



# *St. Croix County 4-H Communicator*

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Dear 4-H Members, Leaders, and Families:

## **How Vibrant is 4-H?**

*On a scale of never to always, how would you answer these questions about 4-H?*

- 4-H provides an environment where youth feel safe enough to take risks to exceed beyond their own expectations.
- Programs (clubs, committees, activities) in 4-H are tailored to meet the needs and interests of youth.
- 4-H volunteer leaders are advocates for youth and help give voice to youth concerns and issues in the larger community.
- 4-H programs provide a safe, nurturing environment for learning and development.
- Parents are valued partners in the process of youth development. It is a goal to involve parents in all parts of the program.

*So, how did you answer the questions?* Depending on your response, your 4-H experience may range from anywhere from weak to vibrant.

National 4-H week, October 1-7, is an opportunity for each of us to share the amazing things we know about St. Croix County 4-H. It's also a great kick-off to the new 4-H year. Think of it as an opportunity to...

- Take a fresh look at what projects you are participating in, maybe it's time to try something new, or challenge yourself with the next step in a favorite project.
- Tell someone about the great experiences available in 4-H, from learning about a project area, to meeting new friends, to taking trips across the country!
- Remember why you are committed to the 4-H program, and find the best ways to express that commitment to and belief in the program.
- See the things you take for granted with the eyes of a new member or family.
- Be a buddy or mentor to a new member or family, help them get acquainted with 4-H lingo, all the different opportunities, and navigate projects and the fair.
- Listen closely and be open to suggestions and conversations, there's always something to take away!
- Contribute to your club and county through participation in new events, giving input and ideas, and giving time and energy to improve St. Croix County 4-H.

The more vibrant 4-H is; the chances are the more successful it will be. If there are some spots in 4-H that don't completely "shine", it will take some time and energy to polish it to get it vibrant. However, the end result will be well worth the journey. The most important part of 4-H is to learn, grow, and have FUN! Always remember to do these things and your commitment, participation, and experiences will be more than you ever imagined!

Here's to a **VIBRANT** 4-H year!

Sincerely,

*Heather*

Heather Vierling

St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development Agent

## **September/October 2017**

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# Congratulations

## Living Memorial Award Presented to Hank & Ruth Hurtgen

Each year, Hank and Ruth are called upon to serve meals at various functions. They always seem to fit us in, despite their hectic schedules. Not only do they fit us in, they accommodate our wish list, give us a great deal and give us service with a smile. Here are just a few examples:

\*Mayfair – this fundraising event has helped raise thousands of dollars for fairground renovations. Hank and Ruth's meals not only feed the masses, they donate a large portion of the cost of the meal.

\*Auction Buyers Appreciation Dinner – they have served this for years. They are always there ready to go regardless of the weather conditions. They also donate a portion of the cost.

\*Leader's Banquet – Ruth serves this meal and Ruth is very generous and gives us a great deal as well. In 2016, we wanted to mix things up a bit and she was very open to our needs and once again, accommodated us!

\*Area Animal Science Days 2016 – We got a great deal and had service with a smile! There were many comments and Facebook posts about the best Area Animal Science Day meal ever served!

Hank and Ruth often times go unnoticed in the community. That doesn't mean that they don't have a large impact! Their ability to serve and meet our needs, makes our events run smoother. They are people that you know you can count on! Through their generosity, the Friends have been able to raise funds to build two dairy barns, one horse barn and repair many of the buildings located at the fairgrounds. The committees that utilize Ruth and Hank's generosity, are able to put more money into programs that matter – educating our leaders of tomorrow.

## 2016 St. Croix County WI State Fair Contestants

### Beef

Klay Lorentz

Kole Lorentz

### Dairy

Haley Beukema  
Olivia Holzman  
Madison Peterson  
Dylan Raymond  
Walter Thommes

Eva Doornink  
Claudia Lenz  
Austin Raymond  
Rachel Skinner  
Derek Utecht

### Sheep

Evelyn Rohrbach  
Nathan Thompson

Lauren Thompson

### Poultry

Garrett Beukema

### Swine

Jim Buttles

### Music Group – Roberts Ribbon Reapers

Jerusha Betzold  
Myah Bihner  
Kate Johnson  
Ryan Knapton  
Kathryn Mohrhauser  
Nicholas Mohrhauser  
Claire Rohde  
Ryan Sippl  
Abigail Stark

Jessica Betzold  
RJ Feyereisen  
Kiera Knapton  
Samantha Knoebel  
Matthew Mohrhauser  
Sydney Rogers  
Ella Rohde  
Tyler Sippl  
Nathan Stark

### Clothing Revue

Kayla Harle  
Lauren Thompson

Adaire Mac Swain

### Horse – State Gymkhana

Ariel Backes  
Audrey Jamieson  
Harley Lentz

Sierra Harren  
Alexis Kwak  
Tyler Mentink

### Horse – State Expo

Alexis Kwak  
Tyler Mentink  
Jessica Moor

Harley Lentz  
Marissa Metzler  
Heidi Sandquist

### 4-H Exhibits

Hawken Benson  
Angela Bonneprise  
Elijah Bystrom  
Gavin Emmert  
Halle Gessler  
Lilly Hannack  
Allen Kobernick

Rheanna Bischel  
Maggie Brown  
Natalia Chwala  
Emma Gessler  
Riley Hammer  
Tenley Hesselink  
Kennedy Langness

Claudia Lenz	Connor Maxwell
Kaiden McWilliams	Elsja Meijer
Sara Nyhus	Liliana Olivares
Maya Petersen	Benjamin Rustand
Gabriel Schommer	Catherine Schurtz
Megan Spott	Allison Thomas
Nathan Thompson	

## Thank You

### Food Stand

Several businesses were very generous in their donations again this year. Please tell them thank you if you see any of them.

**Culver's** in Baldwin donated all the straws and long spoons! **Subway** in Menomonie donated some straws when we ran out.

**Conagra Foods** donated all of the Hunt's Ketchup; **Bencks Mechanical** donated materials and labor to fix the cooler;

**Burnett Dairy** and **Cady Cheese** donated 3 boxes of string cheese, **AFP** donated three cases of nacho cheese; Dairy Farmers of St Croix County donated all of the butter pats; **Kwik Trip** donated \$100 towards the milk; napkins were donated by **Hiawatha**

**National Bank of Glenwood City**. We greatly appreciate all the support for 4-H.

We would like to thank all the clubs that worked in the stand this year: helping haul and stock the coolers the Saturday before the fair – **Wildwood** – they also did another small shift. One small shift – **Baldwin Wide Awake, North Country, Springbrook, Sunnyside Shamrocks** and **Trailblazers**. One large shift – **Ambassadors, Dry Run Go Getters, Forest Timberwolves, Riverside, Roberts Ribbon Reapers** and **Tri-River Voyagers**. Sharing a large shift – **Glen Hills Climbers** and **Rustic Renegades**. Filling a large and a small shift – **Rolling Hills**. Filling a small shift and two large shifts – **Lone Pine**, and manning two large shifts – **Bellringers**.

It takes a lot of volunteer time and work from the committee members, 4-H members, leaders, and parents not only

during the five days of the fair to make this stand work but before and after as well.

If anyone would like to join this terrific team, please let one of the committee members know or e-mail [momann@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:momann@baldwin-telecom.net) and we will contact you after the first of the year when we have our first planning meeting.

The 4-H Food Stand Committee:

Dean & Jodi Lingenfelter	Chris Franklin
Gary & Deb Stevens	Connie Shaffer
Alpha & Heather Greene	Barb Derosier
Dennis & Mari Omann	Tom Peterson
Carrie Paulson	Eileen VanDyk

### Indoor Winter Storage

The St. Croix County fairgrounds has indoor winter storage for motor homes, campers, boats, cars, and motorcycles. Storage will take place on Saturday, October 14 & 21 on a first come, first in basis. For more information, contact Ben DeGross at 715-977-0712 or 715-565-4382.

## Leader News

### Clover College Planning Committee Meeting

September 13 at 7:00pm  
Ag Services & Education Center

Your help is needed to plan the 2018 St. Croix County Clover College. Cloverbud youth currently make up 25% of the total St. Croix County 4-H enrollment. Our goal is to put on a day long, hands on workshop for them to learn about new projects and make new friends. Youth and adult help is welcome.

### Clover College Teachers Needed

Wanted Adults and Youth Leaders who want to teach a class at Clover College. Please email your class idea and description to Heather at: [heather.vierling@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:heather.vierling@co.saint-croix.wi.us).

