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Dear 4-H Families,

Okay, now stay with me on this one. Sometimes I think of the 4-H year as a big giant wave. There are the quiet parts, like November and December, but then the year starts to gain energy. Members start forming great ideas about what projects they want to accomplish and their enthusiasm gains energy and inertia. Pretty soon the excitement is out of control...and then it crashes. Why does it crash?

That is a question that we'd like to answer. One reason, we speculate, is because 4-H members don't have the help that they need to keep riding the 4-H wave. They've lost their surfboards. Who are the surfboards? Well, 4-H leaders are the surfboards! 4-H leaders are the ones who help keep that energy building; they are the ones who give the guidance, knowledge, and skill to the 4-H members to help them finish their projects! Here's an example. Say I want to learn how to sew (and yes, I DO want to learn how to sew). I have this great idea about making a wild, psychedelic pair of pajamas for the fair. They are going to be GREAT! I'm so excited to make, show, and wear my pjs! (This is the crest of the wave.) Then I realize...I have no one to teach me how to sew. My parents don't know how, there isn't a sewing leader in my club, and there's not a countywide sewing leader either. This is where I crash and burn. The desire is there, but I just can't find my surfboard to continue riding the wave.

LEADERS ARE IMPORTANT! If you have a talent, please share it with 4-H! If you have great project meetings in your club, why not invite members from other clubs, or the rest of the county to join you? Remember, you are the surfboard. YOU are the reason that a 4-H member will continue to ride the wave, instead of crashing and getting a really bad sunburn.

Heather Vierling

Heather Vierling, St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development Agent

Premium Checks

2016 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 January 1. Thanks!

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2016-2017 4-H Enrollments

Have you enrolled in 4-H yet? **Enroll at <http://wi.4honline.com> today!**

We want YOU in St. Croix County 4-H. We want YOU to continue to learn, grow, and lead with us!

Please enroll at <http://wi.4honline.com> today!

We want to stay connected to ALL of our 4-H families and leaders. Whether you choose to primarily hear from us via mail, email, or text messages, we need you enrolled in 4-H in order to stay connected. **Please, please enroll at <http://wi.4honline.com> today!**

Your investment of time in enrolling with 4Honline will pay off. This process saves time and will provide you great access to 4-H information, and improve efficiencies within the 4-H program.

Please, please, please enroll at <http://wi.4honline.com> today!

If you run into questions, call the UW-Extension Office, 715-531-1930, and we'll be happy to assist you.

Spaghetti Supper Livestock Project

Saturday, November 12

Baldwin American Legion

4:00-7:30pm

Prices: Under 5 - Free

6-11 \$3.50 12 and over \$6.50

We will have a scrumptious meal along with a silent auction and bake sale. We are hoping that our 4-H clubs would be interested in helping out! Please consider donating an item for the auction or bake sale. Your help is greatly appreciated as we take our next step toward fairground renovation-a new swine/multi species barn! If you have any questions, please contact Lori DeBoer. Thank you for all of your support! Together we are making a difference! Lori DeBoer (lordeb651@gmail.com).

Livestock Members: Please note one of the rules meetings will be held at 7:00pm this evening. If you can't make it, there will be three remaining opportunities. See the Rules Meeting article in this Communicator for other dates. Attending one of these meetings is mandatory.

Fair Board

The St. Croix County Fair Association is seeking candidates to serve as directors on the fair board for a three year term. Elections will take place at the Fair Association annual meeting held at the Extension Office/Ag Center in Baldwin on January 12, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

The annual meeting is open to everyone. Membership in the St. Croix County Fair Association, (St. Croix County Fair, Inc.), is open to residents of St. Croix County, or neighboring Counties whose members have an active role in a St. Croix County Organization, and who support the goals, purposes and activities of the Board.

The Mission Statement of the Fair Association is to provide an educational event in which members of St. Croix County 4-H, F.F.A., other organized youth clubs and other persons exhibit individual and club projects at the St. Croix County Fair.

The board of directors supervise, control and direct the affairs of the corporation, and help manage, develop, and maintain the St. Croix County Fairgrounds, handle every aspect of planning and managing the

St. Croix County Fair, and all non-fair events that take place on the fairgrounds. For more information, please contact a fair board member or visit www.stcroixcofair.com.

Compost Bin Sale

St. Croix County Compost Bin Sale

The St. Croix County Recycling program is once again selling compost bins that will be available for pickup in April 2017. The bins hold 125 gallons of material and are approximately 32" wide and 30" tall. They come in 2 pieces that can easily fit in the backseat or trunk of most cars.

