

St. Croix County 4-H Communicator

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Dear 4-H Families,

4-H Projects are one of the primary "vehicles" in which our members gain skills, both in subjects like photography or dogs and life skills like decision-making, communications, and record keeping.

"How is my child going to learn about their projects?"

That is one of the most common questions in 4-H. Some members learn about projects through their club leaders, while others learn from countywide project leaders. However, most children learn about their projects with the help of their siblings, parents and grandparents.

Getting involved with your child and their projects is a great way to spend time together. It should be a learning experience for both of you. Working with your child on their projects shows them that learning and experiencing things is important in life; instilling in them the value of lifelong learning. However, it is important to remember that it is still their project. Sometimes they will fail, but that is all a part of their learning. Be sure to praise them and discuss with them what they are learning. The sense of accomplishing something is a great reward, much more valuable than a ribbon.

Some things to consider while you work with your child.

- What does your child want to learn?
- What information is in the project literature?
- Can I find out any more about this topic?
- Does your child have a plan for this project?
- Is there record keeping that should be done along with this project?

These are just a few suggestions on how you can help your child learn. Working together with your child should be a terrific experience for the both of you. It will help create memories that no one can take from you. Best of luck on your projects this year!

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2018 St. Croix County Fair July 18-22, 2018 "There's No Place Like the Fair"

Congratulations



At the State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference in November, Harly Lentz was recognized as a state Sportsmanship award winner.



After attending the Quarter Horse Congress, two members attended the North American Livestock Exposition in Louisville KY. Mae Buttles and Alexis Kwak competed in the team demonstration contest with their demonstration titled "Getting Four on the Floor". The girls placed 7th in the competition.

Congratulations!

Adaire MacSwain and Lauren Thompson. Both of these St. Croix County 4-Her's were elected to the Wisconsin State 4-H Leadership Council. The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) provides a statewide forum for youth and adult volunteer leaders to discuss ideas and provide input to enhance UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development programs at the state, county and local levels. WLC members:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Provide input for enhancing the 4-H program
- Provide educational opportunities to 4-H members and leaders
- Plan the annual Wisconsin State 4-H Conference
- Assist with the Governor's Blue Ribbon Auction at the State Fair
- Connect the county, regional and state levels of Wisconsin 4-H, as well as the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

"Yes, We Are Open!"

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

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

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

Communicator Locations

For families selecting email communication, the most current 4-H Communicator will be emailed to you from 4HOnline.com. If you missed the email sent to you, the Communicator can also be found on http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-hnewsletters as well as on https://4honline.com under the Newsletter tab. For families selecting hard copy communication, the most current 4-H Communicator will be mailed to you directly. To make any changes to how you receive the 4-H Communicator, log on to your account at https://4honline.com and change your communication preference.

Weekly E-mails

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

The primary purpose of the weekly e-mail is to share items that arise between communicators. Its purpose is to provide everyone with the most current information.

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

> Save the Date Northwest 4-H Golf Classic Monday, June 11; 11am Kilkarney Hills Golf Club, River Falls

This annual charity golf tournament creates resources for scholarships, out-state trips, robotic programs and to reach out to non-4-Hers in Pierce, Polk, St. Croix and Dunn Counties. For more information the flyer is at the end of the Communicator.

<u>Wisconsin Tour</u> WI Tour Committee Meeting March 7, 6:30pm Ag Services & Education Center

If you are interested (youth or adult) in being part of the planning committee please join us for the next planning meeting.

Seeking Youth Counselors for WI Tour

We are in need of youth counselors grades 8-12 for our upcoming WI Tour trip July 31 – August 2, 2018. Please see applications in the back of the Communicator. All applications are due by <u>May 4</u>. If you have questions please contact Heather.

Rodeo

St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo June 15-16 St. Croix County Fairgrounds

The Rodeo is coming – Father's Day weekend June 15 & 16. In addition to top quality, professional rodeo, added family attractions include Muttin Bustin, Stick Horse Rodeo, Nickel Scrambles, Pony Rides & an Exotic Animal Petting Zoo. Go to <u>http://stcroixcofair.com/rodeo</u> for details. This is great family fun in your "backyard"!

Wanted: 2018 Rodeo Queen Candidates

Wanted: Queen Candidates for the 2018 Rodeo. Rodeo Queen: Candidates must be 16 years of age, PRCA eligible candidates (16 - 23 years of age) can advance to state and national competition with the potential of winning scholarships. Junior Queen: Candidates must be 13 -15 years of age

Both the Rodeo Queen & Junior Queen must have good riding skills and have access to a "parade" trained horse (not spooked by crowds, flags etc.).

□<u>March 31st</u>: <u>Applications due</u> □April 7th: Tryouts

Entry forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting Theresa Hoffman (715) 265-4805, (715) 781-1046, <u>thoffman1505@gmail.com</u> or visiting the Rodeo Website <u>http://stcroixcofair.com/rodeo</u>.

\$250 Rodeo Scholarships

Open to any youth living in St. Croix County. The scholarship application is due April 1st. Applications are available through local guidance counselors and FFA ag instructors. Volunteering at the rodeo is a requirement. For more information, please contact Lori DeBoer at 715-491-0221 or lordeb651@gmail.com.

Leader News

WI 4-H Youth Conference Adult Chaperones Needed

We are in need of both male and female chaperone for the 2018 Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference trip on June 25-28, 2018 in Madison, WI. Chaperones need to be / or become a certified 4-H volunteer leader. All expenses for chaperones are paid for by the WI state 4-H program and the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association. If you are interested, please contact Heather by March 15.

Leader's Council Meetings March 20; 7:00pm 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 Carole Schurtz, <u>carole@dewittmedia.com</u>. 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#.



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.

March 20	April 17	May 15
June 19	August 21	

2017-2018 Volunteer Orientation – Want to become a 4-H leader? (VIP TRAINING)

The Wisconsin 4-H program depends upon the more than 20,000 adult volunteers to help youth gain caring, coping, and competency sills. 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 for volunteers 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 in the Wisconsin 4-H program:

March 2 @ 5:00pm March 8 @ 5:00pm March 15 @ 6:00pm March 2 @ 7:00pm March 8 @ 7:00pm March 15 @ 7:00pm

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE THE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION BY MARCH 15, 2018 TO BE A LEADER FOR THE YEAR.

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.

Living Memorial Award Nominations due April 1

We all know people who put a lot of time and effort in the County Fair to make it a success each year. Sometimes they are out front and very visible to all of us and sometimes they are people who work quietly behind the scenes. The Living Memorial Award is a way to honor those individuals. The actual award is a bronze plaque that is permanently displayed on the monument near the flags at the fairgrounds. It is a "surprise" award that is presented during the County Fair.

Please encourage your club to nominate someone for the Living Memorial Awards. Often the Living Memorial Award is presented to a 4-H Leader, but it could also be presented to an individual who is not a 4-H leader.

Recipients of the Living Memorial Awards for the past three years have been:

Hank and Ruth Hurtgen 2017 Dave Cowles 2016 Alfie Schrank 2015

St. Croix County Fair 4-H Food Stand

The 4-H Food Stand Committee sent out the information to all the clubs and groups who have worked in the stand. We have 3 shifts that still need to be filled. Small shift is Thursday 10:30-1:30 needs 11-12 people. Large shifts needing 20-22 people that still need to be filled are on **Friday** from 11:30 to 2:30; and 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm. If you have a small group and would like to work one of the larger shift times, we can always group a couple of you together and you will split the money.

We would like to thank all of the clubs/groups who have signed up already: Ambassadors, Baldwin Wide Awake, Bellringers, Dry Run Go Getters, Glen Hills Climbers, Lone Pine, North Country, Riverside, Rolling Hills, Springbrook, Sunnyside Shamrocks, Tri-River Voyagers and Wildwood.