## **Annual Leaders Association Meeting**

September 26 @ 7:00pm  
Agriculture and Education Center

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association holds annual meeting each year. During this meeting the group reviews and makes changes to County 4-H Policies, the Leaders Association By-Laws, and holds officer elections. Please join us for this meeting, your input is important. The Leader's Council Meeting will follow the Annual Leaders Association Meeting.

### **Leader's Council Meeting**

Sept 26 and  
October 17, 7 pm  
Ag Services & Education Center

All of the Leader's Council Meetings are open meetings. Anyone is invited to attend at any time. Agenda items are due 10 days before the meeting date. If you have any items to discuss with the council, please get your agenda items to Lori Deboer, [lordeb651@gmail.com](mailto:lordeb651@gmail.com). The agendas and minutes are posted on the St. Croix County UW-Extension 4-H Web Site under Leaders' Council.

You can attend meetings by using the audio conference. Just dial the following number: 1-866-244-1377 US Toll Free and then enter the following password: 5863291#.

### **4-H Leaders Association Vacant Board Positions**

September marks the start of the new 4-H year and the annual Leaders Association Meeting. At this meeting we will be electing new board members for the following positions:

- Vice President (3 year term)
- Secretary (1 year term)
- Adult Fair Board Representative (2 year term)

If you or anyone you might know would be interested in serving in these roles please contact Heather prior to the September 26 Leaders Association meeting.

### **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:

Oct. 5; 7:00pm	Oct. 17; 6:00pm
Oct. 28; 8:00am	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](mailto: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.

## **Volunteer Mandated Reporter Online Training Now Available**

We now have the online version of the Mandated Reporter Training available for volunteers. They can take this training by logging into 4HOnline and going to the training section. All currently enrolled volunteers are encouraged to take this training. It will be tracked in 4HOnline under trainings completed. You are encouraged to print a certificate off and keep it for your records.

### **4-H Leader Recognition Banquet Will NOT be held this year**

Each club will be receiving \$200.00 from the Leader's Council to be used toward their club banquets. Club packets with disks, plaques, certificates and fair checks will be available to pick up at the UW-Extension Office by October 2.

### **Award Nominations Due Individual Award Nominations Friend of 4-H and Club Award Nominations due Sept. 8**

Award information, nomination forms and applications were mailed to club organizational leaders in August.

#### **Individual awards/nominations include:**

- Record Book/Project Award Form
- Florence Jensen & Helen Holzer Awards
- Farm Bureau Boy & Girl
- Outstanding Livestock Member

The Friend of 4-H Award is presented to an individual or business that contributed greatly to the 4-H program is eligible for this award. Please be thinking about people who have helped your club or committee and would be deserving of such recognition. It's a nice plaque and they get a free meal at the Leaders' Recognition Banquet so turn in

your nominations by the deadline. The final selection is made by the 4-H Leaders' Council.

#### **4-H Club Awards are presented in:**

- Community Service
- Recreation
- Health/Safety/Environmental Ed

For these club awards, clubs are divided into three sizes; large, medium and small. The categories are determined by the size of the clubs that have submitted an application. A plaque and a certificate are presented in each category for each size. The application process is not difficult — it just takes a little time. You simply need to list your goals and plans for the year and then record the results. You may also include up to two pages for pictures, newspaper clippings and/or a summary.

## **4-H Charters**

2017-2018 4-H Charter season is upon us. All club and committee charters (please remember to include your bank statements / copy of check book register) are due to the UW-Extension office no later than **November 1**. Note that there is a new charter form this year so please **DO NOT USE THE OLD ONE**. Please contact the UW-Extension Office if you still need them.

## **4-H Club Scrapbook Entry**

The 4-H Leaders' Council provides cash prizes for the top three scrapbooks in the following amounts: 1st place = \$30.00, 2nd = \$25.00, 3rd \$20.00  
Here are the results:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ambassadors
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Roberts Ribbon Reapers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Rolling Hills

Thank you to the following clubs that participated: Ambassadors, Forest Timberwolves, Lone Pine, Riverside, Roberts Ribbon Reapers, Rolling Hills, and Sunnyside Shamrocks.



## **Recruiting New 4-H Families**

As you plan for your recruitment efforts, please remember with notice, we can provide you with many things to make your recruitment easier:

- St. Croix County 4-H brochure
- Join the Revolution bookmarks
- 4-H Banners to hang 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 benefits with adventure photos.

## **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.

## **Annual Leader Training - For Club and Committee Leaders**

**Saturday, October 28**

**9:30am-2:30pm**

**Ag Services & Education Center**

This training is mandatory for all 4-H club leaders and 4-H committee leaders to be in compliance with their 4-H charters. If you cannot attend, send someone (youth or adult) in your place. We will spend the day reviewing 4-H programming, brainstorming new ideas, and discussing solutions to problematic issues.

## **4-H Social Media Policies**

As more and more youth participate in social media networks, counties and clubs may consider expanding communications to that arena, as well. Facebook is one of the most popular social media platforms among youth, and a good way to connect with older 4-H members, volunteers and families who may not be engaged by traditional newsletters and email.

Many counties in Wisconsin are already using Facebook pages to post meeting dates, share agendas and notes, get quick feedback from older members, families and volunteers and promote events taking place in the county. Facebook can also be an excellent place to link to news articles about your county or club and post about the successes and achievements of groups and members in your county.

However Facebook (or other social media sites) should not be your only outlet for club or county 4-H information. Keep in mind that youth need to be at least 13 years old to create Facebook accounts, and some parents may not allow their children to access social networking sites. Also, many families around Wisconsin may not have the resources-computers, or consistent access to high-speed internet—necessary to use

Facebook frequently. Facebook should be used as a supplement to your current communication strategy.

If you're interested in creating a Facebook presence for your club or county, be sure to keep these safety and privacy guidelines in mind as you get started.

### ***Pages, Groups and Profiles:***

There are a few options for creating outreach sites on Facebook: profiles, groups and fan pages. Each form works well for communicating with older members, families and volunteers, but there are some key differences between them.

Administrators are encouraged to choose whichever option best fits their needs.

- Profiles
  - Created for an individual, not a group or organization.
  - Many counties around WI have created individual profiles for their 4-H programs. Creating these profiles means you don't have to include as much personal information about yourself.
  - Profiles can be used as the primary means of communication—you can “friend” members of your county or club programs.
    - When you “friend” 4-H members or volunteers, all of their activity will show up on your Facebook home page and you will be able to see all the information they include in their profiles. This is not necessarily a problem, but may give you access to more information than you're comfortable with.
  - Giving more than one person access to a profile requires sharing your email address and password.
  - Individual profiles, whether personal or “Chris Clover”, are required to create, update and monitor Facebook groups and fan pages.
- Groups
  - Groups are meant to act as a forum for people to keep up with and share news

about an organization or common interest.

- Default settings allow group members to post comments, photo and video to the group's page, but administrators can change settings to restrict the amount of access members have.
- One of the biggest downsides of creating a group is that members have to navigate to that page to see updates, whereas with fan pages the updates show up in each fan's Facebook home page.
- Groups have security levels: Private, Closed and Open. It is up to the administrators to decide which is appropriate for them.
  - Private groups: people request membership and are approved or denied by administrators; nonmembers cannot see any group content.
  - Closed groups: people must request membership, and administrators may approve or deny; group information is visible to nonmembers.
  - Open groups: people can join the group without permission; nonmembers can see all group content.
- Fan Pages
  - Fan pages can be created for communities, businesses, nonprofits, musicians and more.
  - Default settings allow fans to post comments, photos and video to the fan page, but administrators can change settings to restrict the amount of access members have.
  - Updates to a fan page show up in each fan's News Feed, on the Facebook home page.
  - Pages can have unlimited administrators without sharing emails or passwords, but each administrator must have a personal profile.

No matter which type of communication (page, profile or group), anything created under the name of Wisconsin 4-H Youth

Development must adhere to the 4-H name and emblem policies, which can be found here:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/resources/policies/symbols.cfm>.

It is also a good idea to include behavior guidelines on your page, including consequences for breaking them. Consulting with members and adult leaders to come up with behavior rules for the page (for example, no foul language, no bullying, do not tag members in photos without permission) sets up a system for self-monitoring and also educates users about appropriate use and online decision-making.