Compost bins are a great way to reduce the amount of garbage you throw away. Compost bins dispose of your yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, twigs and sticks) and food waste in an environmentally friendly manner. Plus, finished compost can be used in your garden or landscaping to help provide nutrients to the

soil. These compost bins make an excellent Christmas gift, so order some for your family and friends today!

The bins cost \$60 and can be ordered online at www.sccwi.us/recycling. Questions can be directed to Megen Hines at 715-531-1907 or megen.hines@co.saint-croix.wi.us.

Leader News

County-wide Committee Sign Up

It's time to sign up for those committees that you are interested in! Throughout the year, you probably read about the many 4-H activities like Mini Talent Explosion, Rabbit Workshops, Dog Obedience Training, Livestock Auction, Softball Games, Horse Clinics, and Shooting Sports clinics. What you may not know is that these educational programs for members are the result of active project committees. Many of the committees will be meeting this fall and winter to review project rules/guidelines and to plan their educational activities for the spring and summer.

If you have ideas for county wide educational programs and would be willing to help a committee accomplish its goals, now is a great time to join a committee. Some of the committees meet almost monthly; other committees meet frequently over a couple of weeks and some meet occasionally as needed. Please check the back of this Communicator for a list of committees.

If you are interested in joining a county wide 4-H project committee(s), return the sign up form at the end of this newsletter. We will forward your name to the appropriate committee.

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.

November 15	January 17
February 21	March 21
April 18	May 16
June 20	

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 2016-2017 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 15, 7:00 pm

December 20, 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 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#.

Council members elected for an officer position:

- President, Lori DeBoer
- Vice President, Carole Schurtz
- Secretary, Bonnie Walters
- Treasurer, Beth Sippel
- Fair Board Rep., Jackie Kumm



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 1

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.

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.

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.

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 (ex. 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 Heather at 715-531-1930 at the UW-Extension Office if you have any questions.

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.

Club Opportunities

Welcome New Members & Families

Most of us probably remember being new to a group. We probably felt excited to experience new things and meet new people. Often, we felt nervous and worried because we didn't completely understand what was going on. Sometimes, we feel this way for quite a while. We want others to be a part of this great organization we call 4-H. The best way to go about this is for clubs to have a plan to welcome new members when they arrive at their first 4-H club meeting. Making a great first impression is important. If new members don't feel comfortable right away with the club, they won't come back.

Have a Plan: Design a plan for welcoming new members. Delegate this task to a specific person, called a *New Family Coordinator* (this could be a youth or adult leader), with this being their role at each monthly meeting. With 4-H, members can join at any time, so this is an ongoing task.

At First Meeting: When new members first attend a club meeting, be sure they are greeted and made to feel a part of the group by the *New Family Coordinator*. After they arrive and before the meeting begins, the *New Family Coordinator* takes the initiative of introducing his/herself, welcoming the new family to the club and introducing them to other club members on an informal basis. The *New Family Coordinator* finds a spot for them to sit, children with the current members and the parents with the *New Family Coordinator*. If parents have questions during the meeting, the *New Family Coordinator* is close at hand to answer them. If a current family has invited the new family to the meeting, have the children sit with current 4-H members and the parents with those that invited them. The *New Family Coordinator* should let the club president and secretary know there are guests present so that they can be introduced during the meeting after roll call has been taken.

Buddy System: Developing a buddy system between a new member and a current member helps the relationship with the new member and the club stay intact. The *New Family Coordinator* should recruit current members to be “buddies” with the new member.

Communication: Keep the lines of communication open, so that the new family feels comfortable it is important to ask questions. 4-H seems to have a language of its own and may need to be interpreted for the new family.

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.

2016 4-H Window Display Contest

Thank you to the following clubs for participating in the 2016 window display contest: Ambassadors, Baldwin Wide Awake, Dry Run Go-Getters, Harmony Hills, Lone Pine, North Country, Roberts Ribbon Reapers, Rolling Hills and Wildwood. They were all very good and made the decision very difficult. It’s wonderful to see the talent of the St. Croix County 4-H members!

1st place – Rolling Hills
2nd place – Harmony Hills
3rd place – Lone Pine

Club Evaluations

Do you ever wonder how your club is doing or how can we make our club stronger? Let’s evaluate your club. The 4-H office has tools to help club leaders evaluate their club performance. Find out what members and their parents think. Contact Heather for more information.