Remember that the money we make in the stand supports the county 4-H programs: <u>scholarships</u>, trips to <u>National Congress</u>, <u>Citizenship</u> <u>Washington Focus</u>, <u>Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference</u>, <u>Wisconsin Tour</u>; <u>State Fair exhibitors</u>, <u>County Softball</u> program, <u>4-H</u> <u>Camp</u>, the <u>Mini Talent Explosion</u>, and the <u>4-H</u> <u>Window Display contest</u>, <u>member and club awards</u>, <u>4-H Leader pins and plaques</u>, the <u>Living Memorial</u> <u>Award</u>, the <u>Friend of 4-H Award</u> and many other activities. Each year some of the funds also go towards <u>4-H Fair improvement</u>. So by helping in the 4-H Food Stand you are helping the 4-H program. You are in a sense giving back to 4-H because 4-H has been giving to you.



4-H Teen Leader Pizza and Movie Night Friday, March 2; 7:00pm - 10:00pm UW-Extension Office

Join in the fun and meet new friends! Open to all youth grades 7th and up. Pizza, soda and dessert will be served. There will be a variety of movies to pick from. This event is free of cost and sponsored by the Roberts Ribbon Reapers 4-H Club.

4-H Camp Counselors Needed Applications due March 16, 2018 Interviews scheduled as needed Ag Services & Education Center

Do you enjoy working with younger members in 4-H? Have you had experience planning activities for younger members? Have you worked with other members your age to organize group activities? If you answered yes to any of these questions, think about applying to be a summer camp counselor. It is one of the most fun leadership development opportunities you can be part of. Send a completed application to the UWEX office by the deadline. We'll let you know what time you need to be there for interviews! Selected camp counselors need to be able to attend the overnight camp counselor training & planning retreat on the evening of June 1 and day of June 2.

Applications are available on the St. Croix County 4-H website and in the back of this newsletter.

Opportunity for Hosting International Students 2018

Wisconsin 4-H is again hosting young people from Japan, Korea, Mexico and Costa Rica for 1 month in the summer of 2018. Hosting one of these students is a unique and wonderful opportunity to learn the differences and similarities of another culture, and gain life-long friendships.

Host families are asked to fill out an application form listing all family members and their interests. Hosts welcome the international students into their homes and families for 1 month, including them in family activities and chores. There are no special trips/activities that are required for hosting. Our exchange students want to experience American family life and hear/speak English. The students will be in the U.S. July – August; they are 12 - 17 years of age.

Families pick the students up and return them to Madison, WI. You can carpool, or even have another family pick up your child and meet you if necessary.

If anyone is even remotely curious/interested in hosting, they are welcome to call me for more information, or go to <u>http://wi4hinternational.org/</u> It would be GREAT if we had 4 –5 families from OUR county hosting this year. You will find that this is a very positive, life enriching experience for every member of your family.

Nancy Burman, St. Croix County Coordinator for 4-H International Programs - 715-549-6712

P.S. Families do not HAVE to be 4-H.... if you know of any other families that you would recommend to host, that are not in 4-H, they are also very welcome.



St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Scholarships & Key Award Applications due April 6

For applications go to <u>https://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/</u>

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders' Association and current sponsors offer 5 different scholarships and one (1) forgivable loan. To be considered for a scholarship or forgivable loan, applications must be received by the UW-Extension Office no later than April 6, 2018; late applications will not be considered. St. Croix County 4-H Scholarships are awarded to 4-H members based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals. To be eligible for a scholarship or forgivable loan you must be currently enrolled as a St. Croix County 4-H member; be a member in good standing, have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2018-2019 academic school year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Croix County 4-H Scholarship....

Financial support for any field of study Amount: \$600.00 Quota: 4 Sponsor: St. Croix County 4-H Leaders' Association

Gail Dorsey 4-H Scholarship....

Financial s	upport for study in (human) health field
Amount:	\$400.00
Quota:	1
Sponsor:	St. Croix County 4-H Leaders'
-	Association

Evelyn Wilbur 4-H Scholarship....

Financial support for study in a Teaching related field.

Amount:	\$400.00
Quota:	1
Sponsor:	St. Croix County 4-H Leaders'
	Association

Tom Dorsey 4-H Scholarship....

Financial support for any field of studyAmount:\$250.00Quota:1Sponsor:Tom Dorsey Family

Kaila Fouks 4-H Memorial Scholarship

Financial support for the study of Dairy ScienceAmount:\$250.00Quota:1Sponsor:Willow River Elementary School,O'Connell Family Funeral Home, and Friends of

Kaila Fouks
FORGIVEABLE LOAN

Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan

Upon completion of first semester. To receive the loan payment, the recipient must submit a copy of their transcript to the UW-Extension Office along with a written acknowledgement to the family sponsoring the loan in a stamped, addressed envelope.

The Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan is for \$250.00 for study in the nursing field. The loan is renewable with a yearly application. To be eligible to receive the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan you must:

- 1.) Be a St. Croix County 4-Her or Alumni
- 2.) Have a current GPA minimum of 2.5
- 3.) Enter a field of nursing study
- 4.) Complete the proper application process:
 - First time applicants must submit this cover letter, the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan Application, a recommendation from a 4-H club leader and a current transcript.
 - Reapplying applicants must submit this cover letter along with a brief statement describing educational progress and updating any changes in educational goals.
- 5.) Complete 2 4 years of nursing study or training. After graduation the recipient is required to submit a copy of the graduation certificate to the UW-Extension Office, upon which the loan will be forgiven.

A member may apply for both the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan and a St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship.

KEY AWARD

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community.

To be eligible, candidates for this award must be at least in 9th grade or older, and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership.

Selection is based on an evaluation of the candidate's total 4-H record (membership, projects, activities, leadership, personal development and county 4-H and community involvement.).

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is Accepting Scholarship Applications

The deadline is fast approaching! Apply now. The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2018.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2018-2019 academic school year.

All applications must adhere to the strict conventions outlined on the website, so be sure to review these thoroughly. You can visit the website by clicking here: <u>http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/</u>. Any application that does not meet the requirements as specified will not be considered.

Résumés, cover letters, project lists (a total of three pages) and <u>one</u> photo must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation <u>via email</u> on or before March 15, 2018. Applications received after March 15, 2018, and any USPS-mailed applications will not be considered. Apply early to avoid any confusion.



Mini Talent Explosion

Saturday, April 7 Location: TBD

Mini Talent Explosion

Music and Drama will be judged in the morning. Speaking and demonstrations will be judged in the late morning and early afternoon.

Mini Drama/Skits: Includes 2 or more actors, are simple dramas that can be performed anywhere and are no more than 10 minutes. The top mini drama/skit is eligible to go to the State Fair.

*****New*** Personal Drama/Skit:** These are simple one person dramas/monolgues that can be performed anywhere and are no more than 10 minutes. The top personal drama/skit is eligible to go to the State Fair.

Music: Includes 2 or more members, can include vocal, instrumental, and dance. The top music performance is eligible to go to the State Fair. Should be no more than 20 minutes in length including setup and take down.

Original Speech: Must be developed by the member who is presenting it. There are 5 age categories.

Cloverbuds --recite the 4-H Pledge as a club group. If your club only has 1 Cloverbud who would like to participate, we can add them in with another club.

Junior (grades 3-5)-- up to 6 minutes Intermediate (grades 6-8)-- up to 8 minutes Senior (grades 9-13)-- up to 8 minutes

Interpretive Reading: Participants select a favorite poem, prose, or part of a story and "read" it aloud for the audience. Memorization is not required. There are two categories for interpretive reading, individual and dynamic duo, which is a team of 2 members. There are 4 age divisions for each category.

