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Dear 4-H Members, Families and Leaders,

I have just completed reading the evaluations from our 4-H Club Officer Training which was held last week. We had over 30 youth attending and I would like to say what a great group of youth we have leading our clubs. Their enthusiasm and excitement to start the new 4-H club year was very evident. Please help them share their terrific ideas and techniques.

Reading through the President and Vice-president evaluations, I was struck by two things: First their desire to get to know and include all the members of their club and second their interest in running an orderly meeting following an agenda. As a result, I thought it might be helpful for all of us to review what should be included in a 4-H club meeting.

Generally, a 4-H club meeting should consist of three parts: business, education and recreation. If the meeting is 60 minutes in length, a third of the time should be committed to each part. The business meeting includes brainstorming, planning activities, finance and the general operation of the club. The educational program of the club meeting should include member talks and demonstrations, guest speakers, community service, and other educational activities or tours. Finally, recreation encourages interaction with all age groups and can include ice-breakers, team building games, music, relays, and other activities. These three parts are flexible and do not need to be in any specific order but are the key to successful 4-H meetings.

Finally, a note on Meeting Agendas: Making an agenda with the club officers in advance of the meeting is critical. An agenda will help youth conduct the meeting with as little input as possible from adult volunteer leaders and will help members stay engaged in their club. As a former Organizational Leaders, we always made a point to meet with our officer team at the beginning of the 4-H club year for planning and one half hour before club meetings to set the agenda.

I hope this information is helpful to you as you start the new 4-H year. Much of the above information was paraphrased from the Letters to New Leaders found at Wisconsin 4-H Community Club Central. The link is: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/clubs/documents/LetterstoNewLeaders34-HClubMeetingsFNL.pdf>. This website contains a wealth of information for leaders, parents, and 4-H youth.

Knee Deep in 4-H Clover,
Eileen

Premium Checks

2014 County Fair Premium checks were included in the club awards packets. Please distribute the checks to families and remind them to make every effort to cash their premium check before Jan. 1. Thanks!

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Thank You

Ambassador Leader Thank You

Thank you to Nancy Burman and Rosemary Donahoe for your many years dedicated to the Ambassador program. Your hard work and dedication doesn't go unnoticed!

Thank You

Thanks again to the Dry Run Go Getter 4-H members as well as Andrew & Noah Simpson for coordinating the 4-H presentation to the County Board on Tuesday, October 7.

Leader News

Chartered Committees

All chartered committees will need to review and change their bylaws and/or policies to reflect that changed made by the Leaders Association to the County Bylaws and Policies. All Committees need to include youth with voting privileges on the committee. If you have any questions, please call Eileen.

St. Croix County 4-H Policy

The St. Croix County 4-H Policy is where you will find all the rules and regulations for our 4-H program. The 2014-2015 policy has been posted on the web site. If you would like a hard copy please contact the UWEX Office. We'll be happy to provide you with one.

Leader's Council Meetings

November 18, 7:00 pm

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 Henderson-Kumm or myself. 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#.

Council members elected for an officer position:

- President, Jackie Henderson-Kumm
- Vice President, DaNell Jamieson
- Secretary, Lori DeBoer
- Treasurer, Phyllis Ness

Congratulations to Members and Leaders' Recognized at Leaders' Banquet

Congratulations to all the members and leaders who were recognized with awards at the Leaders' Recognition Banquet. Many clubs, members and leaders were recognized for their contributions to the St. Croix County 4-H Program.

4-H Enrollment

Re-enrollments due November 15

Please 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 project guidelines for the projects in which they have enrolled. However, new members wishing to play softball need to be enrolled by December 1.

4-H Family Resource Guide Updates

A Family Resource Guide is provided for each new 4-H family. It contains basic information about 4-H in St. Croix County.

It also contains things that need to be updated annually such as the current St. Croix County 4-H Policy. The following updates for your 4-H Family Resource Guide will be posted by December 1 to the St. Croix County UWEX Web Site:

- County 4-H Policy
- County 4-H Leaders' Association By-laws
- Organizational Flow Chart
- Leader's Council Membership

If you need a copy of the updates, please call the UWEX Office.