Club Educational Opportunities

Are you looking for guest speakers to come to your clubs for an educational experience? How about taking your club on a fun educational field trip? Look no further. Below is a list of speakers / field trips. Check them out. Remember you can apply for a grant from the 4-H Leaders Council to help fund these educational experiences.

- Snake Discovery
- St. Croix Electric Community Education
- UW- River Falls Planetarium
- The Phipps Center for the Arts
- The Works Museum
- Z Puppets Rosenschnoz
- 3M Wizards
- The Bell Museum of Natural History
- Camp St. Croix (YMCA Camp)
- Crystal Caves
- Willow River State Park
- UW-Extension (STEM, Food & Nutrition, Leadership Programming)

If you know of other educational opportunities please contact Heather, we would like to keep a running list.

Club Officer Training – Rescheduled

November 21; 6:00pm

Agriculture & Education Center, Baldwin

Are you a club officer? Did you get elected but now are not sure what you are supposed to do? Well we have the answers for you. The 4-H Club Officer Training will help answer all of your questions for you.

Please register with your club general leader.

LEADERS: please register your officers with the UWEX Office by November 15. E-Mail or call Melissa with members name and position.

Mini Talent Explosion – Cake Decorating

– Foods Revue – Clothing Revue –

Cultural Arts (Theatre Arts & Music) –

Demonstrations & Communications

June 17, 2017 - Location TBD

Are you involved in any of these project areas or would like to be? Please note the changes that will take place below.

Mini Talent Explosion won't be held as we will now showcase our Cultural Arts Theatre Arts & Music Department. This department will be judged on this day and **NOT** on Thursday of the fair. This will include projects made by member, vocal performances, instrumental performances, dance performances, theatrical performances, or any other performance not listed. This will also include club music groups with two or more participating clubs. Club mini skits will also be held at this event.

Cake Decorating, Foods Revue and Clothing Revue will all be held on this date as well. If you participate in all of the events, don't worry about schedules as you appear before the judge at your convenience. The only potential schedules that will be set are for mini skits.

Demonstrations and Communications that was previously judged at the Mini Talent Explosion will now be held on this date. The time limit for each age group has been eliminated and now has been set at all speeches need to be completed under 8 minutes.

The next committee meeting to discuss the new event will be held on November 22 at 6pm at the Hudson Culvers. Please plan to attend if you would like to voice your concerns or ideas.

Youth News/ Opportunities

M.E. Interviews

All youth who turn in an M.E. Form for 2017 trips by November 1 are required to participate in an interview on Saturday, November 12 at St. Croix Central High School in Hammond. Once your M.E. form is received by the UW-Extension Office you will receive an email to sign up for an interview time.

Financial Assistance Available

Financial assistance is available to any current St. Croix County 4-H member.

The purpose of financial assistance is to assist a St. Croix County 4-H member to participate in a planned 4-H activity who would have otherwise been unable to participate due to a financial hardship.

To obtain financial assistance the member or member's parent / guardian shall complete the form and submit it to the St. Croix County 4-H Agent. The St. Croix County 4-H Agent and the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Treasurer will meet to discuss the request and make a decision. All financial assistance requests are confidential and will not be known to anyone or group outside of the St. Croix County 4-H Agent and the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Treasurer.

The request must be made at least four weeks prior to the due date of money that would normally be paid by the member for the activity. The requested amount should not exceed \$300.00. The member or member's parent / guardian will not be required to repay the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association any amount given as financial assistance. Each request for financial assistance will be viewed as an individual situation and will not affect the decision on subsequent requests for assistance.

For a Financial Assistance Form go to <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/files/2010/09/Financial-Assistance-Form.pdf>.

Ambassadors

The following 4-H members were chosen to be your 2015-16 St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors: Claudia Lenz, Maria Miller, Maggie Brown, Nicholas Lentz, Riley Hammer, Heidi Sandquist, Mackenzie Korent, Abigail Lingenfelter, Eve Schmit, Sydney Dumond, Jacob Schurtz, Catherine Schurtz, John Jamieson, Julio Truhler, Lauren Thompson, Patti Crawford and Russell Thomas.

We hope you will join us Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the Roberts Park Building, 312 North Park Street, for our first event the, Youth Holiday Craft Make and Take. This is the perfect opportunity to meet your new ambassadors and congratulate them. A flyer and registration form can be found at the back of this communicator or online at <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/ambassador-forms/>

To Make the Best
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Holiday Craft Make and Take

December 3; 10:00am-12pm

Roberts Park Building

Join us for a Holiday Craft Make and Take Event. The event will be led by the St. Croix County Ambassadors. Preregistration is requested for planning purposes. This event will be organized into craft stations. Children can choose from five crafts to make and can make multiples if they desire. Each craft is anticipated to take 10-15 minutes each. Bring your friends! All are welcome!