Cloverbuds -- up to 4 minutes Junior (grades 3-5) -- up to 6 minutes Intermediate (grades 6-8) -- up to 8 minutes Senior (grades 9-13) -- up to 8 minutes

Illustrated Talk: An illustrated talk is another means of sharing information and educating an audience about a specific subject. It is an oral presentation in which the member uses posters/illustrations or objects to emphasize/illustrate specific points in the speech. A member does not actually make or demonstrate how to do something in an illustrated talk. This is a fair entry, so regular fair ribbons are used and premiums are earned, intermediate and seniors could be chosen to go to the State Fair. If you enter an illustrated talk, remember to sign up for demonstrations & communications on your fair enrollment in May. There are two categories for illustrated talks individual and team (2 members). There are 3 age divisions for each category.

Junior (grades 3-5)--4-7 minute talk Intermediate (grades 6-8)--5-8 minute talk Senior (grades 9-13)--5-8 minute talk

Demonstrations: Members show the audience how to make or do something, like how to make ants on a log or sew on a button. This is a fair entry, so regular fair ribbons are used and premiums are earned, intermediate and seniors could be chosen to go to the State Fair. If you enter in the demonstration contest, remember to sign up for demonstrations & communications on your fair enrollment in May. There are two categories for demonstrations individual and team (2 members). There are 3 age divisions for each category.

Junior (grades 3-5)--4-7 minute demonstration Intermediate (grades 6-8)--5-8 minute demo. Senior (grades 9-13)--5-8 minute demonstration

Cake Decorating, Food Revue, and Clothing Revue Update

Saturday, June 9 Agriculture & Education Center, Baldwin

Cake decorating and food revue will be held in the morning and will be judged by a rubric.

The Clothing Revue will be held in the afternoon.

Middle and High School Youth Conservation Camps June 2018

Two fun and unique conservation summer camp opportunities are available for middle and high school students this summer in northern Wisconsin. These camps provides fun outdoor experiences to help foster an appreciation for nature and introduce a variety of opportunities in natural resources and conservation careers. Natural resource professionals present programs on wildlife, habitat, water quality, fisheries, forestry, outdoor skills and more.

<u>Middle School Youth:</u> Sand Lake Conservation Camp - June 20-22, 2017 For students entering grades 6-8 in 2017/18 school year. It is located at Camp Bird near Crivitz, WI. Camp registration is \$100 (\$150 after May 18th) and includes room, board, t-shirt and all activities/programs. To register contact Anne Bartels (715) 732-7784 or <u>abartels@marinettecounty.com</u>. Scholarships available for St. Croix County residents, contact Aleisha Miller at 715-531-1915 for more information.

<u>High School Youth:</u> Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Camp - June 18-22, 2018 For students entering grades 9-12 in 2018/19 school year (must be 17 or under). It is located at the North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters, WI. <u>www.discoverycenter.net</u>

Camp registration is \$250/student and includes room, board, t-shirt and all activities/programs. Register online by June 1 at:

wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-conservationcamps. You can also contact Kim Warkentin at 608-441-2677 or <u>kim@wisconsinlandwater.org</u>.

Scholarships available for St. Croix County residents, contact Aleisha Miller at 715-531-1915 for more information.

Club Opportunities

Twelve Months of Giving

The Food Resource Collaborative of St. Croix County is inviting area community organizations to participate in various monthly collections 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 Bartkow at 715-531-1930.

March and April: Please collect Protein items which would include: peanut butter, kidney beans, pork & beans, tuna, canned ham and canned chicken. Financial contributions are also accepted. Make checks payable to: Food Resource Collaborative/ Protein Project.

Club Challenge

Share your Club activities and earn up to \$50 for the Club year! If your Club has participated in an activity in any of the national 4-H mandate areas (STEM, Healthy Living or Citizenship), you can earn \$25 each half of the year (totaling \$50). Send a picture along with a description including date, specific activity, number of members that participated and something interesting about that activity. It's that easy!

Activities occurring between, September 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018 should be submitted by April 1. Activities occurring between, March 1-August 31, 2018 should be submitted by October 1, 2018. Examples could include robotics, Lego activities, or bottle rockets – all activities that the Extension Office can assist with. Clubs could also host a math bowl, share their healthy living recreation activities or community service projects.

Not only is this a nice way to earn money for your Club, but this is also a way to share ideas with other Clubs.

Communication & Arts 4-H ArtBeat March 16-17

Upham Woods, WI Dells

4-H ArtBeat was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders, 4-H ArtBeat is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp, including outdoors. Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on cabin hill. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm. The fee is \$50 will include all materials and supplies, lodging and meals/snacks. For more information, contact Lynn Pfeiffer at <u>lynn.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu</u> or 608-262-1222 or the website at: <u>http://4h.uwex.edu/events/4-h-art-beat</u>.

State Fair Qualification -Demonstrations

There are now two ways to qualify to participate at the Wisconsin State Fair in Demonstrations.1) Attend the County Mini-Talent Explosion for judging and receive recommendation for state fair attendance

2) Members can be recommended by their club general leaders as state fair participants. Members <u>MUST demonstrate at the club level</u> and receive recommendation by the general leader <u>by June 1 of</u> <u>that calendar year</u>. General leaders must provide feedback on the <u>demonstration criteria worksheet</u> currently used at the county judging event and contact the office by the deadline to indicate their approval for your demonstration to move onto the state fair competition.

Please be advised that State Fair participation is the responsibility of the member which includes travel expenses and arrangements to and from the Wisconsin State Fair. Cost of staying at the Tommy Thompson Youth Center (approximately \$35/night and includes three meals in the cafeteria) is also the responsibility of the member. State fair participation for demonstrations varies from 2-3 nights at the state fair and includes an educational curriculum on public speaking. Members at the state fair demonstrate a total of three times over three days.

The demonstration opportunity at the Wisconsin State Fair has been known to be an incredible experience for the youth from St. Croix County. General leaders should contact the office to request the judging criteria form. Questions can be directed to DeAnn Hammer at deannhammer@gmail.com.

Photography Project News

This article is full of very important information and dates. I am ready for the weather to turn nice. Of course the snow on the ground gives you lots of chances to get some of the winter pictures that the judges like to see too!

This year we have a returning speaker plus there are a few 4-H clubs and a parent that have stepped up to help out by holding meetings. My appreciation with this is unbelievable! It is truly awesome to have this happening! Below is a list of the meetings. These are the only Approved Meetings to meet your Mandatory Requirement. If anyone else (club or parent) wants to also do a meeting that will be wonderful but I must have the information before the end of February. All meetings are open to all of the photography members in the county. If for any reason you are unable to attend one of the listed meetings I need to know before March 31! Please plan ahead and ask to switch with someone at work or make arrangements. There are many time slots and dates offered. All meetings are open to everyone (except April 21st).

Meeting Schedule as of February 21, 2018

March 22, 2018 6:00-7:30 PM Agriculture Services & ED Center Baldwin Topic – Intermediate Photography (2-4 years of experience) Speaker – Carl Wegener from the Western WI Photography Club

April 8, 2018 5:30-7:30 PM Steven's Park ***Must have your camera Topic – Hands on Shooting Speaker – Jacob Maes; Hosting: Lone Pine 4-H Club

April 9, 2018 Before the regular meeting Hosting: Riverside 4-H Club **More details to come

April 14, 2018 10:00 – 11:30 AM Deer Park Library Topic – Backgrounds and Photography Speaker – IIisa Ailts Photographer

April 21, 2018 Hudson at Avery's Parent's place – address will be listed later Topic – Abstract Photography – Great for those with 4+ years Speaker - Avery Lingenfelter

April 24, 2018 6:00-7:30 PM Agriculture Services & ED Center Baldwin Topic - Beginning Photography (1-2 year photography members) Speaker – Kay Jacobsen April 28, 2018 9:30am Deer Park Library Topic – All About Your Camera and the Perfect Shot Hosted by Forest Timberwolves Speaker – Cassie Roos

Please make sure that you are bringing a camera to each of these meetings along with paper and a writing utensil (pencil or pen)!