#### ***Administration:***

Every Facebook page must have an administrator, someone in charge of adding content, updating information and monitoring page activity. Administrators can be added or removed at any time. When creating a page for a club or county, keep these suggestions in mind:

- Choose administrators who will be reliable, update frequently and take the page seriously.
- Having more than one administrator can help share the responsibility and make the job of keeping the page updated a lot easier. Multiple administrators also reduce the risk that communications will be interpreted as inappropriate.
- Administrators are responsible for monitoring content—including photos, videos, and comments posted on the page's wall—and potentially deleting anything inappropriate. This means no nudity, profanity, references to drugs or alcohol, violence, or mean or derogatory comments.
- In order to create or update a Facebook page, administrators must first create personal profiles. Choose people who will be comfortable with linking their personal profiles to the page, and also who do not have any objectionable material on their profiles.

#### ***Information: How much is too much?***

Parents can sometimes be wary of allowing their children to create online profiles, and understandable so: posting personal information online increases your chances of being involved with a range of negative online behaviors, from identity theft to cyberbullying. But rather than keeping youth away from technology, 4-H Facebook pages can be used to teach responsible, cautious, courteous online behavior.

While it is up to users to decide what to include in personal profiles, there are some pieces of information that make you more vulnerable to online risks: full names, phone numbers, addresses, birthday (with year), instant messenger screen names and email addresses can be risky. But rather than staying away from social networking sites entirely, consider changing your profile's privacy settings so only trusted friends can see personal information, or don't fill in some of these fields.

Photos and videos:

- Only post photos or videos of youth and adults who have SIGNED PHOTO RELEASES.
- Don't include identifying information in captions
  - Do not include last names, ages, schools and locations
- Do not tag youth members in Facebook photos or videos
  - It is advisable to restrict users' ability to tag themselves and others in photos or videos.
- All photos and videos posted to Facebook must be clean and appropriate: no nudity, profanity, questionable hand signs, real or implied violence, drugs/alcohol or derogatory comments.
- It is recommended that you restrict users' ability to post photos and videos directly to your page and instead encourage people to send them to the page's administrator for approval.
  - The administrator can then choose



whether or not to post the photo or video (with credit for origin) to the page. When deciding whether to approve photos, keep in mind that any youth must have a signed release before his or her likeness can go up on the page.

#### **Comments:**

Facebook page users will be able to post items to the page's wall and comments in response to other posts. On occasion, "spam" comments will show up on a page; they should be deleted. Page administrators need to be prepared to delete offensive or inappropriate comments and posts when necessary. Sometimes a member may post an honest criticism, something that doesn't shine the best light on a program but is a real concern; while instinct may be to delete that comment, it can sometimes be helpful to post in response with information on what you are doing to address the issue.

Ultimately, the decision whether to delete or keep and respond to a comment is up to the administrator; do what is in the best interest of the program.

For more information on Facebook safety, visit [www.facebook.com/help/safety](http://www.facebook.com/help/safety).

Wisconsin 4-H can be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/wisconsin4h](http://www.facebook.com/wisconsin4h).

## ***Club Opportunities***

### **4-H Week**

**October 1-7, 2017**

More than 6 million young people across the country today will celebrate *National 4-H Week*, an annual celebration of 4-H during the first full week of October. During National 4-H Week, will showcase the great things that 4-H offers and highlights the incredible 4-H youth in the community who work each day to make a positive impact on the community. This is a great time to help St. Croix County recruit new 4-H members for the 2017-2018 year. It's also a great kick-off to the new 4-H year. Think of it as an opportunity to...

- Look at the projects you participate in, maybe it's time to try something new or challenge yourself in a favorite project.
- Tell someone about the great experiences available in 4-H; from learning about a project area, to meeting new friends, to taking trips across the country!
- Remember why you are committed to the 4-H program.
- Be a buddy or mentor to a new member or family, help them get acquainted with 4-H lingo, all the different opportunities, and navigate projects and the fair.
- Listen closely and be open to suggestions and conversations, there's always something to take away!
- Contribute to your club and county through participation in new events, giving input and ideas, and giving time and energy to improve St. Croix County 4-H.

### **National 4-H Week Window Display Contest**

**October 1-7, 2017**

**Entries due Sept 29**

National 4-H Week starts October 1. I hope your club will help promote 4-H by putting up a window display! Your club can pick any theme it would like for your display.

All displays need to be completed by October 1 and must remain up until October 7. Judging will be done during National 4-H Week. The Leaders' Council sponsors cash prizes for the top three places in the following amounts: 1st blue = \$25, 2nd blue = \$20 and 3rd blue = \$15.

If you would like to participate, call Melissa at 715-531-1930 or email at:

[melissa.heath@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:melissa.heath@co.saint-croix.wi.us). Let us know club participating with contact information and the theme of your display.

**Photo Judging:** Please send in a quality photo of your display window no later than October 1 to Heather at [heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu).

## Twelve Months of Giving

The Food Resource Collaborative of St. Croix County is inviting area 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. All contributions can be collected at your site all month and then dropped off at your local food pantry. If you have any questions about your local pantry, please call Katie Bartko at 715-531-1930.

**September & October:** "Paper Products". Donate paper towels, napkins, facial tissue, diapers and toilet paper. Financial contributions will be accepted. Make checks payable to **The Salvation Army**.

## Operation Christmas Child

There is still time for your 4-H Club to host their own mini-packing party for Operation Christmas Child! You can make a difference in the life of a child across the world! Thank You to the Clubs who have already packed or have set their fall dates for packing!

Thank You to those clubs and individuals who donated items in the BIG RED Donation Bin at the St. Croix County Fair. You have already made an impact on over 100 children, their friends and family. AWESOME JOB!!

If you would like to find out more information, please contact Megan Frye 715-441-6501 or [meganocc@gmail.com](mailto:meganocc@gmail.com). You can also check out our Facebook Group: Operation Christmas Child Western Wisconsin. This is a great service project that lets you make an impact in the World!

Mark your calendars for our Annual Ginormous Packing Party hosted at Roberts UCC (1001 Birch Drive, Roberts, WI) Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – Chili Cook-off/Potluck 11:30 & Packing starts at 12:15. ALL are WELCOME!!!

## Youth News/ Opportunities

### Premium Checks

Premium checks for the 2017 County Fair will be distributed through the club award packets in October. The award packets can be picked up at the UW-Extension Office.

Encourage your members to cash their checks as soon as possible. Remind members in your club that the checks will become void on December 31, 2017.

### Youth Leadership Opportunity

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association will be creating 2-3 new 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.

### 2018 4-H Trips Orientation Meeting

September 5 at 6:00pm  
Ag Services & Education Center

Want to meet new people and learn about new places? 4-H offers youth of all ages opportunities to learn and grow outside of St. Croix County. State, national and international travel options are available. At this orientation you will learn about all of the exciting opportunities available through the 4-H program, provide families with all of the details pertaining to travel, and help answer any questions. The 2018 4-H Trip Orientation will take place on Tuesday, September 5 at 6:00pm at the UW-Extension Office. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **M.E. Applications**

Changes have been made to the M.E. applications for the 2017-2018 4-H year. Please look for the new forms on the St. Croix County UW-Extension website.

### **Stem Club**

Starting September 9  
9-11:30am

Calling all 7th graders and up. Come join a monthly STEM Club, where we will explore and go in depth in a variety of STEM activities. This club will start meeting in September. Please sign up by September 5. Some possible topics: aerospace, robotics, making a computer game, and raft building. You may join for the year for \$50 or sign up month to month for \$10/month. See the flyer in newsletter for more information or email Beth & Joe Sippl at [bj.sippl@gmail.com](mailto:bj.sippl@gmail.com).

## **September Library Programs**

**Deer Park**– Sept. 7, 5:00pm (Lego Robotics)

**Hudson**– Sept. 12, 6:30pm (Lego Robotics – Advanced)

**Roberts**– Sept. 14, 4:30pm (Lego Robotics – Advanced)

**Glenwood City**– Sept. 18, 4:00pm (Lego Robotics)

**Woodville**– Sept. 25, 3:45pm (Lego Robotics)

**Baldwin**– Sept. 26, 3:45pm (Lego Robotics – Advanced)

**Hammond**– Sept. 28, 6:30pm (Lego Robotics – Advanced)

**Lego Robotics** - Are you interested in technology and robotics? Using the Lego Mindstorms youth will learn the basics of computer programming. Programming the robots and telling them what to do. Youth work in pairs to get their robots to complete tasks and mazes. This is a great start to learning about the unlimited possibilities that technology has to offer.

