

St. Croix County 4-H

Communicator

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Dear 4-H Families,

With the fair over and school beginning must mean it's time to gear up for another 4-H year!

Yes, that's right. Just when you think you are finished, it's time to get started all over again. The 2018-2019 4-H year will officially begin October 1st, but families are open to enroll in 4-H Online beginning on September 5th. Now is the time to be thinking of friends and family who may not be part of 4-H and invite them to join. Think of all the wonderful opportunities you have had and wouldn't it be great to share those with others?

One of the best ways to encourage others to join 4-H is to celebrate National 4-H Week, October 7-13, 2018. There are a number of ways clubs or individuals can do this, including:

- Conduct a 4-H Find-a-Leader or Find-a-Member Campaign. Have each leader and member invite just one person to your next meeting to learn about 4-H, and your club would double in membership. For some clubs, it may mean the start of a new club!
- Participate in the 4-H Window Display Contest or ask to decorate a business window.
- Create 4-H displays at your local libraries or schools.
- Wear your 4-H shirt to school.
- Sponsor a poster contest with the theme, "4-H Grows Here", in your local school system for all youth, not just 4-H members.
- Ask if 4-H literature and bookmarks can be displayed at the main desk of businesses, libraries, or schools.
- Adopt a highway, lake, community building or outdoor area, or a local senior center.
- Participate in a community beautification project.

The possibilities are endless on how to celebrate National 4-H Week. It may be as simple as wearing a 4-H shirt during the week. Be proud of being a 4-H member or leader!

Just remember, as a 4-H member, you are part of over 7 million youth who participate in 4-H youth development experiences throughout the world. Pass on the great word of what 4-H can do around your community!

Heather Vierling

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St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development Agent

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Congratulations

Living Memorial Award Presented to Cindy Van Dyk

I can think of no one more worthy of receiving this award than Cindy Van Dyk. Cindy has dedicated many years to the St. Croix County Fair as an exhibitor, volunteer, St. Croix County Fair Board member and treasurer.

She has stepped up to help wherever there is a need including taking on the registration process through Blue Ribbon when it was evident that the St. Croix County Fair needed to go to online registration, this was no small task and is an ongoing project. Each time there are updates to the premium book it's Cindy who has to make sure all of those changes are entered into the Blue Ribbon system, whether they are small changes or the massive changes when we publish the new book every other year. The best part is she always seems to do this with a smile and for some reason apologizes for not doing it faster.

She is our fair registration guru and makes sure that all of the entry tags are ready to go on the day we all need them. She is like your mom and always there with a gentle reminder to, "Get your registration in by May 31, or you can't show at the fair." She happily prints out registration reports for all of the 4-H club general leaders so we too can voice that reminder to those that are still holding off.

Cindy is also a constant fixture in the Fair Office during the St. Croix County Fair answering questions, double checking entry tags, reprinting some, and even soothing frazzled nerves, not that we have any during the fair. She quietly shows up where she is needed and is always willing to lend a helping hand or opinion along with a smile.

As big a project as the premium book is, that is just the tip of the iceberg for this lady. She has also served as the St. Croix County Fair Board, Treasurer. Yes, she is the lady that makes sure you get that \$1.50 premium check after the fair, and constantly reminds your 4-H Leaders to make sure you deposit them before January 1. Because we all know what happens after that.

This wonderful lady also arranges our fair judges for us and patiently listens when we say please don't hire that judge next year or wow that judge was amazing

make sure they come back. This process starts right after the fair when the rest of us are going home to decompress from the fair she is already getting ready and making notes for the next year's fair.

There are so many other amazing things that she has done and still does that they can't all be listed here but she is my nomination for the Living Memorial Award.

St. Croix County WI State Fair Contestants

Beef

Klay Lorentz

Kole Lorentz

Dairy

Haley Beukema

Eva Doornink

Olivia Holzman

Hannah Nelson

Madison Peterson

Dylan Raymond

Austin Raymond

Allison Skinner

Walter Thommes

Sheep

David Thompson

Lauren Thompson

Nathan Thompson

Poultry

Garrett Beukema

David Thompson

Lauren Thompson

Nathan Thompson

Clothing Revue

Adaire Mac Swain

4-H Exhibits

Reese Benware

Charlie Bogie

Kaylin Brandt

Jim Buttles

Adelle Dittman

Riley Donahue

Stephanie Geisler

Emma Gessler

Ashlee Hanson

Tenley Hesselink

Jillian Mason

McKenna Mason

Tiergan McWilliams

Elsja Meijer

Kathryn Mohrhauser

Sara Nyhus

Anna Paulson

Jaxx Paulson

Lyle Prusak

Avalynn Ptacek

Gavin Salmon

Lauren Thompson

Karli Thorsen

Lyle Wagner

Carter Wilson

Junior Exhibitors at Dairyland Youth Celebration

The Dairyland Youth Celebration, held at Wisconsin State Fair Park, celebrated the accomplishments of nearly 600 exhibitors that participated in the junior dairy and junior dairy goat shows at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair.