Recruiting New 4-H Families

As you are making plans for your club's recruitment efforts, please remember with a couple of days notice, we can provide you with many things to make your recruitment easier:

- "4-H is Family Fun" brochures that list all the 4-H clubs in the county
- "Commonly Asked Questions About 4-H" brochures which simply answer many questions families might have about the 4-H program. The "cover" question is *Do I have to live on a farm to join 4-H?*
- "Top 10 reasons to join 4-H" bookmarks
- 4-H pencils to hand out
- 4-H Banners to hang behind a booth or table top display
- Fact Sheet telling about current enrollment numbers and top projects
- Adventure Brochure with 4-H interest form. Focus on projects, opportunities, and member benefits with adventure photos.

Mini Talent Explosion

February

TBD at Nov. 24th planning meeting
Baldwin Woodville High School

The confirmed date will be sent out in the next communicator along with entry information.

Entries will need to be back to the UWEX Office by January, so you should talk about it at club meetings in January.

If you are not familiar with the Mini Talent Explosion, it features club events in Drama and Music and individual events in Demonstration, Speaking, Reading, Arts, Crafts and Photography. The purpose of the Talent Explosion is to recognize and celebrate the artistic accomplishments of 4-H members with the primary focus on participation and education. There's more detailed information in the Youth News section of the newsletter. Specific guidelines with all the details and the registration materials will be mailed directly to club organizational leaders.

Annual Leader Training

November 13

7:00-8:30 pm

Ag Services & Education Center

The Annual 4-H Volunteer Leader is a requirement for each chartered 4-H club/group to attend as part of the charter and renewal process. Please send at least one representative from each chartered club/committee.

New Volunteer Training

November 11, 7:00 pm

Ag Services & Education Center

All adults in the Wisconsin 4-H Program who work directly with youth on a continuing basis are required to complete the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Protection Policy which includes three steps:

- Complete a volunteer application with permission to conduct a background check
- Attend a New Leader Orientation
- Annually complete the leader enrollment form and sign a volunteer expectation form at <http://4HOnline.com>

Club organizational leaders have all the materials explaining the Youth Protection Policy. If you need the information to register for a New Leader Orientation, you can access it on the 4-H web site, <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications> under Forms and Applications.

Adult Volunteer Expectations

Thank you to all the adults in St. Croix County who have volunteered to be leaders! Your role is critical as you help us to extend the University resources as project leaders, organizational leaders, resource leaders and activity leaders. Your role in being a positive role model for youth in our county is also important in providing supportive environments for the youth you work with throughout the year.

Each year we ask volunteers to sign the Volunteer Behavior Expectations for Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development. This is a statewide expectation where all 4-H youth development volunteers are expected to

abide by behavior standards established by UW-Extension.

4-H youth development volunteers are expected to abide by the following behavior standards established by UW-Extension/ 4-H, and to conduct themselves as positive role models for youth. All 4-H youth development volunteers are ultimately accountable to UW-Extension for their 4-H-related activities. As a 4-H Youth Development Volunteer, I will:

- Conduct myself with courteous manners and language, exhibiting good sportsmanship, serving as a positive role model, treating others with respect, and demonstrating reasonable conflict resolution skills.
- Abide by all local, state and federal laws and UW-Extension and U.S.D.A. rules, policies and guidelines.
- Accept supervision and support from Extension staff or designated management volunteers.
- Make all reasonable efforts to ensure that programs are accessible to all individuals regardless of race, color, sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status.
- Not consume alcohol or illegal substances while responsible for youth in 4-H activities, nor allow 4-H youth participants under my supervision to do so.
- When transporting youth, operate motor vehicles and other equipment in a safe and reliable manner and only with a valid operator's license and the legally required insurance. I will comply with all motor vehicle-related state regulations and laws. All transported youth will be secured by a properly operating seat belt.
- Conduct myself in a manner that is in the best interest of youth and University of Wisconsin-Extension/4-H Youth Development and will not use the volunteer position for purposes of private or personal gain.
- Report suspected verbal, sexual, physical abuse and/or neglect of youth to local authorities.

- Treat animals in a humane manner and teach program participants to provide appropriate animal care and management.
- Will not conceal carry while acting in a volunteer role. I understand that if I am a shooting sports volunteer, I am expected to openly carry/transport 4-H shooting sports equipment in designated areas.
- Immediately notify my county 4-H Youth Development Educator of any changes with my status (eg. contact information, criminal arrest, charge or conviction history, driving privileges, etc.)

