



St. Croix County 4-H Communicator

March, 2015

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Dear 4-H Members, Families, Leaders and Friends,

Investing is an important concept when it comes to the future. People can invest in their future and children's future; invest in their retirement accounts, and even make an investment in a community organization or charity. But perhaps one of the most important investments people can make is in human capital. Making an investment in your own community and the people, young and old who live there can prove to be a sound strategy for the future.

When it comes to human capital, the most important investment that a person can make is in our young people. Investing time and effort into helping young people get connected and develop a sense of belonging in the community can prove invaluable for the future. Making an investment in the youth in the community doesn't take a lot of money, and there are a variety of things you can do to help the cause.

A publication from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services titled "Promoting Positive Youth Development" helps to provide some steps and ideas to help you make an investment in youth.

- Community members and leaders can involve young people in assessing how the community supports youth, and work with elected officials to ensure that youth have access to what they need.
- Business leaders can invest in youth by providing opportunities to teach youth skills that they will need to succeed in the future. Life lessons like communication, record keeping and financial management are only a few of the ways businesses can help.
- Youth service organizations can reflect on their own philosophy on youth development, and assess if they are truly teaching positive youth development.
- Community agencies and organizations can identify ways to include youth in their groups through volunteering and community service projects. This will help them feel connected and valued by the community.
- Teachers can help through their teaching methods to ensure that they engage young people in ways that build on their strengths and emphasizing teamwork and tolerance when dealing with others.
- Parents and caretakers can take an active role as well. By encouraging your young person and striving to engage them in activities that will benefit their development, parents can invest in their future.

Making an investment in the youth in our community is a smart strategy that we should all look into. It's like putting pennies in the piggy bank every day. By making that small investment each and every day, the payoff will be great in the long run.

As the new 4-H Youth Development Agent I look forward to learning how we can invest in St. Croix County youth. What activities, skills, resources and lessons can we provide in order for 4-Hers to become active and productive young people? Over the next few months I look forward to meeting with club leaders, 4-H families and youth. Please feel free to share your thoughts...my door is always open.

Heather Vierling

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St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development Agent

Project Changes Due

March 1

Now is a great time to review the 4-H projects you signed up for last fall. If you need to change any of the projects you sign up for, please make any necessary changes on

www.4HOnline.com

2015 St. Croix County Fair

July 15-19, 2015

"From Wagon Wheels to
Ferris Wheels"

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"Yes, We Are Open!"

The phrase, "Yes, we are open" might greet the phone caller who is asking "Are you open?" And it is also true about 4-H and UW-Extension. **Yes, we are open ... to ALL people**

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The St. Croix County UW-Extension staff appreciates your support and working relationship as we provide educational programs designed to empower the diverse citizens, indeed all citizens, of St. Croix County.

If you have any questions about special requests for accommodations at your club meeting or activities, please call the UWEX Office.

Weekly E-mails

Weekly e-mails are sent out each week to update everyone on 4-H happenings both county-wide and state-wide. They may contain reminders about county-wide/state-wide events, and county-wide/state-wide deadlines.

The primary purpose of the weekly e-mail is to share items that arise between the printing dates of the communicator and important reminders. Its purpose is not to take the place of the communicator, but to provide everyone with the most current information.

If you have items to add to the weekly email please email them to Heather at heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu by Friday afternoon.

Pancake Breakfast

March 1; 8:00am-12:00pm

Baldwin American Legion

Come enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausages, fruit and assorted beverages! The cost is free for children ages 5 and under, \$3.00 for children ages 6-11 and \$6.00 for ages 12 and older. All funds benefit the 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors!

Clubs are welcome to donate items for the silent auction or bake sale by dropping them off by 8:00am on March 1. Don't forget to bring some baked goods home with you.

If you have any questions, please email: stcroixlivestock@yahoo.com or call Warren or Lori DeBoer at 715-263-4201.

Earth Day Event

Sunday, April 19; noon to 4:00 pm

YMCA Camp St. Croix

(532 Cty Rd F, Hudson)

Our 11th annual Earth Day Celebration: "Recycling Magic". Come and enjoy the magician at this year's event!