Preregister for this event by November 25 by sending in the registration form at the end of the Communicator to UWEX Office.

New 4-H Family Orientation

Monday, December 5; 6:30pm

Ag & Education Center, Baldwin

The New 4-H Family Orientation is designed for all new 4-H Club members and their parents, as well as Cloverbuds, Explorers and anyone else who just wants a little more information on how 4-H works. Start your 4-H experience off on the right foot by attending an orientation for new 4-H members and their. You will meet other new 4-H members and learn much more about the St. Croix County 4-H program. You will also walk away with all of the necessary paperwork and resources you will need for the upcoming year. Find out more about: 4-H Summer Camp, 4-H County committees and workshops, the County Fair, project awards, travel opportunities and more!

Parliamentary Procedure Training

Would you like your club or committee meetings to run smoothly? Would you like your officer team to be more effective at running meetings? Brenda Franklin (club leader for the Bellringers 4-H Club) has offered up her services. Brenda would be happy to attend your club / committee meeting and work with your officers and members using Parliamentary Procedure. Please contact Brenda directly to schedule franklin.brendaj@yahoo.com.

International Travel and Hosting Through the 4-H Program

Application Due: December 1

Now is the time to begin thinking about travel plans or hosting internationally next summer, 2017. Go to the WI 4-H International website, <http://wi4hinternational.org/> to view information about international travel through the 4-H program. Chaperoned 4-H youth from around the country will experience homestays in Japan, Costa Rica, Finland and South Korea next summer. You do not need to learn a foreign language to participate, although Spanish is helpful in Costa Rica. *Note that 4-H volunteers are also needed to serve as Adult Advisors for these programs.* Here's a recap of our current offerings:

TRAVEL ABROAD:

South Korea 4-H

(<http://www.facebook.com/korea4h?fref=ts>)

Date: July 12-August 11 (+/- one day) approximately

Japan Labo (<http://labo-exchange.com/>) or **LEX** (<https://www.lexhippo.gr.jp/english/>)

8-week Dates: June 1 – August 10 (Nihongo intensive language program, incl. TWO homestays.)

4-week Dates: July 12 – August 10 (approximate)

Costa Rica: Dates: *tentatively* June 18 to July 17

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT:

You will host a child the approximate age of one of your own children (4-H member or not) for about 4 weeks. They become part of your family as you share American culture with them, and learn about their home country culture. This is a great way to see the world without having to travel to it! Go to the same web site <http://wi4hinternational.org/> to view further information. You do not need a separate bedroom – only a bed & room in your heart.

Japan & Korea: July 22 – Aug. 19 approximately

Costa Rica & Finland: June 30 – July 22 approximately

Mexico: Dates TBD. Usually late June - July

Questions? Contact Cayla Hantzsch or Callan McNamara at wi4hinternational@gmail.com or 608-262-2491 or locally, contact Nancy Burman at music_mommy@hotmail.com or 715-549-6712.

Remember, international travel is the opportunity of a lifetime! You can always enter your 4-H projects in the fair as "absentee" if you are gone on one of these trips. Look ahead, and plan now to participate for next year.

Clover Cooking

Saturday, January 12

9:00am-3:00pm

Hammond High School



Want to learn to decorate a cake, set up a table, prepare a menu or just improve your skills in the kitchen? Join us for Clover Cooking for all those interested in the Foods & Nutrition project. Youth will attend five sessions. Possible topics are: food preservation, table review and menu planning, creating center pieces, cake decorating, holiday cooking, knife skills, My Food Plate and more. The cost to attend is \$15, please bring a packed lunch and an apron (if you have one). Deadline to register is November 1.

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



Arts Lab

January 27-29, 2017

4-H Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

Cost: \$80.00 - Youth grades 9-12

Registration Deadline: January 6, 2017

The mission of the Art Lab is to provide an in-depth and focused experience in the "art track" of choice. Tracks are being expanded from the traditional communication, music, theatre arts, video, and photography to include other topics such as Film Making, Altered Clocks, Taekwondo and more! Each participant will choose one track for the entire weekend. For more information go to

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/art-lab/>

Tracks may include:

- Film Making
- Photography
- Creative Writing
- Taekwondo
- Painting
- Jewelry Making

Photography

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 your entries! I want you to see this now so that you are planning ahead for your photo taking adventures!

