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Dear 4-H Members, Leaders, and Families:

'Tis the season for giving gifts. We are busy running around to find just the right gifts for all the people on our lists. I found a list that I think would be a great gift list for the youth in St. Croix County. The list was entitled 'Gifts we can give our children to help them live healthier, happier, more productive lives.' I found the list to be very thought provoking and a great gift list for that hard to shop for young person in your life.

- ❖ *The gift of confidence in themselves and their abilities.* Helping our youth become more confident in themselves is a great gift. We can empower them to believe in themselves and the potential they have to become productive members of society.
- ❖ *The ability to solve problems and make decisions.* This is an easy lesson for our youth to learn. Start by involving them in making simple family and household decisions to instill in them the steps to make an educated decision. If they do not make the correct choice, it is ok. Learning from mistakes can also provide great teachable moments. Nevertheless, make sure to reward and encourage along the way to making decisions.
- ❖ *The ability to communicate and relate to others.* Teaching interpersonal skills to youth is very valuable. Helping them become comfortable speaking in front of a group, or learning how to interact and meet new people is a skill that will help them throughout their life. Along with interpersonal skills, gaining a value for diversity and relating to others who share different values and beliefs is also important.
- ❖ *The gifts of responsibility, self-discipline and good judgement.* Responsibility is a gift that can be given at any age. Being responsible for a pet, being responsible for shoveling the sidewalk or being responsible for having a job are ways to give that gift. Learning how to act appropriately and respond in certain situations also could be part of this gift.
- ❖ *The skills to successfully achieve their goals.* Youth learn many skills growing up. They can learn skills that can be used in a variety of ways or skills that are specialized for one task. No matter what kinds of skills they learn, they need to make sure they have all the skills necessary to be successful. Be it technical skills, communication skills, or just access to knowledge and learning, these all are important when giving this gift.
- ❖ *The gift of believing in a future that looks promising.* As adults, we can help our young people achieve anything they wish to do! We need to help them see that the sky is the limit and to keep encouraging them to be the best they can be. By also being believers in their future, they can see that they have caring adults investing in their success.

This holiday season, enjoy the time with family and friends. That is truly the best gift of all. Moreover, when spending time with young people during both the holidays and the year to come, think about some of the gifts that you can give that can help them live healthier, happier and more productive lives.

Sincerely,

Heather

Heather Vierling

St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development Agent

Premium Checks

2017 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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4-H Communicator Paper Copies

Due to recent budget cuts, paper copies of the 4-H Communicator will be limited to those who request it. Families who indicate they would like to receive the newsletter in 4-HOnline will be receiving a postcard asking you to contact Melissa if you still want to receive a hard copy of the monthly newsletter beginning January 2018.

2017-2018 4-H Enrollments

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.

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

Fair Board

January 11, 2018; 7:30pm
Ag Center, Baldwin

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.

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.

Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, February 3, 2018

4:00-8:00am

Ready Randy's

There will be a Silent Auction at the dinner. Livestock Members will be asked to sell tickets to the event ahead of time. More information to follow.

Congratulations!!!!

If you have youth in your club that you would like to be highlighted in the St. Croix County 4-H Communicator send the information and a picture to Melissa.

RayJob Amundson (Dry Run Go Getters 4-H Club) took 1st place in the Wisconsin State Fair Jr. Amateur Talent Competition



Thompson Family (Lone Pine 4-H Club) showed at the Wisconsin International Poultry Show. Lauren Thompson won the Supreme Champion Show Person award. David Thompson and Lauren were the Reserve Champion Avian Quiz Bowl Team in the Junior Division. Nathan Thompson won the Advanced Showmanship class.



Kole Lorentz (Lone Pine) won grand champion AOB steer at the Wisconsin State Fair.



Windy Pine Cattle, Kole and Klay Lorentz (Lone Pine) was awarded supreme female at the Wisconsin State Fair open show with their bred and owned cow/calf pair.



Alexis Kwak (Sunnyside Shamrocks 4-H Club) and Mae Buttles (Sunnyside Shamrocks 4-H Club) won the Wisconsin State Horse Team Demonstration. Alexis also won the Wisconsin State Horse Public Speaking Contest.