Parents are more than welcome to stay, especially if you are newer to the project. This is highly recommended for the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} year members

On March 6th and 13th Carl Wegener held a two class course on Beginning Photography and it went over very well. Carl has a non-profit program that he has started called "RecycleYourCamera.com" and the main purpose is to get cameras into the hands of kids that do not have one of their own and to teach them a love for photography. Carl would like to set up another group (or two) of classes if there is interest. If you are interested, please email me or send me a PM on Facebook as soon as possible. Tuesday evenings are the time slot he is able to do. If you have any older digital cameras, cases, SD Cards, plug in cords, etc. laying in a drawer not being used he is looking for donations. Even cameras that do not work are ok as he can use the parts from them. Thank you so much. Any questions shoot me a message. Once we have a couple dates set up, an email will go out to all 1st and 2nd year members and it will be in the Weekly Emails! This is for members that do not own their very own camera as getting a camera is part of the program!!

Have fun taking some spring time pictures (or ones with snow if that comes too)!!!

Kay Jacobsen ~ County Photography Project Leader Our email is <u>sccphotographyproject@gmail.com</u> and the Facebook page is SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT (request to join and you will be accepted!).



Tractor Safety

Tractor Safety June 18-21 8:00am – 3:00 pm St. Croix Central High School Ag Department

To become knowledgeable in operating Ag equipment. If you want to be able to drive a tractor on the road or for someone besides your parents you need to take this class. Farm jobs, nursery jobs, anything with a tractor requires this permit. Prevent agriculture accidents from occurring. Complete a 28-hour class and pass both a written and driving test. This is a practical hands-on and academic week. All youth ages 12 and older working on any farm or business other than their parents. This is a Federal Employment Certificate for students 14 and older.

The cost for this class is \$30.00 payable on June 18 for each student. This fee covers insurance, books, tractors, fuel and facilities. Schools sending four or more students without a participating instructor will be charged \$200 to cover the need to pay for a trained instructor. This is payable to SCC FFA. You MUST have parental permission slips signed and returned on Monday morning (June 18) to drive tractors. The slips will be available on the first day of class.

You will need to find your own transportation to St. Croix Central High School on your own. Lunch will be eaten in Baldwin (Dairy Queen, Subway or McDonalds) so bring money or a sack lunch.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Emery: <u>bemery@scc.k12.wi.us</u> or Michelle Kamm: <u>mkamm@bwsd.k12.wi.us</u>.

Softball News

Coaches Meeting May 9; 8:00pm Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

Softball team registration forms will be mailed to General Organizational Leaders.

4-H Softball All Star Game

July 26 - Erin Corners 7 pm - Junior Game, 8 pm - Senior Game

4-H Softball Tournaments

July 28, 7 pm and July 29, 9 am Hatfield Park in New Richmond

Naturespace

Shooting Sports Orientation Registration

Monday, March 12; 7pm Tuesday, April 23; 7pm Ag Service and Education Center, Baldwin

All 4-H members who are signed up for shooting sports are required to attend one of our orientation and registration meetings with a parent in order to participate in our training and practice sessions this summer.

This will qualify you to compete in our shooting sports competition for the fair. You must attend at least two of our practice and training sessions to qualify for the competition shoot.

A \$10.00 fee per member is required at registration. If you have any questions please contact Dan Frye at <u>mlfrye@baldwin-telecom.net</u> or 715-688-6779 or Dave Smith at <u>Lomac@baldwin-telecom.net</u> or 715-684-2966 or 715-338-2637.

Shooting Sports Adult Certification Workshops:

Are you interested in becoming a shooting sports instructor or do you want to be certified in more than one discipline? A Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Leader may be certified in archery, coordinator, muzzleloader, pistol, rifle and shotgun disciplines. Leaders may only teach in the discipline in which they are certified. An adult leader cannot provide hands-on or safety instruction without a certified leader supervising the range.

All leaders must first complete one 12-hour workshop to be certified. After that, you may be eligible to attend a Saturday, eight-hour range workshop to receive an additional discipline certification. If three years lapse before adding an additional certification, the full 12 hour certification must be repeated. Only on certification may be obtained at any one certification workshop.

The 2017 Shooting Sports Certification Workshops:

- April 20-21 (New Franken, WI)
- April 27-28 (Eau Claire, WI)
- September TBD (Marshfield, WI)

For more information go

to <u>http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/certificatio</u> <u>n-workshops</u>.

Animal Sciences

Area Animal Science Day June 22 Clark County

Regional animal science educational opportunities available to Wisconsin 4-H members. Specifically, Area Animal Science Days is a series of four daylong events held around the state in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep and swine projects increase their decision making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Events include evaluation of dairy cattle, horses, dairy goats and meat animals; dairy showmanship contests; hippology (the study of horses); and oral reasons workshops. In addition, each site offers a variety of workshops for small animal projects, which may include rabbits, poultry, dogs, cats or llamas.

AASD strives:

- To increase the availability of educational opportunities in the 4-H Animal Science Projects.
- To increase decision making skills through judging and grading experiences.
- To increase the knowledge of animals through breeding and market evaluation and management information.



CAT NEWS

Cat Fun Show

March 31 11:00 am – Show Begins Vetting to begin at 10:30am Roberts Park Building

Open to 4-H members and non 4-H members and adults. Please register by March 23.

Current rabies and distemper shot records are required at the time of vetting in when the Vet checks your cat for health problems, fleas and ear mites. Shots must be administered at least two weeks prior to the show if they are not valid from last year. Shots administered at home are NOT ALLOWED. Any cat showing signs of illness or disease shall not be permitted to show.

There's a limit of 1 Cat per Class with the entry fee of \$5.00/cat. Each exhibitor is allowed a total of two cats.

Directions: On Highway 12, turn south on Division St. (at Holiday Station). Follow Division to either Tower or Maple, turn left. Both run into Park Street, on which the Park Building is located.

<u>DOG NEWS</u> Dog Project Informational Meeting April 5, 7:00 pm Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

Dog project members: there will be an informational meeting on April 6th at 7pm at the extension office. We will be going over the rules and equipment needed. This will be the only time that we will be reviewing information so it is VERY important that ALL new project members attend with a parent or responsible adult. Watch your email for information or call Anne at 715-246-2659 or email at pawilbur@frontiernet.net.

<u>DAIRY NEWS</u> Dairy Committee Meeting April 10; 1:00pm Ag Services & Education Center

All are welcome and invited to the Dairy Committee Meeting.

Heritage Dairy Heifer Calf

The St. Croix County 4-H Dairy Committee is sponsoring a Registered Dairy Calf Award to one outstanding 4-H member. Interested members are asked to write a short essay (100 words or less) on "What would owning your own registered dairy calf mean to your 4-H experience?" Applicants are also asked to list their involvement in 4-H and dairy project activities.

Applications are due to the UW-Extension office by March 1st, and applicants may be asked back for an interview with the selection committee. The goal of the committee is to have the winner selected by May 1st. The dairy committee will pay registration transfer fees. *Previous winners are not eligible. Decisions of the judges are final.*

Application is open to 4-H members of all ages. This is an excellent opportunity to add a registered dairy calf to your 4-H project experience. Be sure to thank your 4-H Dairy Committee members for making this possible!

State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarships Available

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships to students that will be third or fourth-year college students during the 2018-2019 academic year. Additional \$1,000 scholarships will be offered to high school seniors that will be first-year college students during the 2018-2019 academic year. Students studying in a two-year program are also encourage to apply. Any Wisconsin resident who will enroll or is currently enrolled as a full-time student in a two or four-year Wisconsin school or short course program and is pursuing a dairy-related or food science degree is eligible for scholarship consideration. Previous recipients are not eligible to apply.