James W. Crowley Leadership Award Winners:
Hannah Nelson and Austin Raymond.

AgSource Production Winners:
Guernsey – Olivia Holzman, Harmony Hills

Education Display Winners (receive a cash prize from the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin). Large County – St. Croix County took third place.

Horse Project Congratulations



Four of our St. Croix County 4-H horse project members completed in the challenge of champions show at the state fair Aug 11th. This was an invitation only event that only the top riders in the state compete in various speed events. The kids did very well. Tyler Mentink received high point for his team. From left to right – Harly Lentz, Alexis Kwak, Tyler Mentink, Sierra Harren.



The St. Croix County Horse project competed at the Western District Gymkhana show in Polk county Aug 18th. The kids came home with many Grands, Reserves and top tens. From front row left to right –

Dakota Gartmann, Sierra Harren, Tyler Mentink, Madison Kwak, McKenna Smith, Jessica Moor. Second row – Ashlyn Richter, Harly Lentz, Alexis Kwak, McKynna Richter, Grace Gartmann, Peyton Gilbertson.



Madison Kwak received High Point in the 6-8th grade division at the Western District Gymkhana show.

Livestock Project Congratulations

Klay Lorentz won Reserve Supreme Bred and Owned Heifer at the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Beef show with his Heifer WP Sophia ET 776



Thank You

Food Stand

Thank you to all that supported or worked at the food stand this year. We had another successful year. We had lots of smiles from kids working and ran out of food!

We could not do it without you! The clubs that worked were Wildwood (2 shifts), Baldwin Wide Awake, Sunnyside Shamrocks, Lone Pine (4 shifts), Double Good/Harmony Hill, Bellringers (2 shifts), Riverside, Ambassadors, Dry Run Go Getters, Forest Timberwolves, Rolling Hills (2 shifts), Tri River Voyagers, Glen Hills Climbers, Springbrook, and North Country.

It is early, but some clubs want to sign up for next year already. I will send the shifts out to the leaders once we have had our wrap up meeting (Monday, August 27) and decide if we are changing any times for the shifts.

We would also like to thank several businesses for their donations: A.F.P., AMPI, Benck's Mechanical, ConAgra, Cady Cheese/ Burnett Dairy, Culvers, Hiawatha National Bank and Westconsin Credit Union. Also thanks to Nilssen's Foods for all of their help with ordering supplies.

All of our hard work goes to help 4-H programs. Some of the things 4-H offers are: camps, scholarships, trips, awards, STEM workshops, Clover College, Foods Day, Mini Talent Show, state fair, and softball, just to name a few! **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.**

Thank you from the Food Stand Committee:
Mari, Dean & Jodi, Gary & Debbie, Chris, Tom, Connie, Heather and Alpha, Ashley and Barb

Leader News

Leader's Council Meeting

September 18

October 16

7pm

Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

All of the Leader's Council Meetings are open meetings. Anyone is invited to attend at any time. Agenda items are due 10 days before the meeting date. If you have any items to discuss with the council, please get your agenda items to Carole Schurtz, carole@dewittmedia.com. 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 (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 18 Leaders Association meeting.

Robotics Help Wanted

Help need on the 2nd Saturday of the month from September - May and during fair build classes. If you are interested in helping or finding out more about the program, please email Heather at heather.vierling@co.saint-croix.wi.us or Beth & Joe Sippl at bj.sippl@gmail.com.

4-H Volunteer Impact Study - You May Be Contacted

What you do makes a difference! We are excited to share that our state will be participating in 4-H Volunteer Impact Study of volunteers in the North Central Region.

This survey is being conducted as a part of 12 state effort to document the impact of volunteering.

It will focus on three areas:

- the personal benefits of your volunteer experience;
- the impact you have on the organization by volunteering; and
- how your volunteer efforts contribute to your community in which you live and work.

