

4-H



COMMUNICATOR

Enrollment Deadlines Fast Approaching

Remember, members must be enrolled in St. Croix County 4-H by **March 31, 2020** to be eligible to show at the St. Croix County Fair under the 4-H name. New members enrolling after the March 31 deadline may enroll and participate in the 4-H program but will not be eligible to register for the St. Croix County Fair through 4-H.

Project Changes

You have until **March 31, 2020** to add or delete any 4-H projects. After March 31 the system will lock and these will be your projects for 2020.

If you need assistance with this process please feel free to contact Eileen or Heather at the UW-Extension Office. 715-531-1930



2020 4-H Key Awards

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.).

Applications must be received no later than April 15, 2020. For more information and an application go to <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships/>

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4-H Pledge

*"I pledge my HEAD to
clearer thinking,
my HEART to greater loyalty,
my HANDS to larger service, and
my HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and
my world."*

**Join us on
Facebook**

St. Croix County 4-H

Hello 4-H Families,

Do You Sit On Your Hands Enough?

Some 4-H leaders I know sit on their hands. They are helpful, capable, enthusiastic, and love kids, but they sit on their hands. They tell me it's a habit that works very well.

One of the most difficult things a 4-H leader must do is allow other people to use and develop their abilities. Whether it's a nine-year-old future chef, a first-year leader, the first meeting for the club president, or a committee planning the club booth, the 4-H leader is often tempted to help. Sometimes they should sit on their hands.

We all know it's simpler and faster for the person who already knows how to do something to do it again. The muffins will be gently rounded instead of peaked, the meeting will be given by an experienced leader, the club business meeting will go smoother, and the booth will get a neatness award.



But what happens to people in the process? Johnny doesn't remember to stop stirring. Mrs. Brown still hasn't had a meeting alone with the members. The club president decided Mr. Leader can do it better so why bother to try. The members of the club booth committee still haven't had the experience of carrying out an idea as a group.

It's not easy to decide when help is needed and when help would stifle developing abilities in another person. Think about your last project meeting. Was there a time when you reached in to do something yourself, when a few directions to a member would have allowed them to do it for themselves? Did you hurry to clean up because the members take too long? Should Johnny try to do something he really wants but you think is too difficult?

There are no right answers, but ponder the question: Do you sit on your hands enough?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather Vierling".

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eileen Van Dyk".

Eileen Van Dyk
Polk / St. Croix 4-H Coordinator

CALENDAR

March

- 2 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 3 Leaders Association By-Laws Committee Meeting
- 7 STEM / Robotics
- 7 YQCA Training
- 7 WI 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skill-a-thon
- 10 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 13-15 WI 4-H Art Beat
- 15 Po-Croix-Bar 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 17 Leaders Association Meeting
- 21 Fair Essentials Swine Clinic
- 23 VIP Training (Last One)
- 24 Horse Project Kick Off Meeting
- 26 Organizational Leader Training 103
- 28—Apr 2 National 4-H Conference
- 31 Last Day for New Members to Enroll in 4-H
- 31 Last Day to Change Projects for the Year



April

- 2 Dog Project Kick Off Meeting
- 4 Mini Talent Explosion
- 4 Mock Fair @ MTE
- 4 Cat Fun Show
- 4 Horse Project Kick Off Meeting
- 4 Horse Project Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
- 6 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 7 Shooting Sports Orientation
- 14 WI 4-H Townhall Meeting
- 14 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 16-20 WI 4-H Space Camp
- 21 Leaders Association Meeting
- 21 Shooting Sports Orientation
- 25 Clover University
- 28 YQCA Meeting (Last One)



May

- 2 STEM / Robotics
- 4 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 9 Shooting Sports Practice Session & Safety Meeting
- 12 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 15 Po-Croix-Bar 4-H Camp Registration Due
- 15 Po-Croix-Bar 4-H Outpost Camp Registration Due
- 19 Leaders Association Meeting
- 25 UWEX OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
- 30 Shooting Sports Practice Session & Safety Meeting



4-H EVENT REPORTS

4-H FOOD EXPO

January 25, 2020 9am—3pm

Report by Johanna LaVelle (Cloverbud) , North Country 4-H Club

Favorite Station: Chocolate

Do you want to come back next year? YES!!!

New station for next year? Ice Cream Sundaes

Workshops Included:

- ◆ Knives
- ◆ Exercise
- ◆ Chocolate
- ◆ Marshmallow Lamb
- ◆ Pancakes
- ◆ Pizza
- ◆ Games



2020 4-H CLOVER COLLEGE

We had 115 youth participate in this years Clover College. Youth rotated between 18 different project workshops. Workshops included a variety of topics including: Foods & Nutrition, Sewing, Animal Care, STEM, Health, Art, Legos, Gardening, Leathercraft, and Naturespace. Check out the photos on the next page. A huge thank you to all of our presenters and volunteers.