All applicants are required to submit an application electronically no later than March 23, 2018. Save application as Last Name, First Name and e-mail to <u>katzman@idcnet.com</u> using the subject – Wisconsin State Fair Diary Promotion Board Scholarship Application. Attach your transcript as a separate document. <u>Hand-written applications will NOT be</u> <u>accepted. Mail applications/transcripts will NOT be</u> <u>accepted.</u> Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed, with the recipients to be recognized at both the Dairyland Youth Celebration and Blue Ribbon Cheese & Butter Auction during the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair. Please note that in order for continued consideration, students that qualify for an interview must be available on the interview date selected during business hours.

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

For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or <u>katzman@idcnet.com</u>. The application is available at

http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promoboard.

Badger Dairy Camp June 7-9

Dairy Camp is a great opportunity for campers to solidify their dairy fundamentals and get a jump on the upcoming judging and showing season. Dairy youth ages 12-18 are invited to join the twelfth annual Badger Dairy Camp. Be sure to send in your application early, as enrollment is limited.

For more information:

https://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyyouth/badger-dairy-camp-2018

HORSE NEWS

Youth Horse Committee March 5, 2018; 7:00pm (Youth) 7:30pm (General) Ag Services & Education Center

February has been a busy month for the horse project. We already held one kick off meeting on Feb 17. If you missed it, please plan to attend the final meeting March 15 at 7pm in the Ag center in Baldwin. This a mandatory meeting you must attend in order to participate in the horse project. Our largest fundraiser for the year is our tack swap. This year the tack swap is Feb 24 from 10am – 1:30pm at the Roberts Elementary School in Roberts, WI. Volunteers and vendors needed! The youth board is hosting making a craft. For just \$4 you can make a "*keepsake koaster*". Bring a picture that will fit on a 4x4 tile and we will have the rest of the supplies you will need! If you are selling, check in is 7:30 – 9:30 Saturday morning. Concessions, raffle and silent auction!

Quiz bowl and state speaking contests practice has begun. If you are interested in joining, our next meeting dates are Feb 25th, March 4th and March 11th. 6pm start for all 3 meetings and held at the Ag Services and Education Center in Baldwin.

Horse project calendar – The summer training centers and clinics have been set up! Please see the project calendar for all of this information. You should have received a calendar at the kick off meeting or you will receive one at the next meeting.

Shirt orders – shirt orders have been sent out. Deadline for shirt orders is Mar 30th.

Horse Project Scholarship – If you are planning on attending secondary education in the fall, please contact Bridget Lentz (<u>pblentz@sbcglobal.net</u>) and get a copy of the scholarship application.

Dates to remember:

Feb. 24 – tack swap–get your volunteer hours in! March 17– district quiz bowl – Pierce County April 20– 22 –Midwest Horse Fair–Madison, WI April 27 – 29 – Minnesota Horse Fair – MN State Fair grounds May 4-5 – State Speaking contest – UW Marathon County – Wausau

All meetings are open to anyone who has in interest in the horse program. If you have items for the agenda, please contact Bridget Lentz at (651) 303-4682 with agenda items. Committee meetings are the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Ag Service Building/ 4-H Extension building.

Are you on Facebook? Friend us on Facebook at "St. Croix County 4-H Youth Horse Project" Reminder parents if you want to chaperone an event to stay on the fairgrounds over night or be a clinician you MUST attend the New Volunteer Orientation that the County offers.

UW-River Falls Youth Horse Judging Clinic April 7; 9am-6pm Campus Farm Colt Barn, River Falls Registration deadline: March 30

The clinic is intended for 4-H and FFA youth members, as well as Agricultural Education coaches, wanting to prepare or improve their horse judging skills. During the program, participants will learn basic information regarding judging horse balance and conformation, with a focus on rules and judging criteria used to evaluate different classes. Participants will also learn how to effectively take notes for classes and organize them into sets of oral reasons. Several focus sessions will include evaluation and discussion with live horses.

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

LIVESTOCK NEWS Livestock Quiz Bowl

March 3, 2018 (registration at 9am) Competition starts at 9:30 am UW-Madison Animal Science Dept

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. The winning 4-H senior team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl competition in Omaha, NE at the AKSARBEN Livestock Exhibition.

Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. The top Senior level 4-H team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest, held each fall in Louisville at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). Competition in Quiz Bowl & Skillathon encourages members to develop a more complete knowledge of animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational program for all project members, including those who may not own a project animal, and provides a way to develop self-confidence. These programs are a great parallel to some similar programs that breed associations and other organizations conduct.

For more information please visit the website: http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbow lskillathon or by contacting Bernie O'Rourke at 608-263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

Meat Animal Quality Assurance Clinic (MAQA) to YQCA Date TBD

The MAQA program has been replaced with the YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) program. This program will be required for all livestock exhibitors. As this is a web based program, there will be a fee assessed for all participants. The fee for an in-person course is \$3.00 and for an online course \$12.00. To participate online go to YQCA.org and sign up through 4-Honline. You will need to sign up for the course that correspondence with your age as of January 1st. Each age group has three sections to complete and test out of. You will have multiple tries to complete the testing. Once you have completed the course, you MUST print the certificate and bring it to the fair along with your other paperwork.

To complete an in-person course, you must register and locate a site in the drop down. Once the course is complete, the instructor will mark you complete and you will need to go in and print off the certificate. Again, this certificate MUST be included with your fair paperwork.

We are working to confirm a date for a local inperson workshop. Please watch your email and weekly email blast for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Lori DeBoer.

Arlington Sheep Day March 10, 2018; 9:00am Arlington Agricultural Research Station Advanced Registration Due: March 2

Cost of the morning Arlington Sheep Day program is \$5.00 per individual or \$10 for a family and includes educational materials. <u>Pre-registration is appreciated</u>, <u>but registrations for the morning program can be paid for at the door on March 10</u>. The cost for the WSBC banquet is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 years and younger, and <u>pre-registration is required by March 2, 2018</u>. For more information, contact Todd Taylor (608-846-5858, <u>toddtaylor@wisc.edu</u>) at UW-Madison or Jill Alf at the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative (608-868-2505, <u>wisbc@centurytel.net</u>, <u>www.wisbc.com</u>).

Show Feed Workshop Tuesday, March 13 Refreshments 6pm – Workshop 6:30pm Ready Randy's Sports Bar and Grill

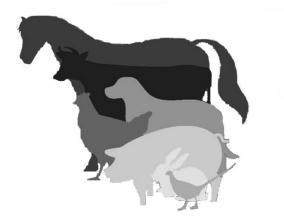
Please join Tracy Coffland as River Feeds hosts this show feed workshop. Ready Randy's is located at 1492 131st Street in New Richmond. Tracy will be talking about cattle, sheep, goat and pigs.

Any questions, contact River Feeds at 715-246-4929. 4-H and FFA members may use this as an approved clinic.

Livestock Committee Meeting

March 13, 7:00 pm Ag Services & Education Center

All of the Livestock Committee meetings are open meetings. You are welcome to attend anytime. Please call or email Laura Dalton at <u>lauradalton8@gmail.com</u> to get items on the agenda no later than 10 days prior to the meeting.



Kids-N-Pigs

Show Pig Sale & Clinic Sunday, March 25, 2018 Viewing: 12:30pm Clinic: 1pm Auction: 2pm

New location for 2018 at University of Wisconsin River Falls at the Campus Farm (Horse Farm) 1475 South Wasson Lane, River Falls. Vendors will be on site.

For more information on the sale, contact Bonnie Walters at 715-220-6975 or Sue Mason at 715-220-0484 or <u>Susie_4h@yahoo.com</u>. For more information, follow us on Facebook.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-in

April 7, 9-11:00am, St. Croix County Fairgrounds, Scale House

Remember to bring your COOL papers for sheep and goats only. If no COOL papers are turned in for sheep and goats, there will be no weigh-in.