A random sample of volunteers of 1000 volunteers from each state will be surveyed. This study will be conducted through an electronic survey. If you are selected you will receive an e-mail to let you know you have been selected to participate.

You may be picked!!! If you are, please respond. We want to hear from you and learn from your volunteer experiences.

Your comments will be used to quantify the personal, organizational and public impacts of volunteers involved with 4-H Youth Development Programs in our twelve state region.

Your impact is great and we want to hear from you!!!

Leader's Banquet / Annual Meeting

October 16

Ready Randy's, New Richmond

Save the date for the Leader's Banquet / Annual Meeting that will take place at the above location and date. The time is to be determined at this time. More information will be in the Weekly Updates.

Clover College Teachers Needed

Wanted Adults & Youth Leaders who want to teach a class at Clover College (Feb. 23). Please email your class idea and description to Heather at: heather.vierling@co.saint-croix.wi.us by November 15.

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:

Sept. 10 at 6:30pm	Sept. 11 at 5:00pm
Sept. 12 at 12:00pm	Sept. 13 at 6:00pm
Sept. 18 at 5:00pm	Sept. 19 at 12:00pm
Sept. 19 at 4:00pm	Sept. 24 at 6:00pm
Sept. 24 at 7:30pm	Sept. 26 at 10:00am
Sept. 27 at 5:00pm	Oct. 8 at 5:00pm
Oct. 8 at 7:00pm	Oct. 9 at 5:00pm
Oct. 11 at 6:00pm	Oct. 16 at 10:00am
Oct. 16 at 1:00pm	Oct. 16 at 5:00pm
Oct. 18 at 6:00pm	Oct. 18 at 7:30pm
Oct. 22 at 5:30pm	Oct. 22 at 7:00pm
Oct. 23 at 4:30pm	Oct. 23 at 6:00pm
Oct. 24 at 5:00pm	Oct. 24 at 6:30pm
Oct. 29 at 5:00pm	Oct. 29 at 7:00pm

There will be a limited number of VIP Trainings November – February, so sign up early. 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.

2018-2019 4-H Charters

2018-2019 4-H Charter season is here. All club and committee leaders were emailed charter documents in August. 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**. You are welcome to turn in your charters earlier 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 still needed.

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.

4-H Leader Retreat / Annual Leader Training

Saturday, October 20

9:30am-2:30pm

Ag Services & Education Center

Each fall club leaders are asked to participate in a day long (9:30am – 2:30pm) day of learning known as the 4-H Leader Retreat / Annual Leader Training. At least one adult leader from each club is required to attend. If you, as the general leader are unavailable you can always ask another leader in your club to attend in your place. If your club would like to invite more than one leader GREAT. Clubs are also welcome to bring youth to the training as well. An agenda for the training will be mailed out to each club leader.

Club Opportunities

Club Challenges

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 September 1 – February 28 should be submitted by April 1. Activities occurring March 1-August 31 should be submitted by October 1.

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. See Entry Form attached to the newsletter.

4-H Week

October 7-13, 2018

It's National 4-H Week and that's reason to celebrate. 4-H got its start in rural fields, but today it's everywhere—from city streets and schools, to neighborhoods and universities. That's why 4-H has stayed important for more than 100 years. It changes with me and you. Don't worry. 4-H is still here in small towns across America and stronger than ever. Our Mission in 2018 is ADVENTURE.

- 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 7-13, 2018

Entries due October 1

National 4-H Week starts October 7. 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 7 and must remain up until October 13. 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 = \$50, 2nd blue = \$40 and 3rd blue = \$30. All other participants = \$20.

If you would like to participate, call Melissa at 715-531-1930 or email at: melissa.heath@sccwi.gov. 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.

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**.

Youth News/ Opportunities

Re-Enrollment

4-H Enrollment opens September 5. Go to www.4honline.com and log into your account to re-enroll. Re-enrollment directions in the Communicator.

Become a St. Croix County 4-H Ambassador?

Now seeking applications for 4-Hers in the 7th grade and up!

Ambassadors team Goal: Promote 4-H throughout St. Croix 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.

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 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 4, 2018 starting at 3-7 p.m. at a location to be determined. First come, first serve basis. No appointments required. Further details after application is received.

When are Applications Due? September 22, 2018. Applications can be found on the UW-Extension site: <https://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-ambassadors/>



4-H Celebrates the National Scenic Riverway

September 22; 9:30am

Paddle ten miles down the Namekagon River to view wildlife and learn about the National Scenic Riverway. Children must be in grade three or above. Children in grades 3-6 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own lunch but dessert and snacks provided. \$25/person will cover the cost of the outfitter and snacks. Registration is due by September 14. Registration information can be found at the end of the Communicator.