This year there is still the **Mandatory Meeting** requirement and we are looking to have 6-7 different county meetings. We do have three people that have expressed an interest in holding a meeting so we need 3 or 4 more. You yourself 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 TO THIS!!!**

Here is the entry portion of the Youth Fair Book

DEPT 20 – Photography

Class A – Beginning Photographers Grades 4 - 6

Class B – Beginning Photographers Grades 7 – 13

Class C – Intermediate (suggested 3 plus years in photography project)

Class D – Advanced (suggested 5 plus years in photography project)

Lot No.

Colored Photos Lots 1-20 • Black & White/Sepia Lots 21-40

1. One picture of architecture
2. One picture of animal
3. One picture of nature
4. One picture of person/people
5. One picture of landscape / seascape / scenery / agriculture
6. One picture of still life
7. One picture of action / sports
8. One picture of any fair
9. Before and After – 2 picture entry
10. One picture of the state of Wisconsin
11. One Panorama photo – max size of 8"x22.5"
12. Sequence of 3 (story)
13. One photo showing pattern, lines, shapes or textures
14. One Trick photo (see rule 9)
15. One extended exposure photo (night photography)
16. One Altered/Manipulated photo (rules 8 & 9)
17. One Macro photo
18. One photo using homemade or commercial filter(s)
19. One picture of your best work matted (no frames)
20. Any other photograph not listed above
21. One picture of architecture
22. One picture of animal
23. One picture of nature
24. One picture of person/people
25. One picture of landscape / seascape / scenery / agriculture
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35. One extended exposure photo (night photography)
36. One Altered/Manipulated photo (rules 8 & 9)

37. One Macro photo
38. One photo using homemade or commercial filter(s)
39. One picture of your best work matted (no frames)
40. Any other photograph not listed above.

Champion and Reserve Champion for each Class A-D in each of Color, Black & White/Sepia. (8) Grand Champion Photography – Rosette; Reserve Grand Champion – Rosette; Honorable Mention – Ribbon.

Class E – Videography

Open to youth enrolled in the videography project and they must bring own equipment for viewing the entry.

Short outline or one page summary must be included with the entry.

Lot No

1. Video that is 3-5 minutes in length with music or speaking included
2. Video that is 5-10 minutes in length with music or speaking included***

Champion and Reserve Champion Videography

*****These items will not be included to go on to the Wisconsin State 4-H Photography competition**

(There are other general changes also but I just wanted you to have this portion for now)

Our Facebook page has been a lot of help to many and a good resource. I will admit that because I have a full time job, run my own business (also) and have many things going on it is an easy place for me to post things. We also have an article in every Communicator that goes out. I have added to the Weekly Email when it is close to an event. If you are on Facebook please join the SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT site and join in and participate. This page is for members, parents and leaders too! We do have a couple of professional photographers in there also that help us out from time to time!

Parents and Junior Leaders this is for you! If you have a strong interest in Photography and want to take part in a COUNTY MEETING next year please email me or call me ASAP. We want to have 6-7 County Meetings set up by January 2017 so the members can choose the one to go to. If your club is going to hold some type of meeting please invite the

other clubs to join you. This will need to be set up by January 2017 also. All meetings need to be approved by the County Photography Leader to fill the MANDATORY PORTION of the project. There WILL NOT be an Alternative Project next year.

Have a wonderful fall and when the snow hits get out there taking 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

4th Annual Sheep and Goat Sale

Sunday, November 13, 2016

Viewing at 10:30, Sale at Noon

UWRF Mann Valley Farm

New and Used Sheep/Goat Equipment and Supplies will be available for purchase. Silent Auction will be held from 10:30am-2:30pm and lunch is available.

Consignment: Sheep and Goats \$18/head – 10% commission and Equipment/Supplies are 20% commission. This event is sponsored by the Pierce County 4-H Sheep Committee.

For more information, contact John Bazille at 715-684-9529 or piercety4hsheep@yahoo.com or on Facebook, Pierce County Sheep Sale.