**Lego Robotics – Advanced** - You have learned the basics of computer programming. In this workshop youth will continue their knowledge of programming to advance the robots into doing specific jobs. Learn how to use all of the robots functions to complete a set list of tasks.

## **St. Croix County 4-H**

### **Ambassadors**

#### **Now Accepting Applications**

The St. Croix County Ambassador team is looking for its 2017-2018 team. The Ambassadors promote 4-H throughout the county elevating awareness of the program through our presence and community interactions. Have fun working with other 4-Hers across the county, making new friendships, while increasing the awareness of the 4-H program benefits.

#### **What is the Ambassador Commitment?**

The Ambassador team votes upon their participation at county events each year. Elevating 4-H in the county can include: local parades, rodeo, the fair, and other 4-H events.

**What if I can't make all the events?** With advance notification, the Ambassador team is flexible and understands that you can't always be present. It's not always possible!

#### **When are Ambassador Interviews?**

October 12, 2017 starting at 6:00pm at Hudson Bagel Co. in Hudson. First come, first serve basis. No appointments required. Further details after application is received.

#### **When are Applications Due?**

October 2, 2017. They can be found on the UW-Extension website or by emailing Carole Schurtz at [carole@dewittmedia.com](mailto:carole@dewittmedia.com) or Megan Miller at [megsmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:megsmiller@yahoo.com).

## 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.

There will not be a countywide officer training held this year, but all 4-H clubs can request an individual training for their officer teams with Heather. Please contact Heather to set up a date and time.

## Adult and Youth Leaders - Mark Your Calendars for Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration November 3-5, 2017 (registration 6pm Fri.) Green Lake Conference Center

Don't miss out on a great statewide workshop for youth and adult leaders!!! Each county is encouraged to send a delegation of youth and adults

- 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> grade youth
- Adult volunteer leaders
- Staff are invited and encouraged to attend as your schedule permits

**Cost: Registration Fee** (includes meals, breaks, facility fees and supplies)

- \$85 registration fee per person (Fri. – Sun.)
- \$75 registration fee per person (Sat. – Sun.)
- \$70 registration fee (Sat. lunch and dinner)
- \$50 registration fee (Sat. – lunch only)

### Lodging:

- Adults
  - \$45/night if there are two adults
  - \$75 – Single adult room
  - \$25/night with three or more adults per room
- Youth
  - \$25/night with three – four youth per room. Note: The room cost increases if

there is more than one person. This is why the room rates are not half of the single room rate.

The program kicks off Friday evening with over 15 interactive sessions. Saturday offers more than 20 workshops to choose from. Top off the night with a special celebration where up to 10 people will be inducted into the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. An evening of circle dancing and table games will follow the celebration. Plus an ice cream hospitality sponsored by Cedar Crest Ice Cream. Sunday morning brings a high energy program that you can use at the club or community level. All youth participants need to have a chaperon who has completed Youth Protection identified when they register.

### The top 10 reasons why youth and adult leaders will want to attend!

1. 15+ interactive sessions Friday night... science, Cloverbuds, games, yoga.....
2. 20+ sessions Saturday from science and service to leadership and team building
3. Hear how 4-H is making a difference!
4. Meet youth and adults from around the state!
5. See youth adult partnerships in action!
6. Network and share ideas!
7. Be part of Wisconsin's largest university youth outreach program!!
8. Get ideas and projects to take home to use in clubs, schools and community settings!
9. Have fun!
10. Celebrate Wisconsin 4-H and learn more about Growing 4-H in Wisconsin!

Ask your Extension Staff about registering today. Register through 4HOnline beginning early September. This program is partially funded by the WI 4-H Foundation. Registration will end Sept. 30.

## 4-H Softball Results

Congratulations to all the teams who played in the 4-H Softball program this year.

- Junior Division Champion: *Lone Pine/Harmony Hill*
- Junior Division Runner-Up: *Baldwin Wide Awake/Dry Run/Wildwood*
- Senior Division Champion: *Bellringers/Dry Run Go Getters/Lone Pine/Forest Timberwolves/Baldwin Wide Awake*

The regular season results were:

- Junior Division Champion: *Bellringers/Forest Timberwolves/Sunnyside Shamrocks*
- Senior Division Champion: *Bellringers/Dry Run Go Getters/Lone Pine/Forest Timberwolves/Baldwin Wide Awake*

Sportsmanship Awards were voted on by the softball participants and the clubs awarded are:

- Junior Division: *Rolling Hills*
- Senior Division: *Riverside*

## Photography

Another Fair has come and gone! We had four great judges for photography and lots of wonderful photos were entered! The judges were impressed with the way the 4-H members presented their photos and that each year they see improvement. Yay St Croix County!!

Congratulations to our Grand Champion Jacob Schurtz, our Reserved Grand Champion Lauren Thompson and our Honorable Mention Mackenzie Korent. They will be able to have their photos entered into the Wisconsin State Photography Competition! Very exciting for them and for all of us!! Thank you Jacob for sending your picture to Heather, at the 4-H office, and myself. Lauren and Mackenzie please make sure to email your

pictures to us as soon as possible! Thank you!!!

So what did you all think of the entries this year? Was it harder or easier to pick things out? I understand that there was some trouble in getting the correct numbers as far as colored versus the black & white/sepia entries. Make sure that you have that down for next year.

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. We had many show at the fair that did not attend a meeting (this was good) and we had quite a few that attended a meeting not show at the fair. 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. We have a couple of clubs with quite a few members in the project so this would be awesome. 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!!!

Have a wonderful beginning to both the school and 4-H year!!! Our email is [sccphotographyproject@gmail.com](mailto:sccphotographyproject@gmail.com) and the Facebook page is SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT (request to join and you will be accepted!).

Kay Jacobsen ~SCC Photography Leader

### **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. 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](mailto:bj.sippl@gmail.com)

## ***Animal Sciences***

### **DAIRY NEWS**

#### **National 4-H Dairy Conference**

**October 1  
UW-Madison**

Participants learn about production, processing, marketing and use of dairy products, and develop a broader understanding of careers available in dairy production, biotechnology, genetics, marketing and other selected areas. For more information, once available: <http://www.uwex.edu/CES/4h/events/dairyconf/index.cfm>.

### **HORSE NEWS**

Wow what a great fair! The kids did fantastic at our 5 horse shows over the course of 3 days. It is so fun to see how everyone grows and improves as the clinics and into the fair. This was a great year for the horse project and we could not have done it without our great parent volunteers. Our parents logged over 900 volunteer hours, this started back in February with our Tack swap and continued on through the fair. We are working hard to prepare 6 kids for the State Gymkhana Show and 4 kids for the State Horse Expo. We had 12 kids attend the district gymkhana show this past weekend and from what we have heard they went above and beyond. Our Jr. Leaders volunteered as ring crew, there were many top 10's and even 1 highpoint award. We are most proud of Tyler Mentink for being awarded the Sportsmanship award. Tricia Kwak said it best when she said "District Gymkhana always brings out the best kids!" This does not only mean the great rides, but how they support each other. This is behavior we see over and over during our clinics, camps and at our own St. Croix County fair.

Along with our 4 major fundraisers, our volunteers also helped with 22 clinics 1 overnight camp and 1 day camp. We also added Horse Bowl and Hippology this year and took 3 teams to state where they placed in the top 10. We also have two Members Alex Kwak and Mae Buttles heading to Nationals this fall with their team demonstration on foaling. It is a great time to be part of the St. Croix County youth horse Project. We will be celebrating everyone's accomplishments Monday Sept. 18th at our year-end banquet.

We are looking forward to riding in the fall and starting the planning process for a fantastic 2018. All horse members and their parents are invited to attend our upcoming meetings, we will have some spots to fill on the Horse Committee, both youth and adult.

## **Horse Committee Meetings**

Sept. 11th - Banquet planning  
Oct. 2nd - Annual election of officers both adult and youth. These meetings will take place at Ag Services & Education Center in Baldwin. Join us at 7:00pm!

Happy Trails! Tyler Mentink, Harly Lentz, Kenna Smith (Youth Officers)  
Bob Frame, Dave Smith, Bridget Lentz, Sarah Erickson (Adult officers)

## **LIVESTOCK NEWS**

### **Save the Date**

#### **Livestock Spaghetti Supper**

The Livestock Committee will be hosting their annual spaghetti supper fundraiser sometime in November. Please watch for more details in Weekly Blast and in the November Communicator.