The event is a family event of booths, activities and programs that feature environmentally friendly messages and get people back outside. This year we want people to get out and get dirty. Activities will focus on soil: soil experiments, soil explorations, soil testing, composting, etc.

Rodeo

St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo

June 19-20

St. Croix County Fairgrounds

The Rodeo is coming – Father's Day weekend June 19 & 20. In addition to top quality, professional rodeo, added family attractions include Jerry Olson & Justin Boots, Muttin Bustin, Stick Horse Rodeo,

Nickel Scrambles, Pony Rides & an Exotic Animal Petting Zoo. Go to <http://stcroixcofair.com/rodeo> for details. This is great family fun in your “backyard”!

Wanted: Queen Candidates for the 2015 Rodeo. Candidates must be 16 years of age, have good riding skills and have access to a “parade” trained horse (not spooked by crowds, flags etc.). PRCA eligible candidates (16 – 23 years of age) can advance to state and national competition with the potential of winning scholarships.

- March 21st: Applications due
- March 28th: Queen Boot Camp - St. Croix County Fairgrounds (weather dependent)
- April 11th: Tryouts - St. Croix County Fairgrounds (weather dependent)

Entry forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting Theresa Hoffman (715) 265-4805 or (715) 781-1046 thoffman@centurytel.net

Wanted: Rodeo Committee Members - Interested, contact Dean Lemay at (715) 977-0626.

Leader News

Leader's Council Meetings

March 17; 7:00pm

Ag Services & Education Center, Classroom A

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 Jackie Kumm at jackiekumm@edinarealty.com or Heather at heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu. 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:

Dale Hudson, 2014

Dean LeMay, Dean & Jodi Lingenfelter, 2013

Warren & Lori DeBoer, 2012

Richard (Buzz) Marzolf, 2011

St. Croix County Fair 4-H Food Stand

The Food Stand Committee met and went over the hours and shifts that the stand would be open this year. We sent out the information to all the clubs and groups who have worked in the stand or have expressed an interest in working. The response was immediate and great!! All the shifts have been filled except for one on **Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 pm**. It is a small shift meaning only 11 – 12 people are needed (half need to be adults). They will earn \$37.50 an hour.

We would like to thank all of the clubs and groups who have signed up all ready! Without your help we could not be open and be the success that we have been.

Remember that the money we make in the stand supports the county 4-H programs: scholarships, trips to National Congress, Citizenship Washington Focus, Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference, Wisconsin Tour; State Fair exhibitors, County Softball program, 4-H Camp, the Mini Talent Explosion, Club Officer training and the 4-H Window Display contest, member and club awards, 4-H Leader pins and plaques, the Living Memorial Award, the Friend of 4-H Award and many other activities. Each year some of the funds also go towards 4-H Fair improvement.

So by helping in the 4-H Food Stand you are helping the 4-H program. You are in a sense giving back to 4-H because 4-H has been giving to you.

Leader Shooting Sports Certification May 1-2, 2015

State 4-H Adult Shooting Sports Certification set for Price County this spring. If you have adult leaders interested in becoming leaders in shooting sports, please share this information with them. This workshop will offer rifle, shotgun and archery certifications. All state workshops are 12 hour classes. Adults chose one of the three disciplines in which to be certified. You can only be certificated in one discipline at any one certification workshop. Shooting sports Leaders who have recently been certified may be legible for the 8 hour certification option if adding an additional discipline.

Registration information is provided at the 4-H Shooting Sports web site. Here is the link for additional information:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingports/>

State wide certification rotates each year. For 2015, certifications will be offered in the northern and southern areas of Wisconsin. In the fall, we offer certifications in archery, coordinator, muzzleloader, shotgun, pistol and rifle. These are annual certifications and generally held each September at Marshfield.

If you have questions regarding any programs related to shooting sports, please contact Doug Thompson at 920-391-4657.

Member News

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

There is still time to sign up to host students this summer that are coming to Wisconsin from other countries. We would like to have all host families in place by April 1st (no fooling!), so go to <http://wi4hinternational.org> to learn more, and find the application forms. Everything can be done on line.

You only need to include the delegate into your family - nothing extra special. They do need their own bed. Otherwise, they want to experience

everyday life in America. We have delegates coming from Mexico; Argentina & Finland; Japan & Korea.