St. Croix County Livestock Committee Meeting

November 8, 7:30 pm

December 13, 7:30 pm (if needed)

Ag Service & Education Center, Baldwin

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

2016-2017 Executive Committee Members:

Chairman – Jeff Lorentz

Vice Chair – Cheryl Slind

Secretary – DaNell Jamieson

Co-treasurers – Kelli Lorentz & Laura Dalton

Beef Chair – Jim Gillis

Swine Chair – Dawn Reinsburg

Breeding Stock/Meat Goats – Lori DeBoer

Dairy Goats – Laura Kennett

Sheep – Shelby Weiske

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:

November 8th – 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

November 12th – 7:00 pm (Spaghetti Supper)

December 13th – 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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.

Beef Weigh-In for Meat Animal Project and the Auction

December 3 (snow date December 10)

9:00-11:00am

St. Croix County Fairgrounds, Glenwood City

LEADERS: 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.**

It is **mandatory** that all beef animals be castrated and dehorned at the time of weigh-in. The beef committee reserves the right to determine if the animal is manageable to insure safety of others.

- Maximum weight for any beef, beef cross, or beef dairy cross steer at weigh-ins will be 800lbs and dairy steer will be 850 lbs. to be eligible for auction.
- The market steer class for the county fair will be determined at the time of the December weigh-in.
- **ALL BEEF** originating from out of state **MUST** have a veterinarian-signed health certificate at time of initial weigh-in.

To keep the traffic moving smoothly, please enter the fairgrounds via the south driveway and proceed to the scale house. 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, Jim Gillis, for cancellations. The snow date is December 12, same time, same location!

Badger Kick-off Classic December 2-4 Alliant Energy Center, Madison

Updated schedules, rules & regulations, and entry forms will be available in the coming months. If you have any questions, would like to sponsor BKOC or are interested in a vendor booth, please email Alexa at badgerkickoffclassic@gmail.com. See you in December!

Todd County Area Goat Workshop November 22; 10:30am-2pm Clarissa Ballroom (Clarissa, MN) Free to Attend - Lunch Included

You are invited to the 2016 Todd County Area Goat Workshop. This workshop is intended for both dairy and meat goat producers who are interested in learning about overall goat nutrition, production, and management of goats. Ag businesses who work with dairy and meat goat producers are also welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to Brenda Miller by November 15 at 320-533-4655 or nels4220@umn.edu or by mail UMN Extension – Brenda Miller, Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave S Suite 101, Long Prairie MN 56347. More information is included at the end of this Communicator.

COOL for Youth Exhibitors Country of Origin Labeling

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 need 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>.

Youth Horse Committee November 7, 7 pm December 12, 7pm 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"

Do you have an idea on how to improve the Horse Clinics? If you do, come join us at the December 12th meeting where we will discuss:

- Clinics (quality over quantity)
- Clinic Requirements - Riding
- Clinic Requirements - non-riding
- Results of banquet survey
- Clinic attendance tracking

We encourage everyone to attend, if you cannot attend in person, 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#.

St. Croix County Youth Horse Project 2016-2017 Committee

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Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

As we come to the end of 2016, the Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds are celebrating another banner year for which we are very grateful.

To name a few:

- Raising sufficient funds to allow the Fair Board to proceed with building Horse Barn #1 in time for the Fair!
- The Livestock Committee constructing & funding the Scale Building!
- The Rodeo Committee initiating construction of the Arena Pavilion to be up for the 2017 Fair!
- Another record setting May Fair Event & Sale netting ~ \$22,000
- 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 \$16,000 from all clubs since 2007!!

- The Dairy & Horse Committee Partnerships which have continued to “fuel” fundraising efforts, particularly with support for the May Fair Event & Sale, the Equine Tack Sale and the Fall Commodity Drive.
- The start of fund raising efforts by the Livestock Committee & Project Members towards swine housing.
- Continued broad support across the county from community organizations, individuals and businesses including the ag community.
- Heard that Wildwood 4-H Club enjoyed a great afternoon of bowling at Gibby's Lanes. Invited guests included ticket selling members of the Hudson Lucky Horse Shoes, Springbrook and Rustic Renegades 4-H Clubs. (Wildwood was the top Raffle Ticket selling club with \$95/member and Hudson Lucky Horse Shoes #2 with \$25/member.)

The 2016 stretch goal for the Horse Committee and Friends was to partner to raise the funds necessary to launch construction of Horse Barn #1 – mission accomplished! Our 2017 stretch goal is to work hard to raise the funds to retire the \$125,000 loan on Horse Barn #1, a \$180,000 dollar project. We are well started with ~ 1/3 of the funds necessary to retire the loan on hand. Our aggressive goal is to complete funding of Horse Barn #1 in 2018. 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 2017 donation to Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds
- d. Support the 2017 May Fair Event & Sale, the Renovations for Generations Raffle & Equine Tack Swap fundraising events
- e. Share your fundraising contacts/ideas – contact Chris Libbey (715) 246-5626.