Presenters

Ben Meyer	Val Meijer
Marci Meyer	St. Croix 4-H Dog Project
Rob Brown	Elizabeth Hesselink
Debbie Stevens	Becky Olson
Char Croes	Lisa Berends
Heidi Wagner	
Jody Lenz	
DeAnn Hammer	
Mike Lindley	
4-H Ambassadors	

Volunteers

Jackie Kumm	Beth LaVelle
Lori DeBoer	Julie Mitchell
Carole Schurtz	Tonya Rudeen
The Meijer Family	Amy Steies
The Wagner Family	Erin Shypulski
4-H Ambassadors	
Tryn Gross	
Emily Tews	
Gavin Salmon	
Christie Salmon	

A collage of 15 photographs showing students and teachers participating in various activities during a 'Winter Carnival' event. The activities include making snow globes, working on projects at tables, using a sewing machine, painting, and building with blocks. The students are wearing winter hats and clothing, and the event is taking place in a classroom setting.



Thanks for a Great Event

CLUB INFORMATION

What's Up with Your Club?

Would you like your Club featured in the next St. Croix County 4-H Communicator? It's simple! Write up a short article telling us just how fun your club's event was and make sure to include a picture with the names of the members featured. Let us and other clubs know the good work you are doing in the community! To share your clubs story please

Bulletin Board for Club Use

The UW-Extension Office has a bulletin board in the hallway of the Ag Services Building available for clubs or committees to use to promote their group. This board is 5 feet wide by 3 1/2 feet tall. Please contact Heather if you are interested 715-531-1938 or heather.vierling@wisc.edu. Clubs are responsible for hanging up their materials at the beginning of the month and taking them down at the end of the month. If a club does not take the materials down by the end of the month, the materials will be taken down and held for one month, after which they will be discarded. Bulletin board content must follow 4-H policies.



Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan

The Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan program is available to St. Croix County 4-H Youth. The loan provides youth with \$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:

- Be a St. Croix County 4-Her or Alumni
- Have a current GPA minimum of 2.5
- Enter a field of nursing study
- Complete the proper application process
- 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. Applications are due no later than April 15. For more information go to <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h->

SAVE THE DATES

Foods Revue / Cake Decorating
June 13, 2020

Clothing Revue
June 18, 2020

WI Tour July 27—July 30, 2020 (Milwaukee, WI)

Address or Email Changes

Please check and make sure your 4-HOnline account contains your most current address and email address. We use 4-HOnline for all of our 4-H mailings. We want to ensure that you are getting the information needed in order to have a successful year.

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, 2019– February 28, 2020 should be submitted by April 1. Activities occurring between, March 1-August 31, 2020 should be submitted by October 1, 2020.

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. You will find a Club Challenge form in this newsletter and on the website.

**SAVE THE DATES: 2020 4-H Camp (grades 3-6) &
4-H Outpost Camp (grades 7-8)
June 15-17, 2020**

2020 Po-Croix-Bar 4-H Camp Counselors Needed

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 4-H Summer Camp Counselor.

Serving as a 4-H Camp Counselor is one of the most fun leadership development opportunities you can be part of. Counselors (youth grades 9-12) will make up a team from three different counties and focus their skills to develop a great 2020 summer camp program for youth.

Please complete and send your application to Heather at the UW-Extension Office by March 15. Selected camp counselors need to be able to attend the overnight camp counselor training and planning retreat and attend all days of camp.

Applications are available in this newsletter and on the website.





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

po-Croix-Bar 4-H Camp

Camp Counselor Application Due: March 15, 2020

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

You will be contacted for an interview.

Name		Current Age		Birth Date		Male		Female	
Address				City				Zip	
County		Club		Grade in School		Years in 4-H			
Cell Phone		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T-shirt size		Small		Medium		Large X-large	
Email									
Have you previously attended a Camp Counselor Training Workshop?									
If so, when and where?									
Do you want to be considered for a junior director's position?								Yes No	
What skills would you bring to this junior director's position?									
List camps (4-H and non 4-H) which you have attended:								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> camper or counselor	
Camp				Year		Camper		Counselor	

Please hold these dates. Counselor numbers directly impact the number of campers we can host.