As you read and sign the Volunteer Expectation Agreement this year; please feel free to contact Eileen at 715-531-1930 at the UW-Extension Office if you have any questions.

Club Opportunities

Twelve Months of Giving

The Food Resource Collaborative of St. Croix County is inviting community organizations to participate in various monthly collections to benefit local food pantries and charities. Choose to participate in one month, four months, or all twelve months. If you have any questions about your local pantry, please call Mary Lestrud at (715) 531-1930.

November and December: "Fruits & Vegetables". Donate canned fruits and vegetables. Financial contributions will be accepted.

Youth News/ Opportunities

St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors

Ambassador Applications for 2014-2015 are due on November 1. If you would like to help promote 4-H through a variety of fun activities, please consider joining the Ambassadors. Applications may be found at: <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/ambassador-forms>

4-H Showchoir (Velocity)

Any 4-H member in 6-13th grades is welcome to apply to the 4-H Showchoir, VELOCITY. There is no audition, only a willingness to learn music to sing and have fun moving while singing. Applications can be gotten either from the county web site at <http://stcroix.uwex.edu>, the showchoir web site at <https://scc4hshowchoir.shutterfly.com> or e-mailing the director, Nancy Burman, at music_mommy@hotmail.com Application deadline is January 31, 2014. There is a \$100 fee to be in the choir, plus members will need to purchase dance shoes, and some clothing items.

We are in the process of setting up the rehearsal and performance schedule. Please contact Nancy if you have any questions regarding rehearsal and performance dates. There will be a list of tentative dates and all registration forms on the SCC Showchoir web site at <https://scc4hshowchoir.shutterfly.com>

The Choir is open to boys and girls from all 4-H clubs. We have a great time singing together, learning to be coordinated with the dance steps, and performing at the county and state fairs.

Come join the 4-H Showchoir, VELOCITY for a great summer experience as part of your 4-H program!

THE SHOWCHOIR IS LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS:

The St. Croix County 4-H Showchoir needs a bass guitar & guitar player in the 2015 shows and performances. If you are interested in performing with the choir, please contact director, Nancy Burman at music_mommy@hotmail.com

Trip Applications for Older Members Due November 14 (EXTENDED)

The Leader's Council revised the ME form in 2010. It is titled "St. Croix County 4-H Trip Application". All members interested in Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), American Spirit or National Congress should

apply. The Trip Application is also available on the St. Croix Co UW-Extension 4-H Website. If you are applying for any of the above trips, keep November 18 open for possible interview date.

Note: Youth interested in the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference will apply in the spring, not the fall.

Talent Explosions — What are they ALL about? Mini Talent

Never participated in Talent Explosion? Don't know what it is? Do you enjoy performing? What about public speaking? Read about all that the Mini Talent opportunity offers...

Club Dramas - there are two types of club dramas. The On Stage Drama includes 2 or more actors and can be any length up to 30 minutes. The Mini-Drama and Skits are short (no more than 15 minutes), simple dramas that could be performed any place. Mini dramas and skits must also include two or more actors.

Club Music - there are four categories for club musicals: vocal, instrumental, dance and novelty. Musical must include 5 or more members and can be up to 15 minutes in length.

Original Speeches - Original speeches must be developed by the member who is presenting it. There are 5 age categories for original speeches:
Cloverbuds (**see note below)
Novice (grades 3-4 speaking 1 to 2 minutes)
Junior (grades 5-6 speaking 2 to 3 minutes)
Intermediate (grades 7-8 speaking 3 to 4 minutes)
Senior (grades 9-13 speaking 4 to 6 minutes)

****Cloverbuds participate** by reciting the 4-H pledge as a group. If there is a group of Cloverbuds from your club who would like to participate that's great. If you only have one Cloverbud who would like to participate, that's great too! We'll just put them in one of the other club's groups so they can participate

Interpretive Reading - This is an event where the member(s) select a favorite poem, part of a story and "read" it for the audience. There are two categories for interpretive reading: An individual reader or a dynamic duo, which is a team of 2 members. There are 4 age divisions:

Novice (grades 3-4 with a 1 to 2 min. reading)
Junior (grades 5-6 with a 2 to 3 min. reading)
Intermediate (grades 7-8 with a 3 to 4 min. reading)
Senior (grades 9-13 with a 4 to 6 min. reading)

Formal Demonstrations - The demonstration contest is a St. Croix County Fair class so premiums are awarded and the regular fair ribbons are used. There are two categories: an individual demonstrator or a team demonstration.