Premium Checks

Premium checks for the 2018 County Fair will be distributed through the club award packets in October.

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, 2018.

Robotics Project

Want to sign up for robotics as a project, but don't have a robot to program.

- 4-H owns 12 robots that can be used at the fair
- Classes offered to help with the building and programming
- Watch future newsletters and the weekly email blasts for more information.
- To reserve a robot, please email Heather at heather.vierling@co.saint-croix.wi.us or Beth & Joe Sippl @ bj.sippl@gmail.com.

Monthly Robotic Classes

September - May; 2nd Saturday
Ag Services & Education Center

Want to learn how to program a robot or expand on what you already know?

- 9:30-10:30 grades 1st-3rd
- 10:30-12:00 grades 4th and up
- All 4-Her's and non-4-Her's are welcome, showing them at the fair is optional.
- To sign up email Heather at heather.vierling@co.saint-croix.wi.us or Beth & Joe Sippl at bj.sippl@gmail.com.

2019 4-H Trips Orientation Meeting

September 12 at 7:00pm

Ag Services & Education Center

Want to meet new people and travel to new places? 4-H offers youth of all ages and adults 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, discuss financial aid options, and help answer any questions. Trips include:

- Art Beat, Arts Camp, Arts Lab
- WI 4-H Youth Conference
- Space Camp
- WI Tour
- American Spirit
- Citizenship Washington Focus
- 4-H Congress / 4-H Conference
- State 4-H Teams
- International Travel

M.E. Applications

If you are interested in receiving financial assistance from the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association to attend any of the state, national, or international trip opportunities you will need to complete an M.E. application. M.E. applications are due to the UW-Extension Office by **November 1**. Interviews will be scheduled after the application deadline. You can find the application enclosed in this Communicator.

September Library Programs

Hudson– Sept. 25, 6:30pm (K’NEX Engineering)

Roberts– Sept. 10, 4:30pm (K’NEX Engineering)

Glenwood City– Sept. 17, 4:00pm (Food Science II)

Food Science II - What is happening to my food?

Youth will get the opportunity to become food scientist and explore the physical and chemical changes in some of their favorite foods. Come and learn what a food scientist really does.

K’NEX Engineering - Become an aspiring engineer. Design and build structures with K’NEX. After the build, youth will be able to add engines to make their structures move and complete tasks.

Club Officer Training

September 21; 6-8pm

Ag Services & Education Center

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.

Dinner will be served. Please sign up your club officer team by contacting Melissa at melissa.heath@sccwi.gov.

Adult and Youth Leaders - Mark Your Calendars for Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

November 2-4, 2018 (registration 6pm Fri.)

Green Lake Conference Center

Registration Deadline: September 30

Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff.

Each county is encouraged to send a delegation of youth and adults

- 7th – 13th 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 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. Youth participants need to have a chaperone who has completed Youth Protection identified when they register.

For more information:

<https://4h.uwex.edu/events/fall-forum-2018> or Laura Gundlach at laura.gundlach@ces.uwex.edu.

4-H Softball Results

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

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

The regular season results were:

- Junior Division Champion: *Baldwin Wide Awake, Wildwood, Dry Run Go Getters*
- Senior Division Champion: *Baldwin Wide Awake, Bellringers, Dry Run Go Getters, Forest Timberwolves, Lone Pine*

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

- Junior Division: *Riverside*
- Senior Division: *Riverside*

There were several items that were forgotten at either the All Star game or the tournament. If you are missing items, contact the Extension Office at 715-531-1930.

Photography

The Fair is over, projects are put away, and record books are being worked on! I hope that everyone has good things to say about their Fair experiences this year and that everyone learned something new!!!

Congratulations to our Grand Champion MaKenna Miller, our Reserved Grand Champion Ava Lindley,

and our Honorable Mention Maggie Brown. They will be able to have their photos entered into the Wisconsin State Photography Competition! Very exciting for them and for all of us!! Please make sure to email an 8 X 10 of your picture to Heather at the 4-H Office as soon as possible! You can include me on the email too!! Thank you!!!

The entries went well this year!!! Most members had the color versus the black & white/sepia choices done correctly. The two things that some struggled with is the 2 inch border and that the tag board needs to be white and there were a few regular entries that were framed. Always make sure to read over the rules/guidelines for all your projects.