4-H Camp	Grades 3-6	June 15-17, 2020	Camp Counselor Training Dates June 5-6, 2020 at Camp Kiwanis
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Camp Activities

Which of the following are you comfortable leading at camp? (Please check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	archery	<input type="checkbox"/>	games & recreation
<input type="checkbox"/>	arts & crafts	<input type="checkbox"/>	music
<input type="checkbox"/>	backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/>	nature
<input type="checkbox"/>	campfire programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	nature activities (other than water)
<input type="checkbox"/>	canoeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	relay games
<input type="checkbox"/>	drama activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	science discovery activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	singing
<input type="checkbox"/>	flag ceremonies	<input type="checkbox"/>	swimming
<input type="checkbox"/>	foods & nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	other (describe)

Describe your experiences with 5 of the camp activities you identified on the front page.

Explain why you want to be a camp counselor.

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

If you have special dietary needs, please describe.



(Applicant signature)

(Date completed)

University of Wisconsin, United States Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin Counties Cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX requirements. Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential. TTY Phone Relay 711

4-H Food Stand

The 4-H Food Stand Committee sent out information to all the clubs and groups who have worked in the stand. We still have 3 shifts that need to be filled. There are 2 small shifts for 11-12 people on **Wednesday 2:00- 5:30** and **Saturday 9:30-11:30**. We have a shift on **Friday 7:30-10:30 pm** for a large shift. Check with your clubs to see if it works for you. We will be sending out the expectations and job descriptions when we get closer to the fair. Contact Debbie at 715-684-9696 if interested in a shift.

We would like to thank all of the clubs who have signed up: Ambassadors, Baldwin Wide Awake, Bellringers, Double Good, Dry Run Go Getters, Glen Hills Climbers, Harmony Hill, Hudson Trail Blazers, Lone Pine, North Country, Riverside, Rolling Hills, Sunnyside Shamrocks, and Tri-River Voyagers.

Remember that the money we make in the food stand supports the county 4-H programs: scholarships, trips, Wisconsin Tour, State Fair exhibitors, County Softball program, 4-H Camp, the Mini Talent Explosion, grants, 4-H Leader pins and plaques, the Living Memorial Award, the Friend of 4-H Award and many other activities. Each year some of the funds also go towards 4-H Fair improvements. **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.**



SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, April 25
9:00am—2:30pm
WITC—New Richmond

Clover University is an advanced version of Clover College for youth grades 6-9. Workshops will include STEM, welding, sewing and more. Registration forms will be coming out soon.

2020 St. Croix County 4-H Scholarships

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association will award more than \$4,500.00 in scholarships to outstanding St. Croix County 4-H youth pursuing higher education in 2020. Scholarships are awarded to 4-Hers based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance, community engagement, and future educational goals. To be eligible, youth must have been a member of the St. Croix County 4-H program for at least the past 3 years, be a member in good standing, 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 2020 – 2021 academic school year. Applications are due no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 5:00pm. For more information and application materials go to <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships/>



MTE

(Mini Talent Explosion)

Saturday, April 4th, 8am – 2pm
Baldwin High School

Cloverbuds from all club are invited to participate in the 4-H pledge, 8:00am at the MTE.

Music – group and/or individual – vocal and/or instrumental, Drama, Demonstrations,
Other Speaking events (piano will be provided)

Check out the 4-H Communicator and weekly blast for more details.



MOCK FAIR at MTE

(Mini Talent Explosion)
Saturday, April 4th, 8am- 11am
Baldwin High School



WHAT IS IT?: Members can bring projects and have them conferenced judged to practice and prepare for the fair. (You could even bring your Clover College Projects!)

Mini Talent Explosion
Saturday, April 4, 2020
Baldwin High School



REGISTRATION DUE
Wednesday, March 25, 2020

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

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Director's Name: Phone:

Address:

Other Director's
Names

Title:

Length: Time Preference:

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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: bj.sippl@gmail.com

Mini Talent Explosion
DUE
Saturday, April 4, 2020
Baldwin High School



REGISTRATION

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

**INDIVIDUAL MUSIC, DEMONSTRATION, INTERPRETIVE READING & SPEECH MTE
REGISTRATION**

4-H Member: Club:

For scheduling purposes, please indicate if you are in your Club's Music (M) or Mini Drama (MD) performance.

Demonstration/Illustrated Talk

Title: Level: Individual or Team

Interpretive Reading

Title: Level: Individual or Duo

Original Speech

Title: Level:

Individual Music/Skit

Title: Circle one: Vocal Instrumental Both

Levels:

Demonstration/Illustrated Talks

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

Speeches/Interpretive Reading

- Cloverbud (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)

Mini Talent Explosion guidelines and registration forms are available on the UW-Extension 4-H website.
Mail: UWEX Office, 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140, Baldwin WI 54002, fax: 715-684-2666 ore-mail:
bj.sippl@gmail.com

Mini Talent Explosion
Saturday, April 4, 2019
Baldwin High School



REGISTRATION DUE
Wednesday, March 25, 2020

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:

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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.