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

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.

Livestock 4-H Spaghetti Supper

November 12, 2016

4:00-7:30

Baldwin American Legion (410 Maple Street)

Cost:

Under 5 - Free 6-11 \$3.50

12 and over \$6.50

Menu: Spaghetti with
meat sauce or meatless
sauce, Salad, Bread and Bars

Milk/Water/Coffee



Come and support:

St. Croix County Livestock Committee

*All proceeds benefit the local 4-H and FFA livestock
program*

For more information, contact:

stcroixlivestock@yahoo.com

There will also be a bake sale and silent auction!

***Livestock Members: Attend the Rules Meeting at 7pm. This is one of
the mandatory meetings for 4-H members showing livestock.***



CLOVER COOKING



Want to learn how to decorate a cake, set a table, prepare a menu, or just improve your skills in the kitchen? Join us the CLOVER COOKING. This event is open to all 4-H youth interested in the foods & nutrition project. Youth will attend 5 different sessions. Topics may include: food preservation, table review & menu planning, creating center pieces, cake decorating, holiday cooking, knife skills, My Food Plate, and more).



GRADE: Open to all 4-H youth

WHEN: Saturday, November 12, 2016

WHERE: St. Croix Central High School in Hammond, WI

TIME: 9:00am—3:00pm

COST: \$15.00 / youth

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring an apron and pack a bagged lunch.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 1, 2016

NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: _____ **COUNTY:** _____

CAKE DECORATING EXPERIENCE (please circle one): Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

Make checks payable to: St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association

Mail to: St. Croix County UW-Extension
1960 8th Ave., Suite 140
Baldwin, WI 54002

YOU ARE INVITED!

2016 Todd County Area Goat Workshop

NOVEMBER 22, 2016

10:30AM-2:00PM

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 10:00AM

CLARISSA BALLROOM-CLARISSA, MN

FREE TO ATTEND-LUNCH INCLUDED



You are invited to the 2016 Todd County Area Goat Workshop. This workshop is intended for both dairy and meat goat producers who are interested in learning about overall goat nutrition, production, and management of goats. Ag businesses who work with dairy and meat goat producers are also welcome to attend.

Speakers & Topics

Basic Goat Nutrition & Energy Requirements—Dr. Michael Schlegel, Purina Sr. Nutritionist

Purina's Small Ruminant Research— Dr. James D. Caldwell, Purina Small Animal Research Scientist

Evaluating Goat Production Costs— Dr. Travis Hoffman, Uof M & NDSU Extension Educator

Raising Youngstock-Newborns and Beyond— Amanda Long, NDSU Master's Degree student

Organic Trace Minerals— Dwight Kickhafer, Zinpro Key Account Manager-Northern Prairie

Veterinary Feed Directive Update— Jim Lunemann, Purina Livestock Production Specialist

Preparing Your Farm for the Next Generation—Brenda Miller, U of M Extension Educator

Livestock Investment Grant & Value-Added Grant—Kelly Anderson, MN Dept of Ag, Livestock Specialist

SARE Farmer-Rancher Grant—Wayne Martin, Uof M Extension Educator

RSVP

Please RSVP to Brenda Miller by November 15 to help get an accurate meal count. Brenda's contact info: 320-533-4655, nels4220@umn.edu, or by mail:

UMN Extension--Brenda Miller
Historic Courthouse
215 1st Ave S, Suite 101
Long Prairie, MN 56347