Quarter Horse Congress Communications and Judging 2 day contests. The team didn't place in the top ten, but still did very well. There were over 300 kids that participated in the contest. Alexis placed 7th in the prepared speaking contest.



Alexis Kwak attended the challenge of champions at the WI State Fair in West Allis August 12th. This is an invitation only competition where 4-H horse project riders are invited based on their performance at the State Gymkhana show the previous fall. Alexis competed and placed in the 6 gymkhana events. She placed 1st in key race. Her team was the grand champion team. This was an excellent opportunity for Alexis to present her animals to kids that may have never touched or seen a horse up close. It was a rewarding experience on many levels.



The State Croix County 4-H Horse Project attended the State 4-H Gymkhana show Sept 9th – 10th. The kids represented St. Croix County well and had a fantastic show bringing home many Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Top Ten placings. Great Job kids!



1st row left to right – Audrey Jamieson, Aerial Backes 2nd row – Harly Lentz, Alexis Kwak, Sierra Harren, Tyler Mentink

The St. Croix County 4-H horse project members attended the State 4-H horse show held at the Wisconsin State fairgrounds in West Allis. The kids came home with numerous Grand Champions, Reserve Champions and top ten awards. Congratulations kids. All your hard work this summer paid off! Left to right front – Marissa Metzler, Tyler Mentink. Back row – Heidi Sandquist, Jessica Moor, Alexis Kwak, Harly Lentz.



The St. Croix County 4-H horse project members competed in the state 4-H horse judging contest held at the state Expo and show. They placed 1st overall and were Grand Champions of the “teams with reasons”. With their combined scores from the state hippology contest this past May, they were also the Grand Champion Hippology team. They also placed as top individuals of the contest. The kids will move on to National competition at the Quarter Horse Congress show in October in Columbus Ohio. Congratulations and good luck as you advance! From left to right – Tyler Mentink (Reserve Champion individual), Harly Lentz (12th individual overall) Alexis Kwak (3rd individual overall), Marissa Metzler (tied 4th individual overall).



Tyler Mentink (Double Good 4-H Club), Marissa Metzler (Hudson Lucky Horseshoes 4-H Club), Harly Lentz (Rolling Hills 4-H Club), and Alexis Kwak (Sunnyside Shamrocks 4-H Club) won the Wisconsin State Horse Team Judging Competition. (NO PHOTO)

Abigail Stark (Roberts Ribbon Reapers 4-H Club) showed and placed high at the Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show. (NO PHOTO)

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 2018. 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

Annually St. Croix County 4-H puts on a number of events throughout the year. We need your help. Please sign up to assist with one of these upcoming events. Go to

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A4CADAA2BABF94-20172018 to sign up.

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 2017-2018. 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 21	January 16
February 20	March 20
April 17	May 15
June 19	August 21

4-H Volunteer (VIP Training) - Want to become a 4-H leader?

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

The following dates have been set for St. Croix County 4-H adults who wish to become volunteers:

Nov. 8; 5:30pm	Nov. 8; 7:00pm
Nov. 21; 5:00pm	Dec. 14; 6:00pm
Dec. 14; 7:30pm	Dec. 19; 5:30pm
Dec. 19; 7:00pm	

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

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

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 2017-2018 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 21, 7:00 pm

December (NO MEETING)

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 Carole Schurtz, carole@dewittmedia.com. The agendas and minutes are posted on the St. Croix County UW-Extension 4-H Website at <https://stcroix.uwex.edu/meeting-agendas/>. 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, Carole Schurtz
- Vice President, Brenda Franklin
- Secretary, *Vacant*
- Treasurer, Beth Sippl
- Youth Representatives, *Vacant*
- Adult Fair Board Rep., Lori DeBoer
- Youth Fair Board Rep., Catherine Schurtz

Congratulations to our Outstanding 4-H Leaders

A huge thank you to all of the dedication and hard work that our 4-H adult leaders put into the St. Croix County 4-H program. We greatly appreciate everything you do to make our youth a success.