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: bj.sippl@gmail.com

LEADER TRAININGS

VIP Training (New 4-H Volunteers only) - LAST ONE UNTIL FALL

The Wisconsin 4-H program depends upon the more than 20,000 adult volunteers to help youth gain skills for life. 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. It is also a great opportunity to ask questions.

All adults (18 years and older) wishing to become a 4-H volunteer leader are required to take the VIP Training. Upcoming trainings are listed below.

- ♦ March 23 @ 6:00pm at the UW-Extension Office

These trainings will be held at the UW-Extension Office in Baldwin and pre-registration is required. You can register by calling 715-531-1938 or email heather.vierling@wisc.edu. Please provide your

name, club, and the training date you wish to attend. Each training will last approximately an hour. In addition to the training, prospective volunteers will be required to have a background check and complete an online mandated reporter training.



Organization Leader Training 103

Thursday, March 19, 6:30 PM , Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake
Thursday, March 26, 6:30 PM. St. Croix County Ag Center, Baldwin

If you are a new Organizational Leader or would just like some new ideas, please join us as we explore ways to create a welcoming environment and increase adult volunteers in our clubs. Please come prepared to have fun.

RSVP one week before each event so we can have enough materials available. You may RSVP by email to gileen.vandyk@wisc.edu or call the Polk(715-485-8600) or St. Croix Extension Office(715-531-1930)

4-H Leader's Association Meeting

March 17 @ 7:00pm

April 21 @ 7:00pm

UW-Extension Office

Log In: <https://zoom.us/j/7262533018>

Call In: 1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 726-253-3018

All 4-H Leaders Association are open meeting and welcome all youth and adult members. If you would like something on the agenda email it to Mary Luckwaldt, luckwaldt123@yahoo.com 10 days prior to the meeting.

4-H LEADERS



WI 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

For more information and registration forms on any of these workshops go to: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingsports/certification-workshops/>

Muzzleloader Certification Workshops:

March 21—Stoughton, WI

Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun Certification Workshops:

April 4—New Franken, WI

May 2—Eau Claire, WI

Air Pistol / Pistol Certification Workshops:

May 9—Elkhorn, WI

Archery, Coordinator, Rifle / Air Rifle, Muzzleloader, Pistol / Air Pistol, Shotgun:

September 12—Marshfield, WI

*****The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association will pay for your shooting sports certification training*****



COMING IN MARCH

A google drive has been created for all St. Croix County 4-H Club Leaders. This google drive will provide club leaders with lists of county leaders (with contact information), 4-HOnline instructions, helpful club resources, and agendas/minutes of countywide committee meetings. Watch your email for a link to the site from Heather.



SAVE THE DATE

Wisconsin 4-H Town Hall

Meeting

April 14, 7:00pm—8:00pm

Look for upcoming log in / call in information in the Weekly Email Blast



Cloverbud 4-H Leader Training

Are you working with our K-3rd grade 4-H Cloverbuds and Explorers and looking for some great new ideas? Plan to attend the upcoming Cloverbud Leaders Training. Wisconsin 4-H has come out with 3 years of new curriculum and activities for this age group and we will be trying it out at this hands-on learning day. *Volunteers who attend will receive a hard copy of all activities to take back and use at your Club.*



Sunday, April 19th, 1:30-3:30 pm at the Seyforth Building, Pierce County Fairgrounds, 364 North Maple Street, Ellsworth, WI (Please register by Tuesday, April 14th). Registration is REQUESTED so that we can have adequate activity materials for the day. Register by calling the Extension Pierce County Office at 715-273-6781 or e-mailing Frank Ginther, Pierce County 4-H Youth Development Agent at: francis.ginther@wisc.edu or sandy.radkey@wisc.edu to let us know how many to expect from your Club. See you soon for this fun day of learning together!

Photography Project

March is upon us and I am truly hoping that soon we will be having that Spring Time Weather! Our winter (at least so far) has not been too bad this year and although we have snow and it has been cold there have been some opportunities to get out and get those winter photos that the judges love to see!!! While the snow can cause lots of issues when it is falling (roads are slick, school cancelled, etc) once you get out in it, having some fun there are lots of photo opportunities! The landscape is covered and the action shots of sliding or skiing down a hill will be awesome!!

While you are taking your photos remember that it is good to consider those 5 Basic Rules that you all start with (even when you are in year 4+ of the project)!