#### **Livestock Committee Meeting**

September 12 and October 10

7:30 pm

Ag Services & Education Center,  
Baldwin

All of the Livestock Committee meetings are open meetings. You are welcome to attend anytime. Please email Jeff Lorentz at [windypine1999@gmail.com](mailto:windypine1999@gmail.com) to get items on the agenda no later than 10 days prior to the meeting.

NEW members wanted: If you would like more information about joining Livestock Committee please email [stcroixlivestock@yahoo.com](mailto:stcroixlivestock@yahoo.com) or join us at the September meeting!

## **Outstanding Livestock and Outstanding Breeding Stock Member**

**Due September 8**

Once again, the Livestock Committee would like to recognize one older livestock and breeding stock project member for all of your hard work. If you would like to nominate yourself for either of these awards, and are 14 years old or older, please fill out the application by September 8. The application can be found online at: <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications> under Forms & Applications and then the Fall Awards category or one can be obtained from the UW Extension Office.

Please submit your completed application and letter of recommendation postmarked or emailed to Melissa Heath at [melissa.heath@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:melissa.heath@co.saint-croix.wi.us) or 1960 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Baldwin, WI 54002 no later than September 8.

## **POULTRY NEWS**

### **West Central WI Club Fall Show**

September 16; 6am

Wheaton Park & Fire Station, Elk  
Mound

**Entries Due: September 14**

This is an open show for pigeons and doves only this year. Admission fee is \$2 per car.

For more information, contact Larry LaGesse: [larshercozyacres@yahoo.com](mailto:larshercozyacres@yahoo.com).

# ***Fairplex***

## **Oktoberfest Fun**

**October 14; 5-7pm**

**Gibby's Lanes, New Richmond**

The Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds in cooperation with Prism Plastics and Gibby's Lanes & Banquet Facility in New Richmond are hosting an Oktoberfest Celebration. This wonderful fall oriented event will include German Style Foods, a Polka band and of course Hammer-Schlagen. Tickets cost \$30 with the proceeds going to The Friends of the Fairgrounds to help us continue to improve the St. Croix County Fairgrounds for our children and future generations. We hope you can join us for an evening of fun.

Tickets are available at the following locations in St. Croix County: WESTconsin Credit Union - Baldwin, New Richmond and Hudson branches; Gibby's Lanes & Banquet Facility - New Richmond; First National Community Bank; Prism Plastics - New Richmond; and Bernard's - RAM • Chrysler • Dodge • Jeep - New Richmond. Tickets will also be available the day of the event at the door.

## **2017 Raffle**

The 2017 Renovations for the Generations Raffle was another great success – a big thank you to all who participated! Total income was \$10,500 with an estimated net income of approximately \$6,000 after paying all expenses including club shares.

A total of 16 4-H clubs sold \$5,200 worth of tickets – a big thank you to all of you! The 4-H Ambassadors led the pack with total sales of \$755. The top 3 selling organizations in order were Ambassadors, Dry Run Go Getters and Rolling Hills 4-H Clubs. Based on sales/club member, Ambassadors, Hudson Lucky Horseshoes, Dry Run Go Getters and Trailblazers led the pack (1, 2, 3, respectively – 2-way tie for

#3). The four top selling reps in order were Erin McMichael, Abbie Weller, Jacob Schurtz & Kyle Alexander.

We are processing the club shares and which along with the Walmart Cards will be either mailed or presented in the next 60 days.

A major part of making the Raffle a success is the continued support of our sponsors.

Gold: Bernards Chrysler Dodge Jeep

Silver: Tribune Press Reporter, Frontier Ag & Turf & Gibby's Lanes

Bronze: Berquam State Farm Agency & Boldt's Plumbing & Heating

Ticket: A total of 16 area businesses – see our web page for details

Please take the time to thank these businesses for their continuous support – they are truly making a difference to our Fair Community!

## **Renovations for the Generations Fundraising Update**

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of many, we are closing in on fully funding Horse Barn #1!! Our short term priorities going forward are: 1. a stretch goal of fully funding the Horse Barn in 2018 – looking very likely & 2. with the Horse Barn note retired, helping to drive the fundraising necessary to launch construction of the Livestock Barn. Regarding Horse Barn #1, the total cost including site preparation was ~ \$180,000. With funds raised to date, we need to raise an additional~ \$50,000 to fully retire the note. Thanks to the efforts of the Livestock Committee, several thousand dollars have already been raised towards the Livestock Barn providing a great start towards this project!

We already are on track to a very successful fund raising year with the joint efforts of the Horse & Dairy Committees and the Friends closing in on \$40,000 with a stretch goal of raising \$50,000. Additionally we have

commitments totaling several thousand dollars plus several very promising leads.

How can you & your club help?

- Come to Oktoberfest
- Support the Fall Commodity Drive  
Since inception fall of 2010, St. Croix County Ag Producers have donated over \$80,000 in commodities (corn, soybeans, cull cows & scrap)
- Volunteer matches from corporations:  
Volunteers should check with their employers. Many companies have volunteer match programs. 3M, for example, will grant \$250 to qualified organizations in return for 20 hours (active employee) 25 hours (retiree) of volunteer work. Allina Health and Walmart also have volunteer match programs. Please let us know if your company offers volunteer matches.
- United Way: Designating Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds to receive your 2018 United Way Pledge. To date designated pledges to United Way have totaled over \$6,000.

Questions or suggestions: Contact Chris Libbey at (651) 247-0395.



Earn 2018 WSCA  
Points  
Warm-up for 2017  
Champ Show

## 2017 St. Croix County Youth Horse Project Fundraising Horse Show

**Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**St. Croix County Fairgrounds – 210 Fairgrounds Road - Glenwood City WI**

**Show Times 8AM – WSCA Rules do apply**

**WSCA Judge: Tammy Dahlby**

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| 1. Egg & Spoon – 17 & under                               | 22. Pee Wee Barrels   |
| 2. Egg & Spoon – 18 & over                                | 23. Jr. Barrels   |
| 3. Pony Pole Weaving – 10 and under                       | 24. Int. Barrels  |
| 4. Pee Wee Pole Weaving                                   | 25. Sr. Barrels   |
| 5. Jr. Pole Weaving                                       | 26. Sr. + Barrels   |
| 6. Int. Pole Weaving                                      | <b>27. 4D Jack Pot Barrels - \$10 ( ½ ½ 1 second split)</b> |
| 7. Sr. Pole Weaving                                       | 28. Four-in-Line Barrels                                    |
| 8. Sr. + Pole Weaving                                     | 29. Pee Wee Jumping Figure 8                                |
| <b>9. 2D Jackpot Pole Weaving - \$10 (1 second split)</b> | 30. Jr. Jumping Figure 8                                    |
| 10. Pony Key Race 10 & Under                              | 31. Int. Jumping Figure 8                                   |
| 11. Pee Wee Key Race                                      | 32. Sr. Jumping Figure 8                                    |
| 12. Jr. Key Race  | 33. Sr. + Jumping Figure 8                                  |
| 13. Int. Key Race   | <b>Side Pot Jumping figure 8 - \$5</b>                      |
| 14. Sr. Key Race  | 34. Pee Wee Speed Dash                                      |
| 15. Sr. + Key Race  | 35. Jr. Speed Dash  |
| 16. Pee Wee One Barrel Pennant                            | 36. Int. Speed Dash   |
| 17. Jr. One Barrel Pennant                                | 37. Sr. Speed Dash  |
| 18. Int. One Barrel Pennant                               | 38. Sr + Speed Dash   |
| 19. Sr. One Barrel Pennant                                | 39. Open Ribbon Race  |
| 20. Sr. + One Barrel Pennant                              | 40. Open Rescue Race  |
| 21. Pony Barrels – 10 and under                           |   |

**Office Charge \$5.00 per Horse**

Except team events or Jackpot/Side pot classes.

**NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST REQUIRED.**

**Entry Fee \$3.00 per class,**

Water & Food Stand on Grounds

Contact: 651-303-4682

High Point Awards (PW JR INT SR SR+)

Pony classes - count toward peewee highpoint.

Rescue Race – count toward highpoint if you jump or ride on your own horse

Games Age Groups: **Pony 54" & under\***/Rider 10 & under – Pee Wee 10 & under – Jr. 11 to 13 – Int. 14 to 17 – Sr. 18 - 34 - Sr+ 35 & Over **\*We have the option to measure ponies**

This is a fundraising show, we will have ribbons 1 – 6 they will be modest and leftovers from previous shows

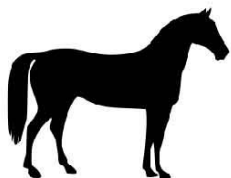
**NO ALCOHOL or DOGS BROUGHT ONTO GROUNDS** per Insurance Policy

This is a Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds Event.