Each category has three age divisions:

Junior (grades 3-5 demonstrating 4-7 min.)

Intermediate (grades 6-8 demonstrating 5-8 min.)

Senior (grades 9-13 demonstrating 8-10 min.)

Arts/Crafts and Photography - The event is open to any members who wish to have a craft, art or photography work evaluated.

International 4-H Youth Exchange Opportunities

Applications are due December 1

Would you like to do some 4-H international traveling? Go to places like:

Argentina
Japan

Australia
Norway

Tanzania
Costa Rica

Most trips are about 4 weeks in length and occur over the summer. Depending on the trip, costs range from \$2,000 to \$5,100. The fee includes international airline ticket, travel in host country, food, lodging, supplemental insurance, orientation and evaluation programs.

More details about all of the international opportunities and the application can be found on the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Web Site:
<http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/international.cfm>

Space Camp

Huntsville, AL

April 16-20, 2015

Applications due: December 2
(to the Extension Office)

4-H Missions in Space program is a fun-filled weekend at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center where participants will complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and learn about becoming an astronaut. Applications can be found at
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/spacecamp>.

Previous participants may apply to be a Space Camp Counselor.

Qualifications:

- 4-H members in grades 6-8 may apply. Maximum age of 15 at time of trip.
- Must be currently enrolled and carry county approval through time of trip.
- Enrollment in 4-H Aerospace project is not required.

Cost: Tentative costs including coach travel are approximately \$525. Final costs will be confirmed and announced in February. Leader's Council will provide a "one time" scholarship of \$250.00 for this event.

Photography

I hope that you are all getting settled back into to school and things are going well!

There will be a few changes for next year and the first thing that I want to do is to form a Photography Project Committee! This committee can consist of 4-H members that have been in the project for at least 4 (four) years, parents, leaders, interested parties, etc. Please send me a message via email or Facebook if you would like to be a part of this committee.

The new Photography Project Committee will help to decide on meeting topics and where to have these meetings. I would like to do more on site meetings and actually get out there and take photos! This is hard to do when I am the only one doing the planning so I really want your input. The committee can also help to make any changes to the Fairbook Guidelines. Yes, there will be a mandatory meeting or alternative project again this year.

Congratulations to the three members that received the Grand Champion, Jenna Hallen; the Reserved Grand Champion, Keegan Wefel; and the Honorable Mention, Dominic Mentink. Your photos will be heading for state! I need an 8x10 of your photo sent to me so I can fill out the paperwork and get them sent in. Send me an e-mail for details. I need these photos now! I need to send the photos to the proper place no later than November 10th!

Remember to always have your camera with you and have fun taking pictures!

Kay Jacobsen ~ County Photography Project Leader

Animal Sciences

St. Croix County Livestock Committee Meeting

November 11, 7:30 pm

December 9, 7:30 pm

Ag Service & Education Center, Baldwin

In September, the St. Croix County Breeding Stock Committee & St. Croix County Meat Animal Committee voted to disband as individual committees and combine as one committee. This committee is now the St. Croix County Livestock Committee (SCLC). Meetings will be the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Please watch the Communicator for location and any important information. We have also created a committee email. If you have any agenda items, questions, or concerns please send an email to:

stcroixlivestock@yahoo.com.

2014-2015 Executive Committee Members:

Chairman – Scott Melander

Vice Chair – Jeff Lorentz

Secretary – Marla Butler

Co-treasurers – Cheryl Slind & Kelsey Roquette

Beef Chair - Jim Gillis

Swine Chair – Hannah Mason

Goats-Lori DeBoer/Joann Mueller

Sheep – Dawn Reinsberg

Meat Animal 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:

Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 11 at 1:00 pm

Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30 pm

All meetings will be held at the Ag Services and Education Center in Baldwin. If you have any

questions, please contact a member of the Meat Animal Committee or email stcroixlivestock@yahoo.com.

Beef Weigh-In for Meat Animal Project and the Auction

December 6 (snow date December 13)

9 - 11 am

St. Croix County Fairgrounds,
Glenwood City

If you have any first time Beef Meat Animal Project members in your club, please make sure they are aware of this Beef Weigh in. They may or may not know this is a required weigh in to be eligible for the auction at the County Fair. All exhibitors will need to turn in their COOL papers at the time of weigh in.