Rule of Thirds
Background
Get Close
Framing
Leading Lines

If you are not sure about one of these

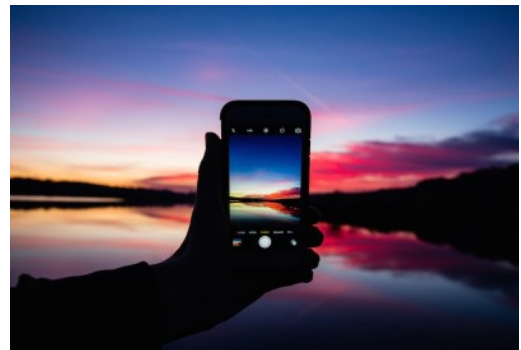
please send me an email and/or ask on the Facebook page and I'll give an explanation and some examples.

As always please share your ideas by emailing or on the Facebook Page!!!

Have an amazing day,

Kay Jacobsen ~
St. Croix County Photography Project
Leader

Our email is sccphotographyproject@gmail.com and the Facebook page is SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT (request to join and you will be accepted!).



2020 4-H Shooting Sports

Orientation Dates: (UW-Extension Office in Baldwin)

You must attend ONE of these meetings to participate in the Shooting Sports project

April 7 @ 7:00pm

April 21 @ 7:00pm

Practice Sessions & Safety Meetings: (Willow River Rod & Gun Club in New Richmond)

You must attend 2 practices to be eligible for the Competitive Shoot

May 9 @ 9:00am (archery & shotgun, then rifle followed by pistol)

May 30 @ 9:00am (archery & shotgun, then rifle followed by pistol)

June 6 @ 9:00am (archery & shotgun, then rifle followed by pistol)

June 20 @ 9:00am (archery & shotgun, then rifle followed by pistol)

Competitive Shoot: (Willow River Rod & Gun Club in New Richmond)

July 11 @ 9:00am (archery & shotgun, then rifle followed by pistol)

2020 Project Fees: \$10.00 / youth

For more information or questions contact members of the Shooting Sports Committee

Dana Keller

dana@alarchery.com

Shawn Weyer

weyershawn25@gmail.com

Josh Steward

jbs5200@gmail.com

Molly Geisler

mnjgeisler@att.net



Upcoming STEM Library Programs

March

20 - Deer Park @ 3:00pm
Topic: Science of Winter

April

13 - New Richmond Library @ 1:00pm
Topic: The Power of the Wind

20 - Roberts Library @ 4:30pm
Topic: Honeybee Challenge



STEM SATURDAY

STEM Saturday Offered at UW-Eau Claire -- Barron County

Boys and girls in grades 5-8 are invited to UW-Eau Claire – Barron County on March 14 for STEM Saturday, where fascinating activities and hands-on experiences foster interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This amazing day will be led by UW faculty—Ph.D megaminded scientists ready to have fun! The day will be filled with exciting activities exploring the awesome opportunities in STEM fields! Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Commons at UWEC-Barron County, 1800 College Drive, Rice Lake. Programming runs from 10:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Registration fee is just \$10 and includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit uwec.ly/barronce or call 715-836-



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATH

For Grades 4th & Up
First Saturday of each month
9:00am—10:00am
UW-Extension Office in Baldwin

****Join us for a different STEM Challenge each month*****



ROBOTICS

For All Youth
First Saturday of each month
10:30am—12:00pm
UW-Extension Office in Baldwin

*****Build and program LEGO EV3's and LEGO WeDo's*****

Held at the UW-Extension Office in Baldwin
1960 8th Ave.

All youth (including non 4-H youth) are welcome.

All classes are free of cost.

For more information contact Beth Sippl at
bj.sippl@gmail.com



2020 is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day !

Help Celebrate this birthday by getting out and enjoying nature .

Anyone who wants to connect with nature is invited to attend these public programs in and around St. Croix County. They provide opportunities for 4-Hers and their families to learn about, experience and care for the wonders of our natural world. 4-Hers who are enrolled in Nature space-related projects may use these program experiences toward their projects, but everyone is welcome!

This summary is compiled by Deb Beyer, the St. Croix County 4-H Bird Project leader. Youth interested in training on April 11 and participating on a *50th Anniversary of Earth Day* birding team April 18 through the Carpenter Nature Center, should contact Deb at 920-889-0850 or deborahbey-er2015@gmail.com.

For full descriptions and details on the programs listed below, please refer to the websites or call:

Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center, Hastings MN and Hudson, WI. Please call 651-437-4359, or check www.CarpenterNatureCenter.org for details. Most programs require call-in reservations.

Interstate State Park, St. