checks were distributed to families through their clubs. The fair premium checks are **void on January 1**. Questions can be directed to Cindy Van Dyk at 715- 246-5486.

Annual Fairboard Meeting followed by Fairboard Business Meeting

January 12; 7:30pm
Ag Services & Education Center

Everyone is welcome to attend. Agenda items include: approval of bylaws, financial update, and director elections.

Fairboard meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. January – April meetings are held at the Ag Services & Education Center in Baldwin. May – October meetings are held at the Fairgrounds.

Fair Entry Information

ATTENTION: FAIR ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries for the fair will again be made online as before. Blue Ribbon will take entries April 1st through May 31st 2017. The link to this site will be on the fair web page www.stcroixcofair.com. You will have to reenter your name, club code, address, phone number, email and your leader's email as none of this carries over from last year. Make your entry choices, and then you have the option of leaving them pending to make changes later, or checking out and submitting to get them entered. ***If you do not get a return email listing your entries, you have not finished checking out and you will have to go back and finish the checkout process.***

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES TO ENTRIES AFTER MAY 31ST & THERE WILL BE NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 31ST---NO EXCEPTIONS

Animal Projects may require a change due to illness. If that is the case, you must contact the county animal

leader for your species and have the change approved. The Leader then will contact the entry person to make the necessary change on the judging sheets.

Remember: you need to include your Leader's email so they can check your entries and know that you have completed the entry process. Get all entries in by May 31st and submitted, or you will not be able to exhibit at the fair.

If there are questions, please call your leader, or Cindy Van Dyk 715-246-5486.

Recycled Ribbon Program

Have you ever thought what to do with all your St. Croix County Fair Ribbons? How about recycling them? If you happen to have old ribbons, instead of throwing them away, we would love them to reuse. They need to be in good condition and not have any writing on the tag. Please drop them off at the Extension Office or give them to your club leader.

Fairplex

Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

Welcome to 2017! Our top priority in partnership with the Horse Project, is to continue raising the funds necessary to retire the loan on Horse Barn #1. Our ambitious stretch goal is to retire the loan in 2018. Thanks to continued outstanding support, we already have a great start meeting this stretch goal. While this is a big challenge, we can meet it by continuing our great tradition of working together for the benefit of all.

New this year is our partnership with the Horse Project to put on the Tack Swap to be held Saturday, February 25th at the Robert's Elementary School. During the month of January we will be completing our plans for the 2017 May Fair Event & Sale. During February we will launch the 2017 Renovations for Generations Raffle.

Got suggestions, new ideas or want to participate, please contact Chris Libbey at (651) 247-0395.

Ways you can help:

- Commodity Drive – Corn/beans/cull cows or scrap
- Employee volunteer matches – Currently set up with Allina Health & 3M. Check with your employers for their matching programs.
- United Way – Direct your 2017 donation to Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds
- Take advantage of Beth Murray-Laughnan's 5% match on ADM Alliance Feeds (formerly Mormon Feeds) - be sure to request the match, proceeds go to the Horse Complex (Beth can be reached at (651) 295-4026)
- Support the 2017 Tack Swap, May Fair Event & Sale & the Renovations for Generations Raffle. Stay tuned for additional Horse Project fund raising events.



St. Croix County Youth Horse Project

Tack Swap



In Partnership, with...



Saturday February 25, 2017 - 10 AM to 2 PM

Consignment fee 10%

Check In 7:30 – 9:30 AM ~ Check Out 2:30 – 4:00

ALL items must be tagged by 9:30 am on 2/25/17 or they will not be accepted.

**** Seller check-in form Required ****

Anything not picked up by 5:00 PM on 2/25/17 will be automatically donated to the youth horse project.

If you trail ride, run games, show western pleasure, show dressage or hunter jumper or rodeo, this sale is for you!

**Breakfast / Lunch
Available**

Horse related VENDORS on Site

For more information, contact:

Allison Mentink 715-308-3602

Bob Frame 715-220-5911

Interested in being a vendor? Give us a call

Early tag pick-up is available. Give us a call.

Roberts Elementary School

202 S Division St – Roberts WI

I-94 to Exit #10 (hwy 65)

North on Hwy 65 to Cty TT

East on Cty TT to Division Street

North on Division Street about 4 blocks

School is on your right.

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 March 1st, 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 _____

Contact info (phone / email) _____

Club _____

Age _____ Year in School _____

The calf will be housed at (indicate farm) _____

Breed preference (all reasonable efforts will be made by the committee to select a calf of the winners breed preference, however breed preference cannot be guaranteed)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Member's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

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

Po-Croix-Bar 4-H Camp

Camp Counselor Application

Due: February 24, 2017

(Must currently be in grades 9-12 to apply)

Send completed application to: UW-Extension Office; 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin WI 54002

Name:		Current Age:		Birth Date:		Male:		Female:			
Address:				City:				Zip:			
County:		Club:		Grade in School:			Years in 4-H:				
Phone:		T-Shirt Size		Small		Medium		Large		X-Large	
Email:											
Have you previously attended a Camp Counselor Training Workshop?											
If so, when and where?											
Do you want to be considered for a junior director's position?							Yes		No		
What skills would you bring to this junior director's position?											
List camps (4-H and non4-H) which you have attended:							Camper or Counselor				
Camp						Year	Camper		Counselor		

Please hold these dates. Counselors will be assigned camps once camper applications and number are in.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Younger Camp	Grades 3-5	June 19-21	Camp Counselor Training Date to Be Determined
<input type="checkbox"/>	Older Camp	Grades 5-7	June 21-23 *Could overlap Younger if numbers are low	

Camp Activities

Which of the following are you comfortable leading at camp? (Please check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Archery	<input type="checkbox"/>	Games & Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arts & Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music
<input type="checkbox"/>	Backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Campfire Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nature Activities (other than water)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Canoeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Relay Games
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drama Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science Discovery Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Singing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flag Ceremonies	<input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foods & Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe)

Describe your experiences with 5 of the camp activities you identified on the front page.

Explain why you want to be a camp counselor.

What do you want to learn from your experience as a camp counselor?

If you have special dietary needs, please describe.



(Applicant Signature)

(Date completed)

University of Wisconsin, United States Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin Counties Cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX requirements. Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential. TTY Phone Relay 711.



2017 4-H Events Calendar

Refer to the 4-H Communicator for times and locations

Please note that all dates are tentative and subject to change!

January		March Continued	
2	New Year's Day – Office Closed	15	Communicator Articles Due
2	Horse Committee Meeting	17	4-H Summer Assistant Apps. Due
6	4-H State Team Applications Due	17-18	ArtBeat
8 & 10	Livestock Rules Meeting	19	Leader's Council Meeting
10	Livestock Committee Meeting	20	Shooting Sports Orientation
10	VIP Leader Training	21	Leader's Council Meeting
12	Fairboard Meeting	24-30	National 4-H Conference
14	STEM Club	31	County Scholarship Apps. Due
15	Communicator Articles Due	April	
16	Martin Luther King Day–Office Closed	3	Horse Committee Meeting
17	Leader's Council Meeting	6	Dog Project Informational Meeting
17	WI Tour Committee Meeting	7	Shooting Sports Orientation
17-20	National 4-H Summit-Living Healthy	8	Goat, Sheep, Swine Weigh-in
17-21	CWF Presidential Inauguration Program	8	STEM Club
19	Mini Talent Explosion Committee Mtg.	11	Livestock Committee Meeting
22-28	Advanced Space Academy	13	Fairboard Meeting
24	NW 4-H Golf Classic Committee Mtg.	15	Communicator Articles Due
25	Speaking Contest	18	Leader's Council Meeting
28	4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl	20-24	Space Camp
February		22	Mini Talent Explosion
1	Pig Project Scholarship Apps. Due	28-29	IW2K STEM Camp
2-5	National 4-H Summit-Ag Science	TBD	Cat Fun Show
3	WI 4-H & Youth Conference Apps. Due	TBD	Dairy Judging
3	WI 4-H Youth Leadership Council Apps. Due	May	
3	Key Awards Due	1	Horse Committee Meeting
4	Shepard's Clinic & Trade Show	2	VIP Leader Training
4	St. Croix County 4-H Hangout	4	Dog Training Meeting
6	Horse Committee Meeting	6	Shooting Sports Training Session
9	Fairboard Meeting	8	Dairy Committee Meeting
11	STEM Club	9	Livestock Committee Meeting
12	Meats Judging Contest Registration	10	Softball Coaches Meeting
13	Dairy Committee Meeting	11	Dog Training Meeting
14	Livestock Committee Meeting	11	Fairboard Meeting
15	Communicator Articles Due	13	Mayfair Fundraiser
18	4-H Meats Judging Contest	13	STEM Club
20	President's Day–Office Closed	15	Communicator Articles Due
21	Leader's Council Meeting	16	Leader's Council Meeting
24	Camp Counselor Apps. Due	18	Dog Training Meeting
25	Horse Project Tack Swap	20	Shooting Sports Training Session
TBD	Clover College	25	Dog Training Meeting
TBD	State Youth Conference Interviews	29	Memorial Day – Office Closed
		30	Dairy State Fair Meeting
		31	Fair Entries Due – Blue Ribbon
March		TBD	4-H Camp Counselor Training
4	Livestock Quiz Bowl	June	
6	Horse Committee Meeting	1	Dog Training Meeting
9	Fairboard Meeting	3	4-H Horse Day Camp
11	STEM Club	5	Horse Committee Meeting
12	Meat Animal Quality Assurance	5	WI 4-H Conference Mandatory Delegate Orientation
14	Livestock Committee Meeting		