First Year Leaders

Brooke Benware	Debbie Beyer
Cami Curtis	Trynette Gross
Amanda Hanson	Michael Krupa
Lisa Lindley	Lauri Quinn-Hebert
Jonathan Schommer	Veronica Schommer
Rebecca Vogler	Ashley Wahl

5 Year Leaders

Ora Anderson	Judy Derrick
Sarah Erickson	Karla Gilbertson
Douglas Jamieson	Diana Kinney
Barry Kobernick	Penny Kobernick
Steve Kumm	Tammy Magnuson
Michelle McNamara	Ann Moor
Jesse Moor	Heather Peterson
Becky Olson	Jennifer Recifo-Smith
Kelsey Roquette	Donna Smith
Casey Wagner	Heather Wagner
Kim Wood	

10 Year Leaders

Sharon Achterhof	Jeff Lorentz
Hannah Mason	Dawn Reinsberg

15 Year Leaders

Susan Giordana	Heather Greene
Phyllis Ness	Todd Petersen
Tracy Renn	Tracey Schug-Petersen

20 + Year Leaders

Marsha Alexander	Cindy Brown Bauer
Darrell Burman	Nancy Burman
Charlotte Croes	Cindy Croes
Lori DeBoer	Warren DeBoer
Liz Doornink	Todd Doornink
Grace Hoyer	Chuck Kruschke
Mary Kruschke	Margaret Langness
Christopher Libbey	Pam Miles
Bev Mitchell	Jackie Mitchell
Terry Mitchell	Mari Omann
Cindy Schultz	Debbie Stevens
Eileen VanDyk	

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.

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 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 and 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 2018 WI Tour will be held at 6pm on January 18 at the UW-Extension Office. If you are interested (youth or adult) in being part of the planning committee please join us.

Club Opportunities

2017 Club and Specialty Awards

Health, Safety, Environmental Education (all clubs combined)

Forest Timberwolves – Plaque
Roberts Ribbon Reapers – Certificate
Double Good

Recreation (Two Groups)

Small Group:

Dry Run Go Getters – Plaque
Forest Timberwolves – Certificate
Double Good

Large Group:

Rolling Hills – Plaque
Roberts Ribbon Reapers – Certificate

Community Service (Three Groups)

Small Group:

Double Good – Plaque
Springbrook – Certificate

Medium Group:

Forest Timberwolves – Plaque
Dry Run Go Getters – Certificate

Large Group:

Roberts Ribbon Reapers – Plaque
Dry Run Go Getters – Certificate
Rolling Hills

Farm Bureau Boy and Girl

Tristan Steel, Rachel Skinner, Matthew Harle,
Maggie Brown

Florence Jensen Boy and Girl

Harly Lentz, Jacob Schurtz, Heidi Sandquist, Alexis
Kwak

Helen Holzer Boy and Girl

Nathan Thompson, Kathryn Mohrhauser, Johanna
Knutson

Friend of 4-H

Jim Mentink – Certificate

Chippewa Valley Bean

Barb Krueger

Bob & Steve's BP

Bill & Margo Schultz

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. 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. 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 themselves, welcome the new family to the club and introduce them to other club members. 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 Katie Bartko at (715) 531-1930.

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

2017 4-H Window Display Contest

Thank you to the following clubs for participating in the 2017 window display contest: Ambassadors, Dry Run Go-Getters, Harmony Hills, Lone Pine, North Country, Roberts Ribbon Reapers, Rolling Hills and Springbrook. 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 – Springbrook
2nd place – Roberts Ribbon Reapers
3rd place – Harmony Hill

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 Officer Training

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.

4-H clubs can request an individual training for their officer teams with Heather. Please contact Heather to set up a date and time.

Youth News/ Opportunities

Youth Leadership Opportunity

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association has created a few Youth Representative positions. These are voluntary positions, not elected ones. We are looking for youth who are interested in getting involved in 4-H on a countywide level. The Leaders Association is looking for youth input on important county decisions at our monthly meetings. If you are interested in these positions or want to learn more contact Heather.