One of the things the judges noticed, mostly because these three have judged now many times, is that the longer someone has been in the project the better their photos are becoming. This has not always been the case. There used to be a lot more beginner photos getting the blue ribbons and being up for Grand Champion. They strongly feel that those who have been attending meetings are gaining knowledge. When one member was asked why they didn't attend a meeting the response was, "I already know everything and the meetings can be boring," the judge responded with, "Then help by saying what you would like the meetings to be about and if you knew everything already then you should have all blue ribbons and be able to talk about your pictures better." This was a member that has been in the project for 5-6 years (they weren't sure). I am only putting this in here because one of the judges asked me to do so. The judges know that the mandatory meeting is being taken out of the requirements and they were concerned as St Croix County has really improved over the years. Another point that the judges wanted to point out is that there were very few black & white/sepia entries and some Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons weren't given out because of this!!!

Thinking ahead to next year. Yes, the Mandatory Requirement is being removed. The only way to keep it would be to do a "No Go, No Show" and I really don't want that. We will see how the next couple of years go! Meetings can still be held and that would be great! It would be fun to have a few Photography Project Days or something. As always please share your ideas by emailing or on the Facebook Page!

Have a wonderful school and 4-H year! Our email is sccphotographyproject@gmail.com and the Facebook page is SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT.
Kay Jacobsen ~SCC Photography Leader

4-H Foods Expo - Save the Date

Saturday, January 26 from 9-3

Location - TBD

Possible classes: Pizza making, Smoothie Challenge, Food & Fitness, Menu Planning and one more.

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.

Animal Sciences

DAIRY NEWS

National 4-H Dairy Conference

September 30

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. All forms must be returned no later than August 29. For more information, once available:
<https://national4hdairyconference.org/2018/07/20/2018-registration-is-open>.

HORSE NEWS

Horse Committee Meetings

September 10 October 1

7:00pm youth; 7:30pm Project Meeting

Ag Services & Education Center

Sept. 10 - Banquet planning

Oct. 1 - Annual election of officers both adult and youth.

Additional Horse Events

September 8-9 – State Gymkhana at Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, West Allis

September 13-16 – State Horse Expo at Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, West Allis

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Livestock Committee Meeting

September 11 and October 9

7:00 pm

Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

All of the Livestock Committee meetings are open meetings. You are welcome to attend anytime. Please call or email Laura Dalton at lauradalton8@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 or join us at the September meeting!

Outstanding Livestock Member

Due September 7

The Livestock Committee would like to recognize one older livestock and breeding stock project member. If you would like to nominate yourself for either of these awards, and are 14 years old or older. The application can be found online at: <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications> under Forms & Applications or 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 or 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin, WI 54002 no later than September 7.

Kids & Cows Family Day

October 13, 2018

Barron County, Fairgrounds (Rice Lake)

Registration: 8:00am

For more information, see the flyer at the end of the Communicator.

POULTRY NEWS

4-H Avian Quiz Bowl

September 29

Columbia County Fairgrounds, Portage

REGISTRATION DUE: September 1

The Avian Quiz Bowl will consist of two to four member teams. Teams will be quizzed on various aspects of poultry and eggs from hatching to management to cooking, competing against other teams in a game show format.

There will be a junior (under 14 yr.) and senior (14-18 yr.) division. Senior division winners will represent the State of Wisconsin at the 4-H National Poultry & Egg Conference held in Louisville, KY.

Registration deadline is September 1, 2018. More information can be found at:
<http://www2.ca.uky.edu/national4hpoultry/AvianBowl.html>.

Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

2018 Raffle

The 2018 Renovations for the Generations Raffle was another great success – a big thank you to all who participated! Total income including a \$500 trade sponsorship was \$10,300 with an estimated net income of approximately \$6,000 after paying all expenses including club shares.

A total of 16 4-H clubs sold nearly \$5,000 worth of tickets – a big thank you to all of you! The Hudson Lucky Horseshoes led the pack with total sales of \$810. The top 3 selling organizations in order were Hudson Lucky Horseshoes, Harmony Hill and Springbrook 4-H Clubs. Based on sales/club member, Hudson Lucky Horseshoes, Rustic Renegades and Ambassadors, led the pack (1, 2, 3, respectively). The five top selling reps in descending order were, Jordyn Doyle, Jacob Schurtz, Sabrina Blodgett, Ben Larson & Eric Mahoney.