Swine Weigh-in Information

Again this year, there will be NO LIVE swine weighins! This year's swine show will also be a terminal show, this means, no pigs will be permitted to return to your premise once they have entered the fairgrounds; this means there will also be no breeding stock this year.

Please arrive at the scale house to submit your COMPLETED SCMC DNA bag of each individual pig! If you do not submit a SCMC DNA bag with certified SCMC ear tags, you will not be permitted to sell at the 2018 auction. Please contact Shelby (Weiske) Krupa to arrange to pick-up ear tags and DNA bags at <u>weiskes0590@my.uwstout.edu</u> or cell at (715) 781-0477

Paperwork to be turned in on April 7, 2018; 9-11:00 AM for swine exhibitors: COMPLETED

- SCMC DNA bags with SCMC ear tags.
- A non-returnable swine project fee of \$10 per exhibitor.
- Stalling Agreement to be completed and signed by all exhibitors and parents

Indianhead Polled Hereford Association 2018 Sale

Indianhead Polled Hereford Association feels supporting youth and their interest in beef cattle is important for the future of agriculture. Hereford cattle are noted for their docile temperament and excellent maternal traits which make them excellent cattle for 4-H and FFA projects.

Our 2018 Spring Opportunity Sale on April 14, 2018 is held at UW River Falls Lab Farm #2. This is a great opportunity to come view a selection of 23 heifers, 5 bred females and 7 bulls. Coming from some of the top breeders in western Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota, these heifers are of show quality and halter broke, giving you a great start for show season. The bred animals will have calves or will be calving soon to give you a great start on your own herd. Our consignors, as well as our members, are willing to help with any questions you may have from selecting the right animal for you, care and feeding, and getting ready to show. Come watch the fitting demonstration at 9:30 on Saturday morning April 8, 2017 then check out the sale cattle.

Indianhead Polled Hereford Association has loans available to help Juniors, ages 8 to 21, to purchase a female at our sale. These Junior Heifer loans at 4% interest, can help pay half the purchase price of a female, up to \$1,000 per animal. Example: If your final bid was \$2500, the Junior heifer loan would pay \$1000 of the cost and you would need to pay \$1500.

If you have any questions or want an application for the Junior Heifer Loan or a sale catalog, contact Liz Mittag 715-781-2584 or Loxie Smythe 715-505-4747.

Indianhead Sheep and Goat Breeders Spring Lamb and Kid Sale & Breeding Stock Sale

Sunday, April 8 Viewing: 11am Clinic: 12pm Skill-a-thon: 10:30-12pm Auction: 1pm

Location for the 2018 Sale will be held at University of Wisconsin – River Falls at the Mann Valley Farm. This is located 2.5 miles west of River Falls on County Road MM, north of South Glover Road. Vendors will be on site and concessions will be provided by Country Partners 4-H Club. For more information, contact Sue Mason at 715-220-0484 or <u>Susie_4h@yahoo.com</u>. Website: <u>www.indianheadsheepandgoat.org</u>. The location for the sale catalog and other sale details on Facebook; Like us.

> Livestock Clinic April 14; Clinic starts at 10am Sailer's in Elmwood

There will be three different presentations within the clinic, participants are required to attend all three presentations. Lunch will be provided following the clinic. This will count as species specific clinic for beef, goats, sheep, and swine.

Please RSVP to Lori DeBoer by April 7th so that we can plan for enough food. Lori contact info-715-491-0221 or <u>lordeb651@gmail.com</u>.

COOL for Youth Exhibitors Country of Origin Labeling (Sheep and Goats)

Basic premise of COOL: this is a government USDA rule that provides consumers with information of where their food originated. It is another step to protect the American food supply, and give choices to consumers. This is not USDA required for swine but is for sheep and goats and the SCLC IS REQUIRING them for all species.

Producers (youth exhibitors) need to provide documentation of the origin of their project animal. You do not need to bring additional information to the first weigh-in. (**Remember**, if you purchased your animals from out of state, you need to bring along the import data that is required by DATCP.)

For more information on COOL visit: <u>http://www.ams.usda.gov</u>.

POULTRY NEWS Fur, Fin & Feather Show April 14, 2018; 9:00am Barney Center, Sparta

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

All entries are due by March 28, 2018 to Monroe County 4-H Fur, Fin, and Feather Show, c/o Monroe County UW-Extension. Complete the entry form: <u>http://monroe.uwex.edu/files/2017/02/2017-FFF-</u> <u>Entry-Form.REVISED-1.25.2017.pdf</u> and return to: 14345 County Highway B, Room 1, Sparta, WI 54656.

For more information visit the following website: <u>https://monroe.uwex.edu/2018/02/10/2017-fur-fin-feather</u>.



County Fair Judges Training Monday, March 26 6-8pm

Each Year Wisconsin 4-H and UW-Extension offers a webinar training for County Fair Judges. The training is geared for individuals that want to become a county fair judge or are already a county fair judge and want to brush up your skills. The Webinar will be held on Monday, March 26, 2018 for 6-8 p.m. The cost is \$15.00. The registration form is located at the end of the Communicator. After completing the form and returning it with payment, we will send out the Webinar coordinates and program materials via email.



Fair Entry Information

ATTENTION: Entries for the fair will again be made online as before. Blue Ribbon will take entries April 1st through May 31st 2018. The link to this site will be on the fair web page <u>www.stcroixcofair.com</u>. You will have to reenter your name, club code, address, phone number, email and your leader's email as none of this carries over from last year. Make your entry choices, and then you have the option of leaving them pending to make changes later, or checking out and submitting to get them entered. *If you do not get a return email listing your entries, you have not finished checking out and you will have to go back and finish the checkout process*. <u>THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES TO ENTRIES</u> <u>AFTER MAY 31 & THERE WILL BE NO</u> <u>ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 31</u> NO

ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 31---NO EXCEPTIONS

Animal Projects may require a change due to illness. If that is the case, you must contact the county animal leader for your species and have the change approved. The leader will contact the entry person to make the necessary change on the judging sheets.

Remember: you need to include your Leader's email so they can check your entries and know that you have completed the entry process. Get all entries in by May 31 and submitted, or you will not be able to exhibit at the fair.

If there are questions, please call your leader, or Cindy Van Dyk 715-246-5486.

Meat Animal Auction Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 6:30pm

REMINDER to all exhibitors in the Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats Meat Animal program. The Meat Animal Auction day will continue to be on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 6:30pm with a buyer appreciation meal at 5:30.

We want to better accommodate our buyers so they are not pressed to leave work and get to the fairgrounds for the auction. This also gives them the day to look at exhibits before the auction.

If you need help with how to talk to potential buyers or would like brochures please contact anyone on the meat animal committee for more information or resources.

Camping

If you are interested in camping at the St. Croix County Fair this year the registration form needs to be sent to Warren & Lori DeBoer at 651 County Line Ave, Clear Lake, WI 54005.

Animal Show Times

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

St. Croix County Fair Seeking Commercial Exhibitors

The St. Croix County Fair Association is seeking businesses interested in securing space for Commercial Exhibits during the 2018 St. Croix County Fair. This year's fair will be held July 18-22, the county fair offers the opportunity for businesses to promote products and services that demonstrate the richness and variety of what St. Croix County has to offer.

Indoor Commercial exhibitor space offers electricity upon request and complimentary Wi-Fi. Outdoor Commercial exhibit areas offer large, open, and level spaces with electricity available.

Located in the picturesque, Western Wisconsin community of Glenwood City, the St. Croix County fair is the only countywide community event held in St. Croix County. Every July thousands of individuals and families attend this "Great Community Event" to share their talents, meet and socialize, to entertain and be entertained, and to enjoy the traditional county fair atmosphere. This year's theme is "THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE FAIR" and we would be thrilled to have your business be a part of the St. Croix County Fair. For more information on becoming a vendor, or just visiting our fair, please visit <u>http://stcroixcofair.com</u>



Friends of the Fairgrounds Update

First some hot news: We are making great progress on raising the funds to retire the loan on Horse Barn #1. Our aggressive stretch goal has been moved up to fully fund the Horse Barn with this year's May Fair proceeds and most certainly after conclusion of the Raffle at the Fair.