Host families need a student approximately the same age as the visiting delegate; this could be anywhere from 11 - 18 years of age. The earlier you sign up, the better selection you have of getting a good match to your family. This is a great experience for both sides! Try it.... you'll like it!! If you have any questions - write or call Nancy Burman at music_mommy@hotmail.com or 715-549-6712

YELL

Youth Engaged in Learning about Leadership
April 18, 2015; 9:00am-3:30pm
UW-Eau Claire Campus

Come make new friends while strengthening your leadership skills through interactive seminars, exciting activities and networking opportunities.

The cost to attend is \$20; which includes seminars, social activities, campus cafeteria, a gift and more! YELL is for members in grades 6-12. Registrations are accepted on a first-come first serve basis with the registration deadline of April 3.

For more information or a registration form, visit: <http://buffalo.uwex.edu/yell>.

S.T.E.A.M. Academy (Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, and Math)

Please save the date for the first ever S.T.E.A.M. Academy which will be held on Saturday, April 11 at St. Croix Central High School in Hammond from 9:00am – 1:30pm (lunch will be included). Youth grades 5-8 will be able to participate in a variety of hands on educational sessions all related to science and agriculture. There is a registration fee of \$10 / member or \$25 / family. Watch for more details and class offerings.

Ambassadors

The St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors went to Camp St. Croix in Hudson the weekend of January 16 and 17. We planned the parades that we will be going to in 2015 and planned renovations to our float for the parades. We also built a sign for the Hot Air

Affair parade, which is February 6 in downtown Hudson and we all hope to see you there. We also worked on body language and how to be confident at all times whether you're at a 4-H event or just out in public or presenting a speech or presentation.

As a group, we elected our officers for 2015 and they are as follows; Megan Feyereisen, President; Riley Hammer, Vice President; Samantha Michaud, Secretary; Catherine Schurtz, Treasurer; Harly Lentz, Reporter and Allison Mangan, Historian.

If you or a friend are interested in joining 4-H or would like more information, please contact Melissa Nawrocki at the Extension Office in Baldwin, phone 715-531-1932 or email melissa.nawrocki@co.saint-croix.wi.us.

~Harly Lentz, Reporter

4-H Ambassadors back from left to right: Jacob Schurtz, Johanna Knutson, Harly Lentz and Heidi Sandquist. Middle: Catherine Schurtz, Megan Feyereisen, Nicholas Lentz and Allison Mangan. Front: Kaylie Marshall, Riley Hammer and Abbie Weller. Missing: Samantha Michaud



**REMINDER: St. Croix County 4-H
Leaders Scholarships
Applications due March 1**

There are eight (8) scholarships available. A member may receive only one (1) 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. There is a separate application for the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan.

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.

Applications can be found at: <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications> or from the UW-Extension Office.

Hot Air Affair

The St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors had a fun and eventful weekend promoting 4-H and the St. Croix County Fair during Hudson's annual Hot Air Affair Event. They kicked the weekend off by participating in the parade on Friday night and continued the fun by making crafts and veggie race cars with local children on Saturday and EP Rock Elementary School.

The goal of the ambassadors is to let everyone know that 4-H is for everyone. If you or a friend are interested in joining 4-H or would like more information please contact Melissa Nawrocki at the Extension Office in Baldwin, phone 715-531-1932 or email melissa.nawrocki@co.saint-croix.wi.us.

Pictured from left to right are: Allison Mangan, Catherine Schurtz, Johanna Knutson, Harly Lentz, Riley Hammer, Kayli Marshall, Heidi Sandquist, Megan Feyereisen, Jacob Schurtz, Nicholas Lentz and Abbie Weller. —photo by Carole Schurtz



Showchoir (Velocity)

Congratulations to the 2015 4-H Showchoir, Velocity

Velocity welcomes their 2015 roster: Megan Feyereisen, RJ Feyereisen, & Ryan Knapton all of Roberts Ribbon Reapers; Harly Lentz & Nicholas Lentz from Rolling Hills Club; Peyton Mentink from Double Good 4-H, and Emily Thompson from Pleasant Lake 4-H in Polk County. Watch for their first mini performance at the Mayfair on Saturday, May 9. They will also be performing at the St. Croix County Fair, as well as other county and state fairs.

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 2014 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, please call Mary Lestrud at 715-531-1930.

March and 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. Make checks payable to: Food Resource Collaborative/Protein Project.

Communication & 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) NEW - 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.

Clover College 2015 March 21

Please save the date for the third annual Clover College event which will be held on Saturday, March 21 at the Community Commons in New Richmond.

This event is open to all youth in grades K-6. Registration will begin at 8:30am. Each participant will be able to take part in three unique class sessions of their choice. There is a registration fee of \$10/member or \$25/family. Watch for more details on class offerings and descriptions.

Photography Project News April 18, 2015 10:00 - 11:30 am Ag Services & Education Center

I hope that everyone has been out with their cameras taking pictures this year! One thing to always remember is that the judges like to see pictures of the winter months along with the summer months.

On March 21, there will be a Clover College Event and I am going to be doing a Photography Project at this. If you partake in Clover College and attend a Photography Session, this will count toward your mandatory meeting.

The first County Meeting will be April 18th at the Ag Services & Education Center in Baldwin (off of Hwy 94 and across from River Valley Ford). This meeting will be for any and all members. I do recommend that first and second year project members attend to get some of the basics down however there will also be things for the members that have been in the project for three or more years!

The other County Meeting will be held in June. A date has not been set for this yet and in the past we

have done it on a Wednesday evening after school has been let out for the summer.

Alternative Project forms are in the Facebook page and can be sent to you if you request through the email site. All Alternative Project forms are due on June 15th and there are no exceptions this year!

I am also interested in doing some "Site Photography Outings" with some photographers! Does this sound interesting to you? Please email me or Facebook me on the site and let me know if you would be interested. Parents and members are all welcome and the first place we are thinking of is to go to Como Zoo sometime in May (when it warms up). This would be on a Saturday afternoon I believe.

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

Kay Jacobsen ~ County Photography Project Leader

Softball News

Coaches Meeting

May 7; 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 23 - Erin Corners

7 pm - Junior Game, 8 pm - Senior Game

4-H Softball Tournaments

July 25, 7 pm and July 26, 9 am

Hatfield Park in New Richmond

Naturespace

Shooting Sports Orientation

Registration

Monday, March 23

Tuesday, April 7

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.

WI Land + Water Camp

June 22-26, 2015

Eagle River, WI

Trees For Tomorrow natural resource school is located in northern WI on the bank of the Eagle River. Campers stay in comfortable student dorms, eat meals in full service dining hall and attend programs or field studies in the classrooms of the TFT education center or the great outdoors.

Camp is for students entering grades 9-12 in 2015/2016 school year (must be 17 or under). Students that attend should be interested in natural resources or just plain like to be outdoors.

Camp registration is \$225/student that covers meals, snacks, lodging and a T-shirt. Scholarships available, contact Aleisha Miller at 715-531-1915 for more information. Register online by June 5 at: www.vilasconservation.org. For more information about camp, contact Carolyn Scholl at cascho@co.vilas.wi.us.

Tractor Safety

Tractor Safety Class

June 29-July 2, 2015

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 **MUST** have parental permission slips signed and returned on Monday morning, June 29, 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 715-684-3321 Ext: 4119 or Bill Emery, SCC Ag Instructor, 715-796-5383 Ext 145.

Animal Sciences

Area Animal Science Day

Save the Date!! The Northwest District Area Animal Science Day is set for June 30 in Dunn County.

Visit the UW-Extension Animal Sciences website for more information:
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience>.

Fur, Fin & Feather Show

April 11, 2015; 9:00am
Barney Center, Sparta

Live animal exhibition is open to 4-H members 3rd through 13th grades. Enrollment in a rabbit, poultry, cat or small pet project is not required. Live animal must be present to show. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants with champions receiving a trophy. Special mounted picture class for Kindergarten through 2nd graders. Those entered in this class will speak to the judges about the pet shown in the picture and how they care for it. All participants will receive a participation trophy for the first picture plus a ribbon for each additional entry.

All entries are due by April 1, 2015 to Monroe County 4-H Fur, Fin, and Feather Show, c/o Monroe County UW-Extension. Complete the entry form:
<http://counties.uwex.edu/monroe/files/2015/01/2015->

[FFF-Entry-Form.pdf](#) and return to: 14345 County Highway B, Room 1, Sparta, WI 54656.

For more information visit the following website:
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/lincolncounty4h/2015/01/26/25th-annual-monroe-county-4-h-fur-fin-feather-show>.

Dog Project Informational Meeting

April 16, 7:00 pm

Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

Dog project members: there will be an informational meeting on April 16th 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.

Cat Fun Show

May 9

11:00 am - Show Begins
Vetting to begin at 10:00am
Roberts Park Building

Open to 4-H members and non 4-H members and adults. Please register by April 27.

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.

Youth Horse Committee
March 2, 2015; 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.

The Horse Committee is in full gear getting ready for this year's horse program. Here are some dates to remember:

May Fair Event—May 9th--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.

Contact Kelly Gullixson at ekg@baldwin-telecom.net or 651-269-2073 with questions or any of the Committee Members below. Be Safe and Happy Trails!

**St. Croix Co Youth Horse Project
Kick Off Meetings**

Saturday, March 14, 10am-12pm

OR

Monday, March 23, 7-9pm

Both Meetings Held at: Roberts Park Building

MANDATORY Kick off Meetings @ the Roberts Park Building. Remember you MUST attend one of these meetings with a parent or guardian.

Members of the horse project as well as FFA who plan on participating in clinics and show at the

county fair must attend one of the following meetings with a parent or guardian.

Horse Events

SAVE THE DATE:

Day Camp: Saturday, June 6 (age 10 and under and older novice riders)

Rodeo Weekend: June 19 and 20 at the Fairgrounds—also, a huge fundraiser for the fairgrounds. Your help/support is appreciated.

3 Day Camp: June 26-28 for members 11 and older. Friday (mid morning) through Sunday (mid afternoon).

Horse Fundraising Events

Please put the following events on your calendar and plan to volunteer! We will need many hands to make this a success! More details to follow.

Stockman Farm Supply – Tack Swap and Food Stand on March 7. In exchange for helping with the swap, the horse project will get a percentage of all tack sold.

In addition to providing man power at the fundraising events, we are looking for people to be a part of the fundraising committee as there is a lot to do! Let one of the committee members know if this is something you can assist with.

St. Croix County Youth Horse Project Committee

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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 8:00am – Trail Class (this will be a called class)
Saturday 1:00pm – (Tentative) Horse Soccer (Invitational with local counties) – We are looking for a Chair before we commit to this.
Sunday 8:00am – Pleasure Show

UW-River Falls

Youth Horse Judging Clinic
April 11-12

Registration deadline: April 3

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 anfdsci@uwrf.edu or call 715-425-3704. Also visit the website for registration form at: <https://www.uwrf.edu/ANFS/EquineClinics.cfm>.

St. Croix County Tack Swap

Saturday, March 7, 2015

10am-2pm

Stockman Farm Supply; Wilson

Please help the horse project build their barn. The horse project will receive 10% commission from sales. Selling tags and numbers can be picked up entire week of sale with drop off being Friday 4-7pm and Saturday 8-10am. Check out is Saturday 2:30-

4:30pm and all items not picked up will be donated to the 4-H horse program.

Are you not involved with the horse project? Come down and participate in buying some of their delicious baked goods that will be available. This will be a free will donation with 100% of profits going to the horse project.

If you have any questions, call Wendy at 715-772-3128. If you have items to donate, contact Karla at 715-977-1213 for pickup.

Barron County Tack Swap & Horse Expo

Saturday, March 28

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, hippology contest or even rent a vendor table. Come bid on various silent auction items or even have your hat shaped.

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.

Livestock Committee Meeting

March 10, 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.

Sheep, Swine & Goat Weigh-in

April 4, 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.

Again this year, there will be **NO LIVE** swine at weigh-ins on April 4. Please watch your emails for

information on how weigh in day will be ran. If you have questions at any time please contact a member of the Livestock Committee.

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

Swine exhibitors- Please pay attention to emails. Email stcroixswineproject@yahoo.com for latest information.

To be turned in on April 4, 2015 9-11:00 am- ALL HOGS must have a signed and completed certificate of origin affidavit (COOL) or you will not be allowed to show. All hog exhibitors will have a \$10 per exhibitor registration fee. There will be NO initial weights on hogs this year.

- 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.)

- Out of state pigs will be allowed from herds that are PEDv free. They need a vet certified health certificate and a vet to sign off that they originate from a PEDv free herd. Please contract member of committee for form, or visit the county website.

To be turned in by April 15, 2015- 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.

Ag Technology Contest

March 28; 1:00pm

UW-River Falls, Mann Valley Farm; (2.5 miles NW of River Falls on Cty MM) at Farm 2

Have you ever wondered what it takes to judge livestock? Here is a great way to find out! UW-

River Falls will be hosting the Annual Ag Technology Contest.

There will be a practice session after the contest from 1:00-3:00. At that time, we will be learning how to evaluate beef, sheep and hogs. Please look for Jim Buttles or Lori DeBoer in order to have your green sheet signed. If you have any questions, please contact Jim or Lori.

Specie Specific Clinic

Thursday, March 26; 6:00 pm
Sailer's Meat Market in Elmwood

This will count toward a specie specific clinic for all 4 livestock specie. The emphasis this year will be on how a beef carcass is processed. Jake will be touching about all specie and their processing.

If you have any questions for Jake, please get them ready for him. Make sure you bring your green cards for proper signatures. For more information, contact Lori DeBoer at lordeb651@gmail.com.

Meat Animal Quality Assurance Clinic

Sunday March 22;

1:00- 4:00 pm

St Croix Central High School

Reminder, this is a requirement for all livestock exhibitors! If you have tested out, please make sure you know your expiration date! Please contact Marla or Lori with any questions! Lori

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.

Area MAQA Dates and Locations

- Washburn County will hold an MAQA on March 7th at 9:00 am. Please call 715-635-4444 to register.
- Barron County on March 12 and April 14 at 6:30. To register, call 715-537-6253.

Dust 'Em Off Show
May 30
St. Croix County Fairgrounds

The event will be a one day clinic and show. The show will deal with showmanship for all ages. 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.

7th Annual Arlington Sheep Day
March 14, 2015
Arlington Ag. Research Station; Arlington

Registration for the Arlington Sheep Day program is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family and includes morning refreshments and materials. Advance registration is preferred and is available by mail, or persons can register the day of the event at the door for the same price.

The Arlington Sheep Day program will be followed at 12:30 p.m. by the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative (WSBC) banquet, Recognition Program, and Annual Meeting. Both members and non-members of WSBC are welcomed to attend the WSBC banquet and recognition program. Advance registration is required for the WSBC Recognition Banquet at a cost of \$15.00 per person (youth 10 years and younger at \$5.00 per person).

The complete schedule and registration form for both the Arlington Sheep Day and the WSBC banquet can be found at the UW-Madison Sheep and Goat web site (<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wisheepandgoat/>) and at the WSBC web site (www.wisbc.com). For additional information, contact Dave Thomas, UW-Madison (dlthomas@wisc.edu, 608-263-4306) or Jill Alf, WSBC (wisbc@centurytel.net, 608-868-2505).

Sheep Sale at UW-River Falls
April 12

The Indianhead Sheep Breeders Association will be holding its annual **Spring Sheep Sale on Sunday, April 12th** at the UW-River Falls Mann Valley Farm. This date is a week later than previous years due to Easter falling on Sunday, April 5th. 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. There will be a short youth clinic before the sale. 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 12th to your calendar and attend to see some great sheep and purchase your next winner.

Northern Elite Sale
Saturday March 28th, 2015
Bid off begins 2pm
Address: 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 Tyler with any questions tyler@kuhlshowpigs.com, 715-410-6024.

Kids-N-Pigs
Show Pig Sale & Clinic
Sunday, March 29th, 2015
12:30pm viewing, clinic at 1:00pm
Bid Off starts after the Clinic (3:00)
Sale and Clinic held at:
Valley Feeds 1620 Indianhead Dr.
Menomonie, WI 54751

Clinic Features: Jake Sailer, from Sailers Meats, and Dr. Gary Onan, Ultrasound.
Profiles Show Supplies will be on site!!!
For more information on the Sale, Contact:

John Entorf: 715-556-0935, Flanders Farm: 715-835-2179, 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.

Strict Biosecurity measures will be practiced.

Transfer papers will be on site.

WI Ayrshire Breeders Association Shayr-A-Heifer Program

Applications Due: April 8

Wisconsin Ayrshire Breeders Association (WABA) is now accepting applications for its 2015 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 2017 WABA Spring Sale for 50% of the proceeds.

Applications must be received by April 15, 2015. 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 18, 2015.

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

Dairy Project Heifer Calf Award

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 rank their breed preference, and to list their involvement in 4-H and dairy project activities.

Applications are due to the UW-Extension office by April 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, and the committee will also pay registration transfer fees.

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!

Managerial Dairy Calves Available

Are you interested in showing a dairy calf at the fair but don't live on a dairy farm? Are you enrolled in the Dairy Project? Maybe you live on a farm, but are interested in a different breed or a registered calf? The St. Croix County 4-H program offers a managerial project just for you.

There are several dairy farms in St. Croix County that are willing to let 4-H kids work with animals at their farm to give you the opportunity to show them at the fair. What's expected of the enrolled Dairy Project member?

- * Each owner has the right to set their own expectations of the exhibitor.
- * Project animals need to be selected and a managerial agreement formed with the owner by June
- * Work with the project animal at least once a week through the month of June. This may include training your calf to lead, washing it, etc.
- * As the fair draws closer, the exhibitor will need to work more frequently with their project animal, at least 3-4 times per week.
- * Preference may be given to project members that show an interest in learning more about a dairy farm.

Dairy farmers that have expressed an interest in allowing youth to take managerial project calves include:

Todd Doornink (Baldwin) 715-760-0216
Terry Mitchel (New Richmond) 715-246-5502
Dave Cowles (Roberts) 715-749-3438
Gerrit Van Dyk (New Richmond) 715-246-5492
Randy Peterson (Woodville) 715-698-2299
Chuck Kruschke (New Richmond) 715-808-2559
Dan Luckwaldt (Woodville) 715-698-3240
Zwald family (Hammond) 715-796-5510

Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarship Program

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board will award \$1,000 scholarships to three students who will be third or fourth-year college students during the 2015-16 academic year. Two additional \$1,000

scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors, who will be first-year college students during the 2015-16 academic year. Student studying in a two-year program are also encouraged to apply.

All applicants are required to submit an application electronically no later than **MARCH 27, 2015**. Save the file as LAST NAME, FIRST NAME.DOC and e-mail to: katzman@idcnet.com using the subject – Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarship Application. **HAND-WRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Scholarship recipients must continue enrollment in the suggested curriculum and maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher and a major GPA of 2.75 or higher or forfeit scholarship monies. Scholarships will be awarded at the completion of the first semester and at the time the Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board has received a copy of registration for the second semester and a current transcript.

For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com.

St. Croix County Fair

REMINDER to all exhibitors in the Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats Meat Animal program. The Meat Animal Auction day will continue to be on Saturday, July 18, 2015 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 and get to the fairgrounds for the auction. This also gives them the day to look at exhibits before the auction.

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.

Swine Show

Swine Meat Animal Show will be not be a terminal show at this point. All swine in the 2015 auction will be terminal.

At this point we will be having a Breeding Stock Show. We reserve the right to cancel the Breeding Stock Show, and make live show terminal if we the St. Croix County Livestock Committee feels it is.

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.

Animal Show Times

Dog: Wed., 6pm	Sheep: Thurs., 4pm
Goat: Thurs., 4pm	Swine: Fri., 8am
Beef: Fri., 12pm	Rabbit: Fri., 9am
Cavies: Fri., 9am	Dairy: Sat., 9am
Poultry: Sat., 9am	Llama: Sat., 4pm
Horse: Sun., 8am (Pleasure Show)	

St. Croix County FairPlex

Friends of the Fairgrounds Update

Friends primary goal for 2015 is to continue the partnership with the Dairy Committee to raise the funds necessary to retire the Dairy Barn #2 loan. We are making tremendous progress on this and have set an aggressive stretch goal of "burning the note" at the 2015 Dairy Show. The secondary goal is to continue building on the partnership with the Horse Committee to raise the funds necessary to launch construction of Horse Barn #1. Working together we can make this happen!! We have two events coming up quickly, the 6th Annual May Fair Event & Sale and the launch of the 9th Annual Renovations for the Generations Raffle

1. **May Fair Event & Sale:** To date the May Fair Event & Sale has raised \$102,000 above expenses thanks to the generosity and hard work of many! This year the May Fair Event & Sale will again be held Saturday evening of Mother's Day weekend (May 9th). The evening will feature a catered dinner, live entertainment and the silent and live auctions. Starting time is planned for 5PM with the gates opening at 4pm. More details will be in the April Communicator.

We need your help to again make the event a great success.

- Assemble a Club Theme Basket – suggested value of \$50. Annually these baskets net \$5-\$800, a very substantial contribution! Again this year, the baskets will be judged and the top 3 put into the live auction
- Bring your Talent Explosion Act as part of our entertainment – contact Rosemary Donahoe for details.
- Help us solicit silent and live auction items
- **Most important - bring your family & friends for an evening of fun with something for everyone!!!!**

Suggestions of how we can “make the best better” are welcome.

Committee contacts:

Rosemary Donahoe – (715) 684-9060

Chris Libbey – (715) 246-5626

Terry Mitchell – (715) 246-5502

2. Renovations for the Generations Raffle: The Raffles to date have been very successful creating a lot of publicity, clearly demonstrating the willingness of 4-Her’s to support the project and, to date, raising \$51,000 (not including club shares) above expenses. The 2015 Raffle is planned to again feature cash prizes with the Grand Prize being \$1,000. Selling organizations will receive a 10% share of their sales. The Raffle Team will be visiting as many clubs as possible in April to present the Raffle, answer questions and set up clubs voting to participate. Stay tuned for more details

3. Reminders & opportunities

- May Fair Event & Sale – Saturday May 9, 5PM Fairgrounds
- Employee Matching Volunteer Grants: Allina Health Systems & 3M
- Collect Family Fresh Grocery slips
- Commodity donations – Do you have automotive batteries, scrap metal or cull cows that you would be willing to donate? Contact Chris Libbey (715) 246-5626 or Terry Mitchell (715) 246-5502.

Fundraisers

Huge Indoor Community Garage Sale

April 17 & 18

Sponsored by: Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Roberts Park Building; Park St., Roberts
**To raise money for new barns at the St. Croix
County Fairgrounds**

Are you cleaning out those closets and doing some spring cleaning? How about donating those things to the annual Roberts Ribbon Reapers 4-H garage sale? Roberts Ribbon Reapers will be having it annual community garage sale on April 17 & 18th.

It will be at the Roberts Park building from 8:00 am until 5:00pm on Friday May 9th with everything being \$.50 unless marked and 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday May 10th and stuff a bag for \$2.00.

On Thursday May 8th from 4:00 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 to 715-684-9189 or robertsribbonreapers@hotmail.com



MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Due – Scholarship Apps due 8am – Pancake Breakfast (Baldwin Legion)</p> <p>8</p> <p>15</p>	<p>2 7pm – Horse Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)</p> <p>9</p> <p>16</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 7:30pm – Livestock Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)</p> <p>17 7pm – Leader’s Council (Ag Center)</p> <p>24</p> <p>31</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11</p> <p>18</p> <p>25</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12</p> <p>19</p> <p>26 6pm – Specie Specific Clinic (Sailers)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>13</p> <p>20</p> <p>27</p>	<p>7 9am – MAQA (Washburn Cty.) 10am – Horse Tack Swap (Stockman Farm Supply)</p> <p>14 10am – Horse Project Kickoff Mtg. (Roberts Park Building)</p> <p>21 8:30am – Clover College (Community Commons)</p> <p>28 9am – Barron Cty. Tack Swap (Barron Community Center) 12pm – Northern Elite Sale (Amery) 1pm – Ag Technology Contest (Mann Valley Farm #2)</p>
<p>22 1pm – MAQA (St. Croix Central HS)</p> <p>29 12:30pm – Kids-N-Pigs (Valley Feeds)</p>	<p>23 7pm – Shooting Sports Orientation (Ag Center) 7pm – Horse Project Kickoff Mtg. (Roberts Park Building)</p> <p>30</p>					