STEM Leaders Needed

We are in the process of expanding the STEM program in St. Croix County and are in need of more Adult and Youth leaders. If you are interested in helping or finding out more about the program, please email Heather at heather.vierling@co.saint-croix.wi.us

Robotics Project

Did you sign up for robotics as a project? Do you want to sign up, but don't have a robot to program. Starting in May, there will be work days to design and program a robot for the fair using the EV3's that 4-H owns. Watch future newsletters and the weekly email blasts for more information. To reserve a robot, please email Heather at heather.vierling@co.saint-croix.wi.us

Monthly Robotic Classes

Want to learn how to program a robot or expand on what you already know? Starting in January on the 2nd Saturday from 12:30-2:30 there will be monthly robotic classes at the Extension Office. All 4-Hers and non-4-Hers are welcome. To sign up email Heather at heather.vierling@co.saint-croix.wi.us.

My 4-H Trip

By Levi Dobberstein

You need to go on this trip
Opportunities that you cannot pass up
Unique seminars to do on this trip
The best food you will ever have
Having the time of your life
Can help the environment
Outside your box to break through your comfort zone
New people you can meet from all over the state
Friends that like the same things as you
Entering in the talent show
Reading to kids that need help
Experiencing what living in a dorm is like
Nice people to meet and greet you
Creating a new hobby
Easily the best trip you will take

Space Camp by Brandan Bogie

Last April I went on an amazing trip with 4H. I had the opportunity to travel to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Even the way there was fun, all 903 miles of it! When we got there we had no idea how much fun we were going to have! The first thing we had to do was drop our luggage off at our rooms. Then we went to the main lobby to be assigned groups. I was in group Capella. Next, we went to the only full scale model of a space shuttle in the world. It even had a rocket engine by it. It was then time for bed, the rooms we slept in were giant tubes. The next morning we went to a space museum and the coolest thing we saw was a full scale model of a Saturn V rocket. After that we built model rockets. The next day we blasted them off but some got stuck in trees.

One of the most interesting parts of the trip was getting to experience the simulators. We did a multi axis trainer also known as M.A.T. It spins you all around to simulate losing control of your aircraft to

see if you can get out of the spin. The next simulator we did was a flight simulator. It shows you what to do in different scenarios in space so you are not flying without some experience. The last simulator we did was a 4G spinner that astronauts use so they know what to expect in a blastoff. It felt like a roller coaster but twice as fast.

I learned a lot of really cool and interesting facts. John Young brought a corned beef sandwich into space. The Hubble Space Telescope needed 3 repair missions after it was launched. The Endeavor was the last orbiter ever built and was made by spare parts from the Discovery and Atlantis. The Discovery has the most missions flown into space. America is the first country and only country to land on the moon.

The bus ride back was almost as much fun as the ride there. That is the conclusion of my adventure. The two reasons why I would recommend this trip is it is a blast and you learn a lot about space. The second reason is you make a lot of new friends that like the same things as you.

Space Camp by Caleb Lindley

My name is Caleb Lindley and I went on the 2017 4-H space camp trip. My favorite thing about the trip was going on the simulators because it was a lot of fun and I got to learn about how each simulator works.

Our trip started out in Chippewa Falls early on a Thursday Morning. We got on the bus and we left the parking lot at 6:00 a.m. After a 12-hour bus ride, we arrived at a restaurant in Illinois and stayed at a hotel there. The next day we drove from Illinois to Huntsville Alabama. When we arrived, we were shown to our rooms. The rooms were also known as habitats. The habitats were bigger than a dorm room. Eight people slept in one habitat.

The next day, we broke down into groups of ten to eleven people and went to start each simulator. After we did each simulator we went on our mission in the training facility. I was chosen to be the pilot, and it wasn't an easy job. Being the pilot I had to learn how to use communications with the base and learn how to read different codes. The next coming day we continued our simulators and started learning about some of America's most famous rockets. On Sunday April 23rd, it was graduation day. After our graduation, we got to launch rockets. When we were launching our rockets, we got to launch two stage

rockets from a two-stage kit. Finally, we packed up our things and went home.

I thought that this trip was awesome and I would recommend this trip to anybody because I had a good experience and I think you will too.