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 Ram

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

Bronze: Berquam State Farm Agency and 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 fully funded Horse Barn #1 – see July-August Communicator for details! We also have an excellent start on funding the Livestock Barn with a projected \$35,000 raised by year end!! Our short term priority going forward is helping to drive the fundraising necessary to launch construction of the Livestock Barn with a collective goal of 50% of the necessary funds raised by the conclusion of the 2019 Fair.

We already are on track to a very successful fund raising year with the joint efforts of the Horse, Livestock & Dairy Committees, Roberts Ribbon Reapers Garage Sale and the Friends closing in on \$35,000 raised above fundraising expenses against a 2018 goal of \$45,000. Additionally we have 2018 commitments totaling \$8,500 plus several very promising leads.

How can you & your club help?

- **Support the Fall Commodity Drive**
Since inception fall of 2010, St. Croix County Ag Producers have donated over \$85,000 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 \$500 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.**

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

4-H Celebrates the National Scenic Riverway



Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway by paddling on the Namekagon

Where: We will paddle the Namekagon River from the County K Landing (west of Trego) to Whispering Pines. This 10 mile stretch of the river is an easy paddle with great opportunities to view wildlife and learn about the National Scenic Riverway on the Namekagon and St. Croix Rivers.

When: Saturday, September 22. Check-in at 9:30am. You will receive an email with check-in location and directions. We plan to be on the river at 10:00am

Who: 4-H Members and Families. Children must be in grade 3 or above. Children in grades 3-6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Bring: Your own lunch. Dessert and snacks will be provided

Cost: \$25 per person to cover the cost of the outfitter and snacks. Registrations due Friday, September 14 or when enrollment is full. Mail registrations to Pierce County 4-H, UWEX Office, 432 W Main Street P.O. Box 69, Ellsworth, WI 54011

Visit the website: <https://www.nps.gov/sacn/planyourvisit/50-things-to-do.htm> for more ideas to celebrate the National Scenic Riverway

Registration Due Friday, September 14

Name _____ Grade _____ Phone Number _____

Contact Information: County _____ E-mail address _____

Emergency Contact and Phone Number _____

Canoe Paddling Experience: Beginner Intermediate Advanced (Circle One)

Please list Allergies: _____

Health Concerns: _____

Parent Signature _____

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 P 2018-2019 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**.



4-H CLUB CHALLENGES – St. Croix County

CLUB NAME: _____

CLUB CONTACT / MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Date & Location of Event	
Select the National Mandate that applies	<input type="checkbox"/> STEM <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Living <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship
Approx. how many members attended	
Activity Description	
Something interesting / educational you learned	

IMPORTANT - Don't forget to attach picture(s) of the event / activity!

Submit entries to UW Extension Office, Attn: 4-H Club Challenges, 1960 8th Ave. Suite 140, Baldwin, WI 54002

DEADLINES - September 1 – February 28 activities need to be submitted by April 1. March 1-August 31 activities should be submitted by October 1.

13th Annual

Kids & Cows Family Day



October 13th, 2018
Barron County
Fairgrounds-
Rice Lake, WI

Brody – Rushford, MN
First Time Exhibitor 2017

Event Schedule

Registration.....	8:00-9:00
Educational Workshops & Guest Speaker.....	9:00-12:00
Lunch – Food Stand & AG Olympics.....	12:00-1:00
Showmanship Competition.....	1:00-3:30
Breed Show & Supreme Champion.....	3:30

*Activities for all Ages

www.wisconsinbeefproducers.com
or contact Lori Lyons 715-210-0049

*Kids are encouraged to bring their own cattle- kids and adults without will have one provided

**ST. CROIX COUNTY 4-H TRIP APPLICATION
COVER SHEET
(DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2018)**

I am applying for or have taken the following trips:

If you received an award previously, indicate year or check if applying

Space Camp (6-8 grade)

WI 4-H Youth Conference (7-10 grade)

American Spirit East (8-10 grade)

Washington Citizenship Focus (10-12 grade)

National 4-H Conference (10-12 grade)

National 4-H Congress (10-12 grade)

International Opportunity (6-12 grade)

Other travel opportunities you can apply for through WI 4-H (you do not need to fill out an M.E. form).
Contact the Extension Office for more information:

- Art Beat (3-5 grade)
- St. Croix County WI Tour (5-8 grade)
- Arts Camp (6-8 grade)
- IW2K Camp (6-8 grade)
- Badger Dairy Camp (6-12 grade)
- Space Camp Counselor (7-10 grade)
- Fall Forum (7-13 grade)
- Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership (8-12)
- St. Croix County Day Camp Counselor (8-12 grade)
- WI Art Team (8-13 grade)
- St. Croix County Camp Counselor (9-12 grade)
- WI 4-H Leadership Council (9-11 grade)
- Arts Lab (9-12 grade)
- Arts Camp Counselor (9-12 grade)
- National 4-H Summit – Ag Science (9-12 grade)
- National 4-H Summit – Healthy Living (9-12 grade)
- National 4-H Summit – Maker (STEM) (9-12 grade)
- WI Drama Company (9-13 grade)
- WI Press Team (9-13 grade)
- National 4-H Dairy Conference (10-12 grade)

RETAIN THIS COVER LETTER FOR YOUR RECORDS

Member's Name _____

Club _____

All first time applicants under 10 grade must go to State 4-H Youth Conference before any other trip is awarded (Space Camp is the exception to this rule). A delegate may receive no more than one trip in the same year. The St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Association provides financial support. In return, trip recipients are expected to help with Pre or Post County Fair Clean Up, work at the County Fair on Entry Day as a Judges Assistant, and talk to two 4-H clubs about their trip experience. In addition, trip recipients must choose and complete two of the following promotional efforts:

- a) Write an article for the 4-H Communicator (newsletter)
- b) Put up a Display at the County Fair
- c) Write a news article for the local paper on 4-H or your trip
- d) Help at a 4-H sponsored event (Clover College, 4-H Camp, Day Camp, etc.)
- e) Present at a Leaders Association Meeting
- f) Come up with your own way to promote the trip... your choice!

Upon completion of the trip, the Trip Promotional Report Form is due in the UWEX Office by **Nov 1, 2019.**

Trip recipients who do not complete these requirements will be ineligible for future trips, awards and scholarships sponsored by the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders' Association.

The following trips need an M.E. Application to attend:


-  **SPACE CAMP** – Explore the fascinating world of aerospace, astronomy, robotics, and technology. Delegates will complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and learn about becoming an astronaut.

Where: Huntsville, AL

When: April 25-29, 2019

Eligibility: 6th – 8th graders

Delegate Cost: Approximate cost of trip is \$625.00

-  **WI 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE** – Delegates will take part in educational seminars and assemblies. Youth will learn about 4-H projects, leadership, and community service. Delegates will have the opportunity to tour the UW-Madison campus and meet 4-Hers from around the state.

Where: Madison, WI

When: June 24-27, 2019

Eligibility: 7th – 10th graders

Delegate Cost: Approximate cost of trip is \$350.00



St. Croix County 4-H delegates at the WI 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE in Madison.

- ✚ **AMERICAN SPIRIT EAST** – Discover the struggle of immigration, the revolutionary war, cultural struggles and the city vs. county. Youth will take a 9-day journey across the county touring the great cities of the U.S. and learning about history. Delegates are required to step out of their comfort zone and try new things. Passports are required for all youth attending.

Where: Philadelphia, PA, Boston, MA, New York City, NY, Plymouth, MA, Niagara Falls, Canada, and more.

When: June 7-16, 2019 or July 5-14, 2019

Eligibility: 8th – 10th graders

Quota: 4

Delegate Cost: Approximate cost of trip is \$1500.00



- ✚ **CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF)** – Delegates will participate in seminars on citizenship, leadership, government and civic responsibility. Youth will tour monuments, historical sites, government offices, Smithsonian museums, and more. Delegates will also meet with Senators and members of Congress.

Where: Washington D.C.

When: June 15-23, 2019 or July 6-14, 2019

Eligibility: 10th – 12th graders

Quota: 2

Delegate Cost: Approximate cost of trip is \$1400.00

**AMERICAN SPIRIT EAST delegates at
Niagara Falls in Canada.**

- ✚ **NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS** – Delegates will learn new skills in leadership, community service, and multi-cultural integration. Youth will attend workshops and seminars, participate in discussion groups on issues facing our country today, and moderate a town hall meeting at which they will share the results of those discussions.

Where: Atlanta, GA

When: November 29 – December 3, 2019

Eligibility: 10th – 12th graders

Quota: 2

Delegate Cost: Approximate cost of trip is \$1200.00

- ✦ **NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE** – Delegates will learn new skills in leadership and self-advocacy. Youth will work with other 4-H delegates from around the county real government problems and have the opportunity to pitch their solutions to those government agencies. Delegates will listen to prominent speakers and government officials. Youth will spend 1 day on Capitol Hill advocating for 4-H.