A big thank you to all that have helped, and continue to help, us to raise the funds that make this possible. **Working together we can achieve our 2018 goals of retiring the loan and ramping up the Livestock Facility fund raising campaign**.

Second: This year's May Fair Event & Sale is around the corner on Saturday, May 12th. Gates open at 4p.m. and the programming kicks off at 5p.m. The program features live entertainment, a catered meal, nickel scramble as well as live and silent auctions. This is our most successful fundraiser which to date has raised ~ \$160,000 – the base cost of one barn!

Your club can help in the following ways:

- **Club theme baskets** (~\$50 value) are a big hit and have raised substantial funds
- **Talent Explosion Acts** are welcome please contact Rosemary Donahoe if interested (715) 684-9060
- **Providing a club service project** that we can auction off examples
 - Yard work raking leaves, washing windows, club adult supervised
 - "Worker Bee" Teams must be teams of 2 or more, must be 16 or older, cannot operate mechanical equipment
- Attending the event!!

Note: We are seeking auction items - we will sell almost anything - farm equipment/ vehicles/ animals/ vacation packages etc. Questions: Rosemary Donahoe (715) 684-9060, Chris Libbey (715) 246-5626 or Terry Mitchell (715) 246-5502

Third: We are launching the 2018 Renovations for Generations Raffle. Our goal is to have all clubs set up by the end of April. This too has been a successful fundraiser with over \$63,000 raised above expenses to date. Please call Chris Libbey (715) 246-5626 or (651) 247-0395 for information & supplies.

Fourth: Plan on attending the Spring Showcase, March 18, Hudson Sports & Civic Center, 1820 Hanley Road, 11 am to 3:30 pm. Stop at our booth & support 4-H.

Fifth: Please support the Livestock, Horse, and Roberts Ribbon Reaper's fund raising projects

- April 13th & 14th: Roberts Ribbon Reaper's Annual Garage Sale, Roberts Park Building drop off of donations on the 14th.
- Watch for future Livestock & Horse Project fund raising announcements

Fundraisers

Huge Indoor Community Garage Sale April 13-14

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

If you're cleaning out those closets and doing spring cleaning, how about donating to the annual Roberts Ribbon Reapers 4-H garage sale?

It will be at the Roberts Park building on Friday, April 13 from 8:00am until 5:00pm and on Saturday, April 14 from 8-11am.

On Thursday, April 12 from 3:00 to 8:00pm we will accept gently used clothes, home decor, household, toys and books (no appliances, furniture or electronics can be accepted).

Any 4-H family, friends of 4-H families and community members can donate to the sale. Proceeds will be used to support new buildings at the St Croix County Fairgrounds. Any leftover items are donated to Treasures of the Heart or other non-profit organizations. Please contact Janet Feyereisen or Beth Sippl at <u>rrr4h.wi@gmail.com</u>.

2018 WI 4-H Youth Conference - Adult Chaperone Application

Due: March 15, 2018

Send completed application to: UW-Extension Office; 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin WI 54002 or email to heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu

Address	City	Z	ip
Club	Gender		
Are you a Certified 4-H Volunteer	If yes, how many years ha	ve you been a vo	lunteer
Tel (days) ()	_ Tel (nights) ()	2	
Cell phone that you would carry on the p	orogram ()		
E-mail			
Occupation			
Experience in health care or First Aid (ci	rcle one) YES	NO	
Experience in working with disabilities ((circle one) YES	NO	
Do you have a physical condition that m	ay affect your ability to complete th	iis program? YE	S NO
If yes, explain:			
Health excellent good fair.			
T-Shirt size small med large	_XL_2X_3X		
	uth organizational trips in the past?	YES	NO
Do you have experience chaperoning you			
Do you have experience chaperoning you Why you are interested in attend the WI	4-H Youth Conference as an Adult	Chaperone?	
Why you are interested in attend the WI	4-H Youth Conference as an Adult	•	

Applicant's Signature

1	ROIX COUNTY 4-H CAT FUN SHOW Saturday, March 31 Roberts Park Building, Roberts 10:30 am; Check in and Vetting 11:00 a.m Show Begins OPEN TO 4-H MEMBERS AND SPECIAL CLASS FOR NON 4-H MEMBERS AND ADULTS UNCH AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
cat for health problems, flea show if they are not valid fr	and ear mites. Shots must be administered at least two weeks prior to the om last year. Shots administered at home are NOT ALLOWED. Any cat sease shall not be permitted to show.
Limit: 1 Cat per Class 2 Cats per Exhibitor	Entry Fee: \$5.00 per Cat
Tower or Maple, turn left. B	turn south on Division St. (at Holiday Station). Follow Division to either th run into Park Street, on which the Park Building is located. CROIX COUNTY 4-H CAT FUN SHOW Saturday, March 31 11:00 a.m. Roberts Park Building
Exhibitor Name:	Club:
Address:	City:Zip:
Email:	
Cat Name (s):	
Male/Female:	Spayed/Neutered:
Long Hair/Short Hair: _	Age:
Cat/Kitten (less than 6 m	o.): Fee \$5.00 per Cat:
	to St. Croix Co. Extension Office, 1960 8 th Ave, Suite 140, Baldwin, WI Attention: Vicki Datt. Please make check payable to "St. Croix Co.



Camp Counselor Application

Due: March 16, 2018

(Must currently be in grades 9-12 to apply)

Send completed application to: UW-Extension Office; 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin WI 54002 or email it to Heather at <u>heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu</u>

Name:	Current Age: Birth Date		h Date:	Date: Ma		Male	:	Female:		
Address:			City:				Zip:			
County:	unty: Club:		Grad	e in Scho	ol:		Years	in 4-H:		
Phone:	T-Shii	rt Size	Small			Medium			Large	X-Large
Email:										
Have you previously atter	Have you previously attended a Camp Counselor Training Workshop?									
If so, when and where?										
Do you want to be conside	ered for a	a junior di	rector's po	sition'	?			Yes	8	No
What skills would you br	ing to thi	s junior di	irector's po	sition	?					
List camps (4-H and non4-H) which you have attended: Camper or Counselor					r Counselor					
		Camp					Year		Camper	Counselor
Please hold these dates.	Coun	selors wil	l be assigne	d cam	ips onc	e camper	applica	tions	and num	ber are in.
4-H Camp		Grad	les 3-8	J	une 18-	-20				lor Training
						Date: June 1(evening) – June 2 (afternoon)				
Camp Activities									- (
Which of the following are	you comf	fortable lea	ding at cam	p? (Pl	ease ch	eck all tha	t apply)	1.000		
Archery					Ga	mes & Re	creation	l		
Arts & Crafts	· · · · ·			Music						
Campfire Programs			Nature Activities (other than water)							
Canoeing					Relay Games					
Drama Activitie	s				Sei	ience Disc	overy A	ctiviti	ies	
Fishing					Singing					
Flag Ceremonie	s				Sw	Swimming				
Foods & Nutriti	on				Otl	Other (describe)				

Explain why you want to be a camp counselor.

What do you want to learn from your experience as a camp counselor?

Name three skills that you would bring to the Camp Counselor Team if selected.

If you have special dietary needs, please describe.



(Applicant Signature)

(Date completed)

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All communication will be via email. After you are registered, the PowerPoint and the call-in information for the program will be emailed to you.

Please print all information neatly.



Registration Form

Registration fee is \$15.00 per person. Please make your check payable to: UW-Extension. Please mail your completed registration and check to the address below so that we receive them by March 16.