# WANTED



## **St. Croix County Youth Horse Project Members & Families**

Come join us for the year end banquet to celebrate  
another successful year in the horse project!

**When: Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

6 pm social hour & 6:30 pm dinner

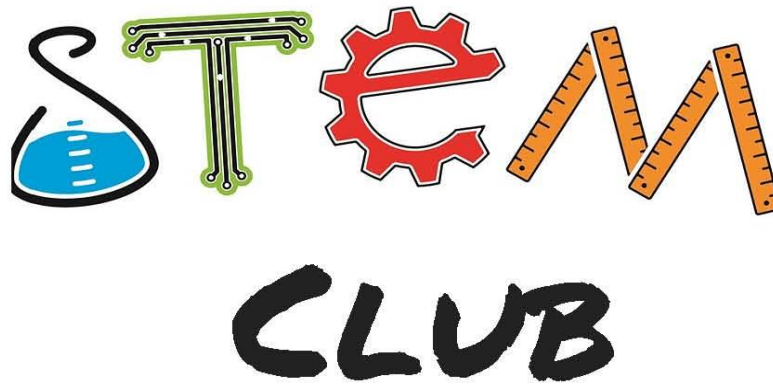
**Where: Somerset American Legion**

464 Cty Rd. VV Somerset, WI 54025

**What to bring: A dish to pass and your family.**

Lemonade, water, and paper products provided.

If you have anyone that you would like to see recognized at the  
banquet (sportsmanship, leadership, go-getter, most improved  
etc. –be creative) please contact Becky Olson at  
[bolson@somerset.k12.wi.us](mailto:bolson@somerset.k12.wi.us) or 612-590-5371.



Come and explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in fun, engaging hands-on projects and field trips.  
Examples of topics: robotics, aerospace, projectiles, and bridge building. (monthly topics on the back)

**Who:** Girls & Boys in 7th grade and up

**When:** 2nd Saturday of the month  
(Meets September-May)

**Where:** Extension Office  
1960 8th Ave, Baldwin, WI

**Time:** 9-11:30 am

**Cost:** \$50 for the year

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** St. Croix Adult Leaders **Mail to:** UWEX Office, 1960 8th Ave Suite 140, Baldwin, WI 54002

## **2017-2018 STEM Topics**

\*Schedule may change

September- Geocaching

October - Technology & Nature

November - Drones

December - Engineering for Eathquakes

January - Robotics

February - 3D Printing

March - Wind Energy

April - Rocketry

May - Rocketry

## 2016-2017 Sign-up Form for St. Croix County 4-H Committees

Adult leaders, youth leaders, 4-H members, parents and other adults are needed for committees! Sign up for the committees of your choice. Most committees meet 2-3 times a year to complete their work. Meeting locations vary depending on the committee.

All Committees are seeking volunteers. If you are currently serving on a 4-H committee and intend to remain on the committee for another year, or if you are new to a committee, it is important to complete a committee sign-up form so that our information remains updated. If you are currently serving on a committee and want your name removed from the list, please note that on the sign-up form on the back.

Sign-up Instructions: (Form on back)

1. Check the committees that you want to serve on.
2. Put your name on the portion as requested.
3. Mail or return to the Extension office on or before October 15.

To help you in the selection of your committees here is a brief description of what the committees are responsible for.

**4-H Golf Classic** - Work with a group of volunteers covering 6 counties who put together an annual 4-H golf tournament held in June in River Falls. Activities will include planning the event, looking for sponsorships, and working with youth leaders. For more information, contact Heather Vierling, 715-531-1930.

**Annual Leader's Banquet** will organize the end of the year Leader's Banquet to recognize our leaders and members. For more information, contact Heather Vierling, 715-531-1930.

**Cat Committee** will organize the Cat Fun Show as well as the cat show at the fair.

**Clothing Committee** meets to plan the Clothing Revue. For more information, contact Eileen Van Dyk at 715-246-5057 or Char Croes at 715-269-5201.

**Clover College Committee** will meet to plan one to two Clover College Events. For more information, contact DeAnn Hammer at 715-531-0214.

**Clover University Committee** will meet to plan one or two Clover University events. For more information, contact Heather Vierling, 715-531-1930

**Dairy Committee** will meet three times a year to plan workshops in fitting and showing, Dairy Judging & coordinate the State Fair Dairy exhibitors. For more information, contact Randy Peterson, 715-698-2299 or Todd Doornink, 715-684-2461.

**Dog Committee** will provide countywide dog obedience training for 10 weeks starting in May. The committee will organize the 4-H Fun Dog Show. For more information, contact Anne Wilbur, 715-246-2659.

**Fair Building Display Committee** will meet to help set up displays and determine improvements for future years. Contact Phyllis Ness at 715-263-2449 or DeAnn Hammer at 715-531-0214 for questions.

**Fair Food Stand Committee** will organize the Food Stand for the county fair. For more information, contact Mari Omann at 715-684-3558.

**Foods & Nutrition Committee** will meet twice a year to plan the Foods Fair. For more information, contact Beth Sippl at 715-338-1159 or Janet Feyereisen at 715-796-5652.

**Horse Committee** meets monthly to plan educational workshops. For more information, contact Deland Richter, 715-246-6330.

**Livestock Committee** meets monthly to plan educational workshops in beef, sheep, swine and meat goats. The committee will organize the Livestock Auction at the fair and conduct the Carcass Evaluation. For more information, contact Scott Melander, 612-412-5433.

**Mini Talent Explosion Committee** will meet twice in December to February to plan Mini Talent Explosion. For more information, contact Beth Sippl at 715-338-1159 or Janet Feyereisen at 715-796-5652.

**Photography Committee** organizes workshops. For more information, contact Kay Jacobsen, 715-643-2128.

**Poultry Committee** will organize poultry animal workshops. For more information, contact Bonnie Walters, 715-772-3344.

**Rabbit Committee** will organize rabbit and small animal workshops. For more information, contact Kayla Dimler, 715-749-3715.

**Shooting Sports Committee** will meet a couple of times to plan the program and then regularly hold practice shoots over the summer. For more information, contact Dave Smith, 715-684-2966 or Dan/Megan Frye, 715-688-6779

**Softball Committee** will meet twice in the spring to review rules, coordinate game schedule and run the coaches meeting. For more information, contact Dennis Mitchell, 715-265-5514.

**WI Tour** Help plan a 2-3 day trip for youth 5-8 grade. Each year the committee will choose a different area of Wisconsin to explore. Assist with planning, chaperoning, and facilitating. For more information, contact Heather Vierling, 715-531-1930.

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### St. Croix County 4-H Committee Sign Up Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Check the Committees you want to serve on this year: (If you want to serve as a Key Resource Leader, please indicate the area of leadership)

<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Golf Classic	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography
<input type="checkbox"/> Ann. Leader's Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Building Display	<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry
<input type="checkbox"/> Cat	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Food Stand	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit
<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/> Foods & Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting Sports
<input type="checkbox"/> Clover College	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse	<input type="checkbox"/> Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> Clover University	<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> WI Tour
<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy	<input type="checkbox"/> Mini Talent Explosion	

Return by: October 17  
Return to: Heather Vierling, 4-H Youth Development Agent



**4HONLINE****Re-Enroll Members/Leaders**

Created: July 15, 2014

**OVERVIEW**

This document explains the process of a family re-enrolling members and leaders in 4HOnline.

**GETTING STARTED**

To get started with the re-enrollment process, log into 4HOnline with your family email and password.

On the family home screen, click on the orange button labeled **Continue to Family**.

On your Member/Volunteer list, find the family member you wish to re-enroll and click on **Edit** next to their name.

**RE-ENROLL**

At the bottom of the next screen, click on the button for **Enroll for 2014-2015**.

You will now see the Personal Information that you entered when you first enrolled. Look over the information and make any corrections. When you are done, click on **Continue**.

Next is the Additional Information screen when you will need to accept the agreements and answer the Photo Release and Accommodations questions. Click **Continue** when done.

The Health Form for members is optional at enrollment, but you could be asked to complete it in the future if you attend any events that require one. Click **Continue** when done.

If you are an adult volunteer and see the Volunteer Screening page, then it has been 4 years since the last time a background check has been completed. You need to check over the answers to the questions and correct as needed. This page will only appear every 4 years. Click **Continue** when done.