M.E. Interviews

November 10; 4:30-9pm
Ag Center, Baldwin

All youth who turn in an M.E. Form for 2018 trips by November 1 are required to participate in an interview. Once your M.E. form is received by the UW-Extension Office, you will receive an email to sign up for an interview time.

New 4-H Family Orientation

Thursday, November 30; 7:00pm
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!

December Library Programs

Deer Park– Nov. 30, 5:00pm (Food Engineering)
Woodville– Dec. 4, 3:45pm (Food Engineering)
Roberts– Dec. 7, 4:30pm (Food Science)
Glenwood City– Dec. 11, 4:00pm (Food Engineering)
Hudson– Dec. 12, 6:30pm (Food Science)
Somerset – Dec. 18, 6:00pm (Food Engineering)
Baldwin– Dec. 19, 3:45pm (Food Science)
Hammond– Dec. 21, 6:30pm (Food Science)

Food Engineering - Youth will use their 5 senses (sight, smell, taste, touch, hear) to explore the world of food science. Youth will also become food engineers when they are asked to create a new food product that consumers will want to buy.

Food Science - Youth will get the opportunity to become food scientist and explore the physical and chemical changes in some of their favorite foods. Youth will perform a number of food based experiments.

Financial Assistance Available

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 <https://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-financial-assistance/>

Ambassadors

The following 4-H members were chosen to be your 2017-18 St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors: Claudia Lenz, Maria Miller, Maggie Brown, Nicholas Lentz, Heidi Sandquist, Mackenzie Korent, Abigail Lingenfelter, Claire Lingenfelter, Jacob Schurtz, Julio Truhler, Lauren Thompson, Nathan Thompson, Bennet Hatfield, Patti Crawford, Abby Helwig, Adaire MacSwain, and Jarrett Mason.

We hope you will join us Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. at the UW-Extension Office, 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin, WI 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>

Holiday Craft Make and Take

December 2; 10:00am-12pm

Ag Center, Baldwin

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 24 by sending in the registration form at the end of the Communicator to UWEX Office.

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: November 20

Now is the time to begin thinking about travel plans or hosting internationally next summer, 2018. 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, Norway, and South Korea next summer.

TRAVEL ABROAD:

South Korea: Date: July 16-August 14 (+/- one day) approximately

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

8-week Dates: June 13 – August 9 (Nihongo intensive language program, incl. TWO homestays.)
4-week Dates: July 11 – August 9 (approximate)

Costa Rica: Dates: *tentatively* June 21 to July 20

Norway: Dates: *tentatively* June 28- July 27

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. 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: July 22 – Aug. 19 approximately

Costa Rica, Finland, Korea: June 30 – July 22 approximately

Questions? Contact Cayla Hantzsch or Callan McNamara at wi4hinternational@ces.uwex.edu 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.

St. Croix County Speaking Contest

January 31st, 2018 6:00pm

Entries Due: January 29th

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@sccwi.gov, (715) 531-1915.

Photography

Thinking ahead to next year. It does state in our Fair Book that a Mandatory Meeting is required. There were 7 meetings offered this year and about 60% of the members made it to a meeting. Next year I would like to have more people helping by holding a meeting. A club can hold a meeting by getting a parent that loves photography or is a photographer to share or teach something about photography

If you are a person with an interest in photography and would like to help by holding a meeting please let me know ASAP. I want to have this set up no later than January so people can get one of the meetings on their calendar. I will be holding two meetings this year so if we want more I am looking for volunteers.

Let me know your feelings on adding the Alternative Project option back too. The main reasons it was taken out is that very few did it and there was a lot of copying and pasting going on for those that did a paper on a photography topic. The purpose of this is to learn something new. Working with a photographer or on the school yearbook (specifically with the photos) are great options.

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!!!

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!).

4-H Foods Expo - Save the Date

Saturday, January 27 from 9-3

UW River Falls

Possible classes: What can I take to the fair?; cake decoration, making pie crusts, ice cream and Nutrition. Watch for more information in the weekly blasts and future newsletters.

If you would like to help lead a class or be on the committee, let Beth Sippl know at bj.sippl@gmail.com.