Lynn Pfeiffer 436 Lowell Center 610 Langdon Street Madison WI 53703

If you have questions, please contact Pam Hobson at (608) 262-9605 or pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu

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WISCONSIN River Falls

Horse Judging Youth Clinic

Saturday, April 7, 2018

REGISTRATION FORM	Deadline for registration is Friday, March 30, 2018.
One registration per person. Copy the form as needed.	
Participant Name	Birthdate
Address	
Phone Email:	
 Payment postmarked by March 12th: \$90/student (includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, judging bind \$80/student for groups of 4 or more registered and paymer (includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, judging binder, and a t- \$50/adult audit (includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, and judg Payment postmarked after March 12th but before the deadline: \$100/student (includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, judging bird \$60/adult audit (includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, and judg 	nt received together shirt) jing binder)* nder, and a t-shirt)
Payment received the day of the clinic or postmarked after the de \$110/student (includes breakfast, lunch, and snacks) \$70/adult audit (includes breakfast, lunch, and snacks)* *Adults who stay to observe will be asked to pay this fee.	
Make check payable to: University of WI-River Falls	Amount Enclosed \$
Mail to: Animal Science Horse Youth Judging Clinic University of Wisconsin-River Falls 410 South Third Street River Falls, WI 54022	Date Received:
Special arrangements will need to have prior approval. Conto	The second method in the second
HOLD HARMLESS/INSURANC	E CLAUSE/PHOTO RELEASE

I understand that the University may take photographs of clinic participants, audience, and activities. I agree that the University of Wisconsin-River Falls shall be the owner of and may use such photographs relating to the promotion of future clinics. I relinquish all rights that I may claim in relation to the use of said photographs.

If your son, daughter or ward will be under the age of 18 years while at our clinic, it is our policy to secure your consent for medical treatment. In case of illness or injury, permission is granted to treat the participant at an appropriate medical facility. By signing below you are giving your consent in advance for medical treatment.

Furthermore, as a participant in the clinic, I hereby state that I am aware of and accept the risk inherent in the program activity. The undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the State of Wisconsin, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin system, and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, their officers, agents and employees, from any and all liability, loss damages, costs or expenses which are sustained, incurred or required arising out of the actions of my dependent in the course of the clinic. Note that UW-System insurance is a primary insurance policy with limited accident coverage of \$1,000. This form must be completed and returned with the registration.

Parent/Guardian (if under 18)		Phone #	
Insurance Provider		Policy Number	7
Signature of Enrollee	Date	Signature of Parent or Guardian, if under 18	Date



Counselor Application Due: <u>May 4, 2018</u> (Must currently be in grades 9-13 to apply)

Send completed application to: UW-Extension Office; 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin WI 54002 or email to <u>heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu</u>

Name:		Gra	de:	Male:	Female:
Address:			City:		Zip:
Club:			Grade in School:	Year	s in 4-H:
Phone:	T-Shirt Size	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large
Email:					
Have you attended WI T	our in the past?	Y	ES NO		

Why do you wish to become a WI Tour Counselor?

List skills that qualify you for the position.

Describe one leadership and/or teaching role you have held.

What do you hope to gain from your experience as a WI Tour Counselor?

What will you bring to the WI Tour Counselor Team?

(Applicant Signature)

(Date completed)

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REGISTRATION DUE April 1

Cloverbud 4-H Pledge

Club:			
Leader's Name		Phone:	
Address			
Other Leaders			
Name			
Name:	1	Name:	_
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Mini Talent Explosion guidelines and registration forms are available on the UW-Extension 4-H web site

Mail: UWEX Office, 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140, Baldwin WI 54002, fax: 715-684-2666 or e-mail: melissa.heath@sccwi.gov



REGISTRATION DUE April 1

INDIV	IDUAL MTE REGISTRATI	ON
4-H Member:	Club	;
For scheduling purposes, please indica performance.	te if you are in your Club's Mu	usic (M) or Mini Drama (MD)
De	monstration/Illustrated Talk	
Title:	Level:	Individual or Team
	Interpretive Reading	
Title:	Level:	Individual or Duo
,	Original Speech	
Title:	Level:	
	Personal Drama/Skit	
Title:		
Levels:		
 Demonstration/Illustrated Talks Junior - grades 3-5 Intermediate grades 6.8 	Speeches/Interpretive R Junior - grades 3 Intermediate	3-5

- Intermediate grades 6-8
- Senior grades 9-13

- Intermediate grades 6-8
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REGISTRATION DUE April 1

MINI DRAMA / SKIT REGISTRATION (puppetry, skits, etc)

Mini dramas and skits can be performed at or in any place (setting) and might include puppetry, creative dramatics, etc. No stage and lighting will be provided. Performances MUST include 2 or more actors.

10 minute time limit including setup and takedown of all props

Club:			
Director's Name:		Phon	e:
Address:			
Other Director's			
Names			
Title:			
	Time Preferen		
Length:	Time Preferen		
Name:		Name:	
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REGISTRATION DUE April 1

MUSIC REGISTRATION

20 minute time limit, including set up and take down of all props. NOTE CHANGE – performances must include 2 or more 4-H members

Club:	
Director's Name	Phone:
Address	
Directors Name	
Title:	
Length:	Time Preference:
Name:	Name:
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Please Check Equipment Required:	Piano Music Stand

A sound system will be set up. A CD Player is NOT available, however an Ipod can be hooked up to the sound system.

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This annual charity golf tournament creates resources used for scholarships, out-state learning trips, robotic Programs and to reachout to non-4-Hers in Pierce, Polk St. Croix and Dunn Counties. Thanks to your support, 4-H has proven results. According to a recent Turts University study, young people in 4-H:

- · Report better grades, higher levels of academic competence and an elevated level of engagement at school
- Are nearly two times more likely to plan to go to college
- · Are more likely to pursue courses or a career in science, engineering or computer technology
- Are shown to have had significantly lower drug, alcohol and cigarette use than their peers

RSVP BY MAY 21

Become a Tournament Sponsor*

List:

Approx. Value \$____

Head Sponsor Major event includes naming rights signage, print publicity, and a foursome, \$5,000.

Heart Sponsor hole sponsor, print publicity and a foursome, \$1,000. Hands Sponsor hole sponsor, publicity and recognition, \$500. Health Sponsor hole sponsor, publicity and recognition at NGC, \$300.

Northwest 4-H Golf Classic 414 W. Main St. PO Box 69 Ellsworth, WI 54011

	March 2018								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
				1	2 5pm – VIP Training 7pm – VIP Training 7pm – Teen Leader Pizza/Movie Night (All at Ag Center)	3 9am – Livestock Quiz Bowl (Madison)			
4	5 7pm – Youth Horse Committee Mtg. 7:30pm – General Horse Committee Mtg. (Both at Ag Center)	6	7 6:30pm – WI Tour Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	8 5pm – VIP Training 7pm – VIP Training (Ag Center)	9	10 9am – Arlington Sheep Day (Arlington)			
11	12 7pm – Shooting Sports Orientation (Ag Center)	13 6:30pm – Show Feed Workshop (Ready Randy's) 7pm – Livestock Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	14	15 Due – WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications 6pm – VIP Training 7pm – VIP Training (Ag Center)	16 Camp Counselor Interviews 4-H ArtBeat (WI Dells)	17 4-H ArtBeat (WI Dells) Horse District Quiz Bowl (Pierce County)			
18	19	20 7pm – Leader's Council Mtg. (Ag Center)	21	22 6pm – Photography Project Mtg. (Ag Center)	23	24			
25 12:30pm – Kids-N- Pigs (UW-River Falls)	26 6pm – County Fair Judges Training (Webinar)	27	28	29	30	31 Due – Rodeo Queen Applications 11am – Cat Fun Show (Roberts Park Building)			