On the Participation -> Club screen, confirm the correct club is listed. If you serve in a volunteer role (but not as a project leader) click on **Edit** and select the volunteer type. Click on **Update** to save the change. Click on **Continue** when done.

On the Participation -> Projects screen, confirm all the projects you are enrolled in are listed. Add any missing projects. If you are dropping a project, click on **Edit** for that project and then click on **Delete**. After making sure all your projects are listed correctly, click on **Submit Enrollment**.

## Enrolling in 4HOnline as a NEW family

Family profile and member information should be entered by a parent/guardian unless the member enrolling is 18 years or older.

Your [county Extension office](#) staff can help you find a club, get the forms you need, and begin the enrollment process in 4HOnline.

To enroll in Wisconsin 4HOnline, you need a computer, internet access, a valid e-mail address and a web browser.

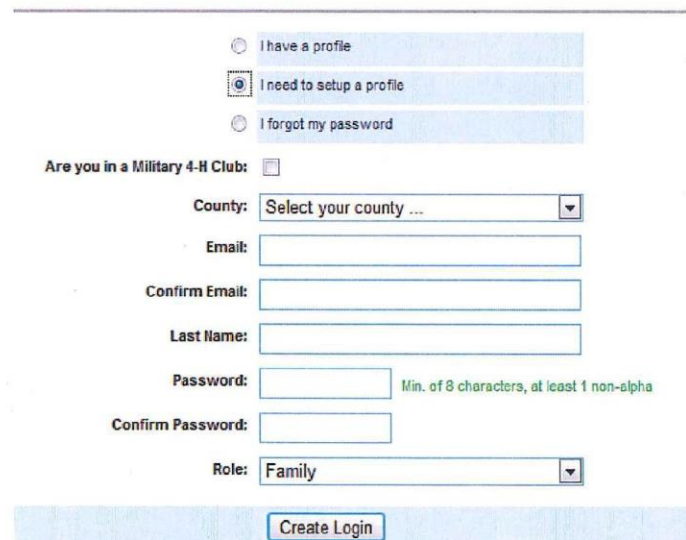
Go to <http://wi.4honline.com> (notice there's no "www" in that address). After carefully reading the instructions at the top of the page, you are ready to begin entering your family information.

**Note:** To move between boxes, you need to use your mouse or the TAB key. Don't press the ENTER key or click on the BACK ARROW – you will lose any information that you have entered. Information on each page is saved when you click on the "Continue" button.

1. Click "I need to set up a profile". A drop down menu will appear. Select the county you want to join, then type in your **valid** family e-mail address.

**The E-mail address entered will be the account login for the entire family.** It must be valid in order for you to have access to your enrollment information.

2. Confirm your e-mail address
3. Type in your parent/guardian/household's last name. (This will be the name that appears on mailing labels—"The Johnson Family" for example.)
4. Create your password – must include letters and numbers/symbols with a minimum of 8 characters.
5. Click on "Create Login"



The screenshot shows the enrollment form with the following fields and options:

- Three radio buttons at the top: "I have a profile", "I need to setup a profile" (which is selected), and "I forgot my password".
- A checkbox labeled "Are you in a Military 4-H Club:" which is unchecked.
- A "County:" dropdown menu with the text "Select your county ...".
- An "Email:" text input field.
- A "Confirm Email:" text input field.
- A "Last Name:" text input field.
- A "Password:" text input field with a green note: "Min. of 8 characters, at least 1 non-alpha".
- A "Confirm Password:" text input field.
- A "Role:" dropdown menu with "Family" selected.
- A blue "Create Login" button at the bottom.

## Family Information Page

1. Fill in all your personal information correctly and completely to create your family profile. Make sure that you choose your correspondence preference for either "Mail" or "Email".
2. Do not check the "Update member records with the same address" box at this time.
3. Click on the "Continue" button at the bottom of the page.

**Note:** The Password Management section is only used when you want to set a new password. You do not need to enter anything there at this time.

### Family Information

**Profile Information**

Email	<input type="text" value="sally.smith@nomail.com"/>	<input type="text" value="joe@gmail.com"/>
Last Name	<input type="text" value="Smith"/>	
Mailing Address	<input type="text" value="123 Washington Ave."/>	
City	<input type="text" value="Madison"/>	
State	<input type="text" value="Wisconsin"/>	
Zip Code	<input type="text" value="53715"/>	<input type="text" value="12345"/>
Primary Phone	<input type="text" value="608-555-2222"/>	<input type="text" value="555-555-1234"/>
Correspondence Preference	<input type="text" value="Email"/>	
4-H County	<input type="text" value="Z-test"/>	

Update member records with the same address ☐

**Password Management**

Current Password:	<input type="text"/>	
New Password:	<input type="text"/>	
Confirm New Password:	<input type="text"/>	

## Member List Page

1. You are now at the "Member List" page. In the drop down box under "Add a New Family Member", select "youth" and click on "Add Member".

**Smith Family** [Edit Family](#)

123 Washington Ave.

Madison, WI 53715

sally.smith@nomail.com

Support Staff County [\[contact info\]](#)

**Add A New Family Member**

select a member type...  
select a member type...  
Adult  
Youth

**Note:** The event registration section on this page is not available for use at this time.

YOU CAN NOT REGISTER FOR AN EVENT UNTIL YOUR ENROLLMENT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND YOUR STATUS IS SET TO ACTIVE  
If your enrollment status is "Inactive" or "Incomplete", click the "Edit" button to review and submit your record for approval

Member/Volunteer List					
Name	Role	Membership ID	Enrollment Status	Last Active Year	Edit
<p>Register A Member In An Event - Only Members with an 'Active' Enrollment Status May Register</p> <p>Member: <input type="text" value="select a member..."/></p> <p>Event: <input type="text"/></p>					



## Youth Personal Information Page

Fill in all information for this member correctly and completely.


1. If he/she has a different e-mail address than the family one entered at login, enter it in the top box.
2. Enter his/her legal name.
3. For the "Years in 4-H", enter "1" if this is the first year. Otherwise, enter the number that reflects your experience. For example, if this is the beginning of your fifth year in 4-H, enter 5.
4. If there are parents/guardians that live in a different residence, enter their mailing information under Secondary Household.
5. Is the member a youth leader, junior leader volunteer? Select "yes" or "no".
6. Ethnicity – If you consider your child to be a part of the Hispanic culture, mark "yes". Then check one or more of the boxes pertaining to race.
7. Choose your residence.
8. Complete the Military Service of Family section only if it applies.
9. School Information – choose your county from the drop down menu first, then select your child's school. If your school is not listed, click on "If you are unable to locate your school..." and enter the school name and type.
10. Select your child's current grade in school.
11. Click on the "continue" button at the bottom.

### Youth Personal Information

**Please note:**  
Information on this page should be as specific to the individual as possible and where applicable (including email address and cell phone number). Otherwise, the parent's information is requested.  
For assistance with 4HOnline or the enrollment process, please contact your local extension staff, [www.uwex.edu/bs/cty](http://www.uwex.edu/bs/cty)

#### Profile Information

Email	<input type="text" value="sally.smith@gmail.com"/>	<input type="text" value="joe@gmail.com"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>	
Middle Name	<input type="text"/>	
Last Name	<input type="text" value="Smith"/>	
Preferred Name	<input type="text"/>	
Mailing Address	<input type="text" value="123 Washington Ave."/>	
City	<input type="text" value="Madison"/>	
State	<input type="text" value="Wisconsin"/>	
Zip Code	<input type="text" value="53715"/>	<input type="text" value="12345"/>
Birth Date	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="mm/dd/yyyy"/>
Gender	<input type="text" value="Female"/>	
Primary Phone	<input type="text" value="555-555-1234"/>	
Correspondence Preference	<input type="text" value="Mail"/>	
Cell Phone	<input type="text" value="555-555-1234"/>	
I wish to receive notices via text message <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Select your provider...		
Years in 4-H	<input type="text" value="1"/>	
Parent 1 First Name	<input type="text"/>	
Parent 1 Last Name	<input type="text"/>	



**Note:** Bolded items are required to continue to the next screen. Missed items will be highlighted in pink to help you identify any missing information.

## Additional Information Page

Please read each statement on this page carefully. Completion of each of the agreements is required for participation in the program. It is important to understand that checking the boxes to agree is considered your e-signature and it has the same legal force and effect as your hand-written signature. Questions pertaining to the agreements below can be addressed by contacting your county 4-H Youth Development Educator. A link to their contact information can be found at [www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv).