Where: Washington D.C.

When: April 5-11, 2019

Eligibility: 10th – 12th graders

Quota: Youth will apply to the state 4-H Office to be chosen. Only 10-15 youth are chosen each year.

Delegate Cost: Approximate cost of trip is \$1300.00



**WI 4-H Youth Delegates at the
U.S. Capital in Washington
D.C on the CITIZENSHIP
WASHINGTON FOCUS trip.**

- ✦ **4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE** – Learn about different cultures and lifestyles. Discuss issues related to agriculture, international economics, the environment, etc. Delegates will live with 4-H families abroad and participate in their day to day life. Youth will become immersed in new cultures, languages, customs, and traditions. Delegates will develop lifelong friendships and have a better understanding of themselves.

Where: Japan, Costa Rica, South Korea, Norway

When: Mid-June through July 2019 (these are 4 week stays)

Eligibility: 6th – 12th graders

Delegate Cost: Approximate cost of trip is \$3000.00 – \$6500.00

THE FINAL PRODUCT!

WHAT YOU WILL RETURN TO THE UW-EXTENSION OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 1

- ☐ Trip Application Cover Sheet
- ☐ A cover letter
- ☐ A resume
- ☐ Parent & Member Trip Code of Conduct Agreement
- ☐ 4-H Leader Recommendation Form

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Due – 4-H Avian Quiz Bowl Registration
2	3	4	5 4-H Re-Enrollment Opens	6	7 Due – Award Applications	8 9:30am – Robotics (1-3 rd grade) 10:30am – Robotics (4+ grades) (Ag Center) State Gymkahana (West Allis)
9 State Gymkahana (West Allis)	10 4:30pm – Roberts Library (K’NEX Engineering) 6:30pm – VIP Training 7pm – Horse Meeting (Both at Ag Center)	11 5pm – VIP Training 7:30pm – Livestock Committee (Both at Ag Center)	12 12pm – VIP Training 7pm – 4-H Trip Orientation (Both at Ag Center)	13 6:00pm – VIP Training (Ag Center) State Horse Expo (West Allis)	14 State Horse Expo (West Allis)	15 State Horse Expo (West Allis)
16 State Horse Expo (West Allis)	17 4pm – Glenwood City Library (Food Science II)	18 5pm – VIP Training 7pm – Leader’s Council Mtg. (Both at Ag Center)	19 12pm – VIP Training 4pm – VIP Training (Both at Ag Center)	20	21 6pm – Club Officer Training (Ag Center)	22 9:30am – National Riverway Paddline (Namegakon)
23	24 6pm – VIP Training 7:30pm – VIP Training (Both at Ag Center)	25 6:30pm – Hudson Library (K’NEX Engineering)	26 10am – VIP Training (Ag Center)	27 5pm – VIP Training (Ag Center)	28	29 4-H Avian Quiz Bowl (Portage)
30 National 4-H Dairy Conference (UW-Madison)						

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7pm – Horse Meeting (Ag Center)	2	3	4	5	6
7 4-H Week	8 4-H Week 5pm – VIP Training 7pm – VIP Training (Both at Ag Center)	9 4-H Week 5pm – VIP Training 7:30pm – Livestock Committee (Both at Ag Center)	10 4-H Week	11 4-H Week 6pm – VIP Training (Ag Center)	12 4-H Week	13 4-H Week 8am – Kids & Cows (Rice Lake) 9:30am – Robotics (1-3 rd grade) 10:30am – Robotics (4+ grades) (Ag Center)
14	15	16 10am – VIP Training 1pm – VIP Training 5pm – VIP Training (All at Ag Center) Leader’s Council /Leader’s Banquet /Annual Meeting (Ready Randy’s – Time--TBD)	17	18 6pm – VIP Training 7:30pm – VIP Training (Both at Ag Center)	19	20
21	22 5:30pm – VIP Training 7pm – VIP Training (Both at Ag Center)	23 4:30pm – VIP Training 6pm – VIP Training (Both at Ag Center)	24 5pm – VIP Training 6:30pm – VIP Training (Both at Ag Center)	25	26	27
28	29 5pm – VIP Training 7pm – VIP Training (Both at Ag Center)	30	31	November 1 Due – Charters Due – M.E. Applications	2 Fall Forum (Green Lake)	3 Fall Forum (Green Lake)