Save the Date: 2018 Clover College
Saturday, February 24, 2018
Glenwood City High School

This fun filled day is open to all youth (4-H and non) grades K-5. The day will be filled with a variety of workshops and youth will walk away with a few fair projects already completed. Registration forms will be available soon.

Animal Sciences

DAIRY NEWS

Badger Kick-off Classic
December 1-3
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 see <https://badgerkickoff.ansci.wisc.edu>. See you in December!

HORSE NEWS

Youth Horse Committee
November 6, 7 pm
December 4, 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 & Education Center.

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

Happy Trails!
Tyler Mentink – Youth President
Bridget Lentz – Adult President

St. Croix County Youth Horse Project 2017-2018 Committee:

President Bridget Lentz pblentz@sbcglobal.net 651-303-4682	Vice President Dave Smith lomac@baldwin-telecom.net 715-338-2637
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Secretary Karie Kaul kariekaul@gmail.com 715-220-9691	Treasurer Sarah Erickson info@ericksonacres.com 715-220-5660
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Horse Events

There are several upcoming events to mark your calendars with:

Horse Project Awards Committee Meeting –
November 6 at 6pm at the Ag Center.
State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference – November 11-13 at UW Oshkosh

Tack Swap Committee Meeting – November 13 at 7pm at the Ag Center.

Tack Swap (Save the Date) – February 24 from 10am-2pm at Roberts Elementary School

LIVESTOCK NEWS

St. Croix County Livestock Committee Meeting

November 14, 7:00 pm
December 12, 7:00 pm (if needed)

Ag Service & Education Center, Baldwin

All the Livestock Committee meetings are open and all are welcome to attend anytime. Please contact Laura Dalton at lauradaltan8@gmail.com to get items on the agenda no later than 10 days prior to the meeting.

2017-2018 Executive Committee Members:
Chairman – Jeff Lorentz
Vice Chair – Barry Kobernick
Secretary – Laura Dalton
Co-treasurers – Kelli Lorentz & Lisa Weiske

Beef Chair – Jim Gillis
Swine Chair – Shelby Weiske
Goat Chair – Lori DeBoer
Sheep Chair – Dawn Reinsburg & Hannah Mason
Education Chair – Lori DeBoer & Bonnie Walters
Auction Chair – Mike DeLong & Sherry DeLong
Events Chair – Cindy Croes & Matt Dobberstein

Beef Weigh-In for Meat Animal Project and Auction

December 2 (snow date December 9)
9:00-11:00am

St. Croix County Fairgrounds, Glenwood City

LEADERS: Please inform first time Beef Meat Animal Project members they are required to 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 for cancellations.

Livestock Rules Meeting

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 14 December 12
January 9 (all held at 6:30pm)
Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 9:00am.

All meetings will be held at the Ag Service & Education Center in Baldwin. Please contact a member of the Livestock Committee or email:

stcroixlivestock@yahoo.com.

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>.

Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

As we come to the end of 2017, the Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds are celebrating another banner year for which we are very grateful.

To name a few:

- Successful launch of our first Annual Oktoberfest hosted by Gibby's Lanes, New Richmond
- Construction of the Tiffany Creek Pavilion in time for the 2017 Fair (Funded & driven by the Rodeo Committee)
- Making great progress on funding of Horse Barn #1 – our stretch goal of retiring the loan in 2018 is getting much closer!
- Receipt of a \$15,000 grant from the Farmers Union Cooperative Oil, Co. designated for construction of the Livestock Barn
- Another great May Fair Event & Sale netting ~ \$18,000
- 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” fund raising efforts, particularly with support for the May Fair Event & Sale, the Equine Tack Sale and the Fall Commodity Drive.
- Continued broad support across the county from community organizations, individuals and businesses including the ag community.

Our 2017 stretch goal was 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 almost 75% of the funds necessary to retire the loan on hand. Our aggressive goal is to raise the remaining \$40,000 necessary 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 2018 donation to Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds
- d. Support the 2018 May Fair Event & Sale, the Renovations for Generations Raffle & Equine Tack Swap & the Oktoberfest fund raising events
- e. 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!!