Complete the five following authorizations:

- Assumption of Risks
- Hold Harmless, Indemnity and Release
- Consent for Emergency Treatment
- Code of Conduct
- Photo Release

After completing each of the five authorizations, click on the "continue" button.

**Note:** The "continue" button will take you to an optional health form. It is not required at the time you are enrolling, but will be required to participate in certain events and activities. After you have completed the form once, the information will be retained. You can return to 4HOnline to update information that may have changed since the last time it was completed. Scroll down and click on the "continue" button if you do not want to fill it out at this time.

This is the Clubs/Projects/Groups page, where you will select a 4-H club and projects for the current 4-H year.

On the Clubs tab:

1. Select the correct club from the drop down menu and click on it.
2. Be sure to click "Add Club".
3. Click the "Continue" button.

### Additional Information

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM BEING ASKED TO READ EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS CAREFULLY. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I WISH TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE TERMS CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT, I MAY CONTACT MY ENROLLED COUNTY'S 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR OF THE UW-EXTENSION. CONTACT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT [www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv).

IF YOUR SON, DAUGHTER OR WARD WILL BE UNDER 18 WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE ENROLLED COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EXTENSION IT IS OUR POLICY TO REQUEST YOUR AGREEMENT TO THE ABOVE TERMS, ON BEHALF OF YOUR MINOR SON, DAUGHTER OR WARD. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY E-SIGNATURE SHALL HAVE THE SAME LEGAL FORCE AND EFFECT AS MY HAND-WRITTEN SIGNATURE ON EACH AGREEMENT BELOW.

THE COUNTY I SELECTED WHILE SETTING UP MY PROFILE IS MY ENROLLED COUNTY:

For assistance with 4HOnline or the enrollment process, please contact your local extension staff: [www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv)

#### 1. Assumption of Risks

I understand that not all risks can be foreseen and there are some risks which are unpredictable. I understand there are certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. I am aware of the risks of participation, which include, but are not limited to, the possibility of physical injury, fatigue, bruises, contusions, broken bones, concussion, paralysis, and even death. I understand that the county and university have advised me to seek the advice of my physician before participating in my enrolled county's 4-H Youth Development program. I understand that I have been advised to have health and accident insurance in effect and that no such coverage is provided for me by my enrolled county's UW Extension, 4-H leaders association, or the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System. I know, understand, and appreciate the risks that are inherent in the above-listed programs and activities. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above. ☐ **REQUIRED**

#### 2. Hold Harmless, Indemnity and Release

In consideration of my participation in these activities, I, for myself, spouse, heirs, personal representatives, estate or assigns, agree to defend, hold harmless, indemnify and release, my enrolled county's UW Extension, 4-H leaders association, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and their officers, employees, agents and volunteers who are involved, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of any sort on account of damage to personal property, or personal injury, or death which may result from my participation in the above-listed program. This release includes claims based on the negligence of my enrolled county's UW Extension, 4-H leaders association, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and their officers, employees, agents and volunteers, but expressly does not include claims based on their intentional misconduct or gross negligence. I understand that by agreeing to this clause I am releasing claims and giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.

### Clubs/Projects/Groups

**IMPORTANT!! - please read this BEFORE deleting a Club:**

When deleting a club, all Project enrollments associated with that Club will also be deleted. If you are unsure of how this will affect you, click on the "Projects" tab and take note of your Projects and which Club they are associated with. If you desire, for example, to switch Clubs, it would be advisable to first add the new Club, then add the desired Projects using the existing enrollment as reference. Once all your desired Projects are in place with the new Club (you'll see your Projects listed twice in the Projects listing) then go and delete the original Club.

For assistance with 4HOnline or the enrollment process, please contact your local extension staff: [www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv)

Select a minimum of 1 club(s) and a maximum of 8 club(s)

**Add a Club**

Select a Club:

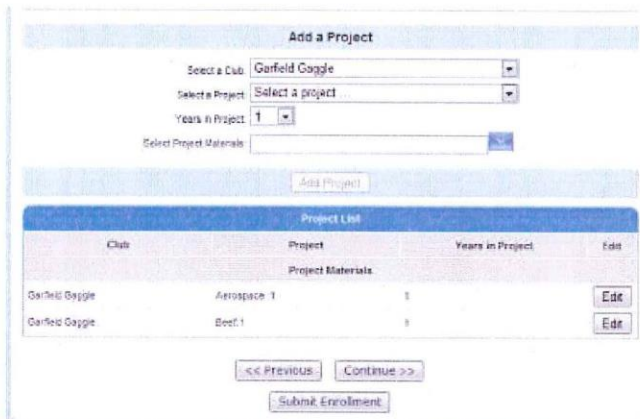
Primary	Club	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garfield Saddle	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

<< Previous    Continue >>



### On the Projects tab:

1. Under "Select a Project" click on the drop down menu and select the first project for this youth.
2. "Years in Project" – must have 1 for 1<sup>st</sup> year members. For returning members, enter the number that reflects your experience. For example, if this is the beginning of your second year in the project enter 2.
3. Click on "Add Project".
4. For each additional project that you want to add, repeat the steps above.



Club	Project	Years in Project	Edit
Garfield Goggle	Aerospace 1	1	Edit
Garfield Goggle	Beef 1	1	Edit

After you have entered all your project(s), click on "Submit Enrollment" and you are done!

### Entering Additional Youth or Adult Leaders in Your Family

If there is another youth (or an adult leader) in your family enrolling in 4-H, repeat this process for them. There is an option to "copy parent information from another youth record". Using that option will shorten the process for entering additional youth.

### Enrollment Approval

After your enrollment has been submitted, it is sent to your club leader and county UW-Extension office to be approved. If there are any problems with your enrollment, such as incorrect or missing information, you will get an e-mail asking you to complete the missing information and resubmit the enrollment. If there are no problems, you will receive an e-mail stating that your enrollment has been accepted. E-mails related to your enrollment will be sent to your family e-mail address. If you do not receive an e-mail from 4HOnline in your inbox, please check your junk mail folder.

### Use 4HOnline Throughout the Year

Keep your login (family email address) and password handy so that you can log in to the program and update your records whenever you need to. You will have access to your online record throughout the year to update personal information, look up your family members' enrollment in clubs, projects and leadership roles, read newsletters, receive announcements about 4-H activities and more.

# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	5 <b>6pm</b> – Trip Meeting (Ag Center)	6	7 <b>5pm</b> – Library Program (Deer Park)	8 <b>Due</b> – Award Nominations	9 <b>9am</b> – STEM Club - Geocaching (Ag Center)
10	11 <b>7pm</b> – Horse Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	12 <b>6:30pm</b> – Library Program (Hudson) <b>7:30pm</b> – Livestock Mtg. (Ag Center)	13 <b>7pm</b> – Clover College Planning Meeting (Ag Center)	14 <b>Due</b> – West Central WI Club Fall Show <b>4:30pm</b> – Library Program (Roberts)	15	16 <b>6am</b> – West Central WI Club Fall Show (Elk Mound)
17	18 <b>4pm</b> – Library Program (Glenwood City)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <b>3:45pm</b> – Library Program (Woodville)	26 <b>3:45pm</b> – Library Program (Baldwin) <b>7pm</b> – Annual Leader's Meeting (Ag Center)	27	28 <b>6:30pm</b> – Library Program (Hammond)	29	30

# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 National 4-H Dairy Conference (Madison)	2 <b>Due</b> – Ambassador Applications <b>7pm</b> – Horse Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	3	4	5 <b>7pm</b> – VIP Leader Training (Ag Center)	6	7
<div> <div></div> <div>National 4-H Week -- October 1-7 -- Window Displays Up</div> <div></div> </div>						
8	9	10 <b>7:30pm</b> – Livestock Mtg. (Ag Center)	11	12 <b>6pm</b> – Ambassador Interviews (Hudson)	13	14 <b>9am</b> – STEM Club – Technology & Nature (Ag Center) <b>5pm</b> – Oktoberfest (Gibby's New Richmond)
15	16	17 <b>6pm</b> – VIP Leader Training (Ag Center) <b>7pm</b> – Leader's Council Mtg. (Ag Center)	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>8am</b> – VIP Leader Training <b>9:30am</b> – Annual Leader Training (Both at Ag Center)
29	30	31	Nov. 1 <b>CHARTERS DUE</b>			