June 7-15	American Spirit Experience	August 15	Leader's Council Meeting
8	Dog Training Meeting	TBD	District Gymkhana Show
8	Fairboard Meeting	September	
8-10	Badger Dairy Camp	4	Labor Day – Office Closed
10	Cake Dec., Food Revue & Clothing Revue	8	Record Books Due
10	Shooting Sports Training Session	11	Horse Committee Meeting
10	STEM Club	12	Livestock Committee Meeting
12	NW 4-H Golf Classic	14	Fairboard Meeting
13	Livestock Committee Meeting	15	Communicator Articles Due
15	Communicator Articles Due	October	
15	Dog Training Session	1-5	National Dairy Conference
15-16	Cloverbud/Exploring Day Camp (NR/Baldwin)	1-7	National 4-H Week
16-17	Rodeo	2	Horse Committee Meeting
17-25	CWF (WI week 1)	10	Livestock Committee Meeting
19-23	4-H Camp	12	4-H Officer Training
20	Leader's Council Meeting	12	Fairboard Meeting
21	Area Animal Science Day-Trempealeau	15	Communicator Articles Due
22	Dog Training Meeting	17	Leader's Council Meeting
23-25	Horse Camp (Overnight)	28	Leader Retreat
24	Shooting Sports Training Session	28	VIP Leader Training
24-July 2	CWF (WI week 2)	TBD	Leader's Banquet
26-29	WI 4-H & Youth Conference - Madison	November	
27	VIP Leader Training	1	2017 4-H Trip Promo. Report Forms Due
29	Dog Training Meeting	1	4-H Charters Due
July		1	M.E. Forms Due
4	Independence Day – Office Closed	6	Horse Committee Meeting
6	Dog Training Meeting	9	Fairboard Meeting
6	WI Tour Mandatory Delegate Orientation	12	Clover Cooking
8	Shooting Sports Training Session	14	Livestock Committee Meeting
8-16	CWF (WI week 3)	15	Communicator Articles Due
10	Horse Committee Meeting	15	Enrollment Entry Due
11	Livestock Committee Meeting	21	Leader's Council Meeting
12	Fair Clean Up	23	Thanksgiving – Office Closed
13	Fairboard Meeting	24	Day after Thanksgiving – Office Closed
13	Dog Training Meeting	24-28	National 4-H Congress
15	Cat Show	December	
15	Communicator Articles Due	2	Beef Weigh-In
15	Foods Fair (Foods Only)	4	Horse Committee Meeting
16	Competitive Shoot	9	Beef Weigh-In (Snow Date)
19-23	St. Croix County Fair	12	Livestock Committee Meeting
24	Dairy State Fair Meeting	14	Fairboard Meeting
26-28	Cloverbud/Explorer Day Camps	14	VIP Leader Training
27	4-H All Star Game	15	Communicator Articles Due
29-30	4-H Softball Tournament	19	Leader's Council Meeting
August		25	Christmas Eve – Office Closed
1-3	Wisconsin Tour (Green Bay)	26	Christmas Day – Office Closed
3-13	Wisconsin State Fair	Other Important Dates to Remember:	
7	Horse Committee Meeting		
8	Livestock Committee Meeting		
10	Fairboard Meeting		
12	STEM Club		
15	Communicator Articles Due		

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 New Year's Day- Office Closed 7pm – Youth Horse Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	3	4	5	6 Due – 4-H State Team Apps.	7
8 2pm – Livestock Rules Meeting (Ag Center)	9	10 6:30pm – Livestock Rules Meeting 7pm – VIP Leader Training 7:30pm – Livestock Committee Meeting (All at Ag Center)	11	12 7:30pm – Fairboard Meeting (Ag Center)	13	14 STEM Club
15 Due – Communicator Articles	16 Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed	17 7pm – Leader's Council Mtg. (Ag Center) WI Tour Committee Mtg.	18	19 7pm – Mini Talent Explosion Meeting (Culvers, Baldwin)	20	21
22	23 Due – Speaking Contest Entry	24 NW 4-H Golf Classic Committee Mtg.	25 6pm – Speaking Contest	26	27	28 Dairy Quiz Bowl (Madison)
29	30	31				

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Due – WPA Youth Pig Project Scholarship Applications	2	3 Due – Youth Conference, Leadership Council & Key Awards	4 Shepard's Clinic & Trade Show 7pm – Hang Time (Roberts Park Building)
5	6 7pm – Youth Horse Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	7	8	9 7:30pm – Fairboard Mtg. (Ag Center)	10 Due – ArtBeat Registration	11 STEM Club
12 Due – 4-H Meats Judging Contest Registration	13 Dairy Committee Meeting	14 7:30pm – Livestock Committee Meeting (Ag Center)	15 Due – Communicator Articles	16	17	18 12:30pm – 4-H Meats Judging Contest (Madison)
19	20 President's Day- Office Closed 6:15pm – Cattle Feeders Workshop (Ag Center)	21 7pm – Leader's Council Mtg. (Ag Center)	22	23	24 Due – Camp Counselor Apps.	25 10am – Tack Swap (Roberts Elementary)
26	27	28				