Non-Discrimination Policy

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.



Saturday, December 2, 2017 • 10:00 a.m. - Noon
UW-Extension Office, 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin, WI

Christmas Ball Ornaments

A bit of creativity we will help you transform basic Christmas ball ornaments into decorative baubles you'll treasure. We'll show you how!

Christmas Card Fun!

You will make and take three wonderful Christmas cards that you will delight your family with.

Tea Light Snowman Ornament

Make an adorable tea light snowman to light up the branches of your Christmas tree.

Recycled Christmas "Tree" Ornament

Use green paint chip samples to make and decorate an adorable Christmas Tree that you can hang on your Christmas Tree to decorate it.

Christmas Candy Dish!

Using a small terracotta pot make a cute Santa or Rudolph candy dish.

How to participate

- 1) Register for this event by November 24, 2017. Registrations and fees can be sent to the UW-EX Office, Ambassador Craft Make and Take, 1960 8th Avenue, Baldwin, WI 54002. Please make checks payable to: St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors
- 2) Come and make your crafts on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the UW-EX Office in Baldwin.
- 3) The format of this craft event, is open house style. Once children finish a project, they can move onto the next. It is estimated that each project will take 10-15 Minutes. You can make more than one of each project if you wish, please indicate this on your registration.
- 4) All children are welcome to participate. Children are not required to be members of 4-H.



Saturday, December 2, 2017 • 10:00 a.m. - Noon
 UW-Extension Office, 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin, 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
	Christmas Ball Ornatments	\$3
	Christmas Cards	\$3
	Tea Light Snow Man Ornament	\$3
	Paper Christmas Tree Ornament	\$3
	Terra Cotta Candy Dish	\$5
	All Craft Discount. I want to make one of each craft.	\$15
	Total	

If paying by check, please make payable to: St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors.



4-H FOOD EXPO



Want to learn how to decorate a cake, prepare nutritious foods or just improve your skills in the kitchen? Join us for the 4-H Food Expo. This event is open to all youth (4-H and non 4-H) interested in learning more about foods & nutrition. Youth will attend 5 different sessions. Topics include: cake decorating, ice cream from



GRADE: Open to all youth (4-H and non 4-H)

WHEN: Saturday, January 27, 2018

WHERE: UW-River Falls (Agriculture Building)

TIME: 9:00am—3:00pm (Registration 8:30am)

COST: \$15.00 / youth

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 12, 2018

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

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Due – Re-Enrollments	2	3	4
5	6 6pm – Horse Project Awards Meeting 7pm – Horse Committee Meeting (Both at Ag Center)	7	8 5:30pm – VIP Training 7pm – VIP Training (Ag Center – both)	9	10 4:30pm – M.E. Interviews (Ag Center)	11 State 4-H Leaders Conference (UW Oshkosh)
12 State 4-H Leaders Conference (UW Oshkosh)	13 7pm – Tack Swap Committee Meeting (Ag Center) State 4-H Leaders Conference (UW Oshkosh)	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Due – International Travel and Hosting Applications	21 5pm – VIP Training 7pm – Committee Presentation 7pm – Leader’s Council (Ag Center – all)	22	23 Thanksgiving Offices Closed	24 Offices Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30 5pm – Library Program (F.E. – Deer Park) 7pm – New Family Orientation (Ag Center)		

December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10am – Ambassador Craft Make and Take (Ag Center)
3	4 3:45pm – Library Program (F.E. – Woodville)	5	6	7 4:30pm – Library Program (F.S. – Roberts)	8	9
10	11 4pm – Library Program (F.E. – Glenwood City)	12 6:30pm – Library Program (F.S. – Hudson)	13	14 6pm – VIP Training 7:30pm – VIP Training (Ag Center – both)	15	16
17	18 6pm – Library Program (F.E. – Somerset)	19 3:45pm – Library Program (F.S. – Baldwin) 5:30pm – VIP Training 7pm – VIP Training 7pm – Leader's Council (Ag Center – all)	20	21 6:30pm – Library Program (F.S. – Hammond)	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day Offices Closed	26 Offices Closed	27	28	29	30
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