SPEAKER BIOS

- **Dr. Michael Schlegel**-PhD, PAS, Dipl. ACAS-Nutrition
 - Dr. Schlegel received his B.S. in Animal Production from The Pennsylvania State University and a M.S. and Ph.D. in Ruminant Nutrition from the Department of Animal Science at Michigan State University. He completed a joint postdoctoral research fellowship with the University of Florida's Department of Animal Science and Disney's Animal Kingdom Animal Programs in exotic animal nutrition. Dr. Schlegel is a Certified Professional Animal Scientist and a Diplomat of the American College of Animal Sciences – Nutrition Discipline. He taught in the Department of Animal Science as an Assistant Professor at Delaware Valley College (Doylestown, Pennsylvania). Dr. Schlegel was the Associate Nutritionist at San Diego Zoo Global from 2001 to 2003 and Director of Nutritional Services from 2005 to 2015. Dr. Schlegel joined Purina Animal Nutrition's Technical Services team as a Senior Nutritionist in November of 2015. Dr. Schlegel is a member Comparative Nutrition Society, American Society of Animal Science, and American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists. He has been a section editor for the Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine, and has authored numerous peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, proceedings, abstracts and research reports.
- **Dr. James Caldwell**-PhD, Purina Small Animal Research Scientist
 - Dr. Caldwell received his B.S. in Animal Science from Morehead State University and a M.S. and Ph.D. in Ruminant Nutrition from The University of Arkansas. After completing his degree he worked as an Assistant Professor of Animal Science in the Department of Agriculture & Environmental Science at Lincoln University for four and half years. Dr. Caldwell has an adjunct appointment at the University of Arkansas. While at Lincoln University he taught animal nutrition and forage related courses, primarily Applied Nutrition, Ruminant Nutrition, and Pastures and Forages. His research primarily focused on ruminant nutrition and grazing systems dealing with both small and large ruminant animals. He has been the PI or Co-PI of several research projects funded by USDA, NIFA, and NRCS, and has numerous research articles published. Dr. Caldwell has been a review author for The Journal of Animal Science, The Professional Animal Scientist, and Sheep and Goat Research Journal. Also, he has been an invited speaker at different conferences, and was involved in national collaborative projects. Since 2015, Dr. Caldwell works as the Research Scientist within the Companion Animal Unit for Land O'Lakes Purina.
- **Dr. Travis Hoffman**- Assistant Professor/Extension Sheep Specialist
 - Dr. Hoffman was born and raised on a diversified sheep, cattle, and grain operation in South Dakota. His family raises registered Corriedale sheep that have won numerous national honors including 2016 Outstanding Corriedale Breeders in America. Travis received his Bachelor's Degree from South Dakota State University in Animal Sciences; and a Master's Degree and Ph.D. in Meat Sciences with an emphasis in lamb quality, value, and consumer perception. Dr. Hoffman is currently the Extension Sheep Specialist for North Dakota and Minnesota and based in Fargo, ND.
- **Amanda Long**-Master's Degree student-small ruminants, NDSU
 - Amanda Long is a NDSU master's degree student studying under the direction of Drs. Chris Schauer and Travis Hoffman. Her research interest is the reproductive physiology of small ruminants. Amanda is from Brodhead, WI, where she is the owner/manager of Ivory Pines Saanens, a registered Saanen dairy goat operation. She received her B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.



Saturday, December 3, 2016 • 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Roberts Park Building, 312 North Park Street, Roberts, WI

Name: _____

Email: _____

Grade: _____

4-H Club (if applicable): _____

Check which Projects you will be making below. If more than one project, please indicate how many you would like to make.	Craft Station	Cost/Station for one project
	Holiday Hoopla	\$3
	Cookie Cutter Ornaments	\$3
	Thumbbody Loves Me	\$3
	Recycled Sparkled Holiday Star Ornaments	\$3
	Edible Birdhouses	\$5
	All Craft Discount. I want to make one of each craft.	\$15
	Total	

If paying by check, please make out to the St. Croix County 4-H Junior Leader's Association.

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Due – Clover Cooking Registration Due – ME Forms	2	3	4	5
6	7 7pm – Youth Horse Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	8 7:30pm – Livestock Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	9	10	11	12 Trip Interviews 4pm – Livestock Spaghetti Supper (Baldwin Legion)
13 10:30am – Sheep & Goat Sale (UWRF Mann Valley)	14	15 Due – Enrollments (4HOnline) Due – Goat Workshop Registration 7pm – Leader's Council & Committee Presentation (Ag Center)	16	17	18	19
20	21 6pm – Club Officer Training (Ag Center)	22 10:30am – Goat Workshop (Clarissa, MN)	23	24 Thanksgiving Offices Closed	25 Offices Closed	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Due – International Travel & Hosting Applications	2 Badger Kick-off Classic (December 2-4, Alliant Energy Center)	3 9am – Beef Weigh-In (Fairgrounds) 10am – Holiday Craft Make & Take (Roberts)
4	5 6:30pm – New 4-H Family Orientation (Ag Center)	6	7	8	9	10 9am – Beef Weigh-In (Fairgrounds) – snow date
11	12 7pm – Youth Horse Committee Mtg. (Ag Center) – Clinics and Brainstorming	13 7:30pm – Livestock Committee Mtg. (Ag Center) – if needed	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Offices Closed	24
25	26 Offices Closed	27	28	29	30	31