To keep the traffic moving smoothly, please enter the fairgrounds via the south driveway and back up to the north entrance of the lean-two. Make sure your trailers are up to DOT standards.

Are you unsure about the weather? Listen to WIXK (1590 AM) or WEVR (106.3 FM) or contact specie chair for cancellations. The snow date is December 13, same time, same location!

Badger Kick-off Classic

December 5-7

Alliant Energy Center, Madison

Now in its 20th year, the Badger Kick-Off Classic is Wisconsin's premier prospect steer and heifer show.

The show is operated entirely by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club as one of its primary fundraisers. Each year this group of students volunteers many hours to make BKOC a success. The club is assisted by advisors Terry Jobsis and Bernie O'Rourke, as well as the Department of Animal Sciences at UW-Madison.

For more information contact Taylor Fritsch at badgerkickoffclass@gmail.com. Complete details and registration form are available on their new website at <http://www.badgerkickoff.net>.



Managerial Dairy Project 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 1st.
- 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. How the cows are milked, fed, and cared for throughout the year.

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

COOL for Youth Exhibitors

The COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) final rule for commodities took effect on March 16, 2009. This USDA rule provides consumers with knowledge and as to where their food originated.

This requirement is not meant to be burdensome for

producers to follow, but buyers of livestock projects will be asking for more information than in the past.

This rule affects beef, lamb, pork, chicken & goats; perishable commodities (fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables); macadamia nuts; pecans; ginseng; and peanuts. For exhibitors this would include the following species: beef, goats, poultry, sheep and swine, and also animals that may not be harvested until a much later time (for example, cull dairy cows, beef cows and dairy goats). All animals that will eventually be harvested need to have documentation.

Ask for documentation – exhibitors need to make sure they collect documentation from the seller when purchasing livestock.

Keep all documentation for 2 years minimum. Exhibitors must keep the appropriate documentation for a minimum of 2 years in the case of a USDA audit.

Sign the County Fair Auction Documentation. Exhibitors will be required to sign documentation of animals that go to buying stations and/or large processors from the county fair auction.

For additional information, go to the USDA website at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cool> or the youth livestock website at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/cool.cfm>

MN Dairy Goat Association Conference November 15th, 2014 University of Minnesota - St. Paul Campus St. Paul, Minnesota; Ruttan Hall

University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus, Ruttan Hall				
8:00 Registration 8:45 Welcome MDGA President Casey Prochniak	Room 1 Large Lecture Hall w/ computer available	Room 2 Lecture Hall w/ computer available	Room 3 Food Science Building Meet in Ruttan Hall	Ruttan Hall Hallway Youth Activity
9:00 – 10:15	Paul Plummer Coxiella (Q Fever)	Goats 101 and Founder (Hooves) Andrea(Andi) Struz	Tonya Schoenfuss Ph.D Milk quality and how that effects product quality	
10:15 – 11:30	Paul Plummer Kid Diseases(neonatal diarrhea, floppy kid disease and coccidia)	Anna Thompson Hajdik Social Networking and Ethics in the Goat Industry	Tonya Schoenfuss Ph. D Pilot Plant Tour	Youth Activity Joann Mueller More information will be announced at the conference.
11:30 – 1:30	Auction in this room	Silent Auction in Hallway	Visit Exhibitors and Vendors in the Hallway	
1:30 - 2:30	Cassandra Plummer Colostrum Management and Failure of Passive Transfer	Anna and Emily Thompson Photography Do's and Don'ts	Tonya Schoenfuss Ph. D Milk quality and how that effects product quality	
2:45 – 3:45	Paul Plummer Abortions	Allan Weinand Virtual Tour Of Wren Hill	Tonya Schoenfuss Ph. D Pilot Plant Tour	
Ruttan Hall (our usual place)				

To Register go to:

[http://minnesotagoats.org/2014%20Conf Online Registration.htm](http://minnesotagoats.org/2014%20Conf%20Online%20Registration.htm).

Youth Horse Committee
November 3, 7 pm
No December meeting
Ag Services & Education Center

All meetings are open to anyone who has an interest in the horse program. If you have items for the agenda, contact Kelly Gullixson at 651-269-2073 or ekg@baldwin-telecom.net or Bridget Lentz (651) 303-4682. 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"

WANTED!!

Willing people to assist with the horse project!
The next Horse Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3 at 7 pm at the Ag Center in Baldwin. The Committee is looking for parent and youth (8th grade and older) volunteers to help with various horse events. Planning for next year starts now!!

If you are interesting or just want to know what the Committee is doing, please attend. The horse project has grown and we need people willing to help, in order to keep it a successful program. No horse experience required just a willingness to lend a hand when needed. For more information, call Kelly Gullixson at 651-269-2073.

Friends of the Fairgrounds

As we come to the end of 2014, the Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds are celebrating another banner year for which we are very grateful.

To name a few:

- Completion of the Horse Complex site prep in time for the Fair driven by the leadership of Mark Fagerland & John Steel.
 - Another record setting May Fair Event & Sale again netting over \$20,000
 - 4-H Club support both as sales teams for the Renovations for Generations Raffle and in direct support. Direct support, led by Roberts Ribbon Reapers, totaling more than \$13,000 from all clubs since 2007!
- The decision of the Glenwood City High School, Saint Croix Central High School & Baldwin Woodville High School FFA Chapters to dedicate their 2014 Corn Drives towards funding for Dairy Barn #2.
 - The Dairy Committee Partnership which has continued to "fuel" support by the Ag Community, particularly with support for the May Fair Event & Sale and the Fall Commodity Drive
 - The beginning of a partnership with the Horse Committee
 - Continued broad support across the county from community organizations, individuals and businesses including the Ag community.

The combination of gifts, donations, fundraising events and volunteer labor; have made a significant impact on the total cost of the Dairy Complex. By year end, it is projected that over 50% of loan on Dairy Barn #2 will have been covered, leaving approximately \$60,000 plus debt service costs to fully retire the loan. While this is a great accomplishment for which we are very grateful, the balance of the loan to the Fairboard needs to be retired prior to taking on major additional building projects. Raising the funds to retire the loan is the top priority for Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds. It would be absolutely outstanding if we could celebrate at the 2015 Dairy Show by "burning the note"! Working together we can make this happen!!

How you can help

- a. Commodity Drive – Corn/beans/cull cows or scrap
- b. Employee volunteer matches – Currently set up with Allina Health & 3M. Check with your employers for their matching programs.
- c. United Way – Direct your 2015 donation to Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds
- d. Collect Family Fresh Grocery slips - turn into your General Leader
- e. Take advantage of Hackman Town & Country's 5% match - be sure to request the match, proceeds go to the Horse Complex
- f. Support the 2015 May Fair Event & Sale and the Renovations for Generations Raffle fund raising events
- g. Share your fund raising contacts/ideas – contact Chris Libbey (715) 246-5626.

Our best wishes to each and every one of you for a wonderful Holiday Season!!

UW-Extension Non-Discrimination Policy

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The University of Wisconsin-Extension staff in St. Croix County thanks you for collaborating with our many educational endeavors. We appreciate your support and working relationship as we provide educational programs designed to empower the diverse citizens of St. Croix County.

Annual Leader Training	November 13; 7:00pm
Name _____	Club _____
Address _____	City _____
Phone _____	
	RSVP: November 6

New Volunteer Training: November 11	Due November 6
Name _____	Club _____
Address _____	City _____
Phone _____	

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Due – Ambassador Applications
2	3 7:00pm – Horse Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	4	5	6 Due – New Volunteer Training and Annual Leader Training Registration	7	8
9	10	11 6:30pm – Meal Animal Rules Mtg. 7:00pm – New Leader Orientation 7:30pm – Livestock Committee Mtg. (All at Ag Center)	12	13 7:00pm – Annual Leader Training (Ag Center)	14	15 Due – 4-H Enrollments 8am – Dairy Goat Conference (St Paul)
16	17	18 7pm – Leader’s Council Meeting (Ag Center)	19	20	21	22
23	24 Mini Talent Explosion Planning Meeting	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29
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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Due – International Trip Applications	2 Due – Space Camp Applications	3	4	5	6 9am – Beef Weigh-in (Fairgrounds)
7	8	9 6:30pm – Meal Animal Rules Mtg. 7:30pm – Livestock Committee Mtg. (Both at Ag Center)	10	11	12	13 9am – Beef Weigh-in (Fairgrounds) (SNOW DATE)
December 5-7 →					← Badger Kick-Off Classic (Madison)	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26	27
28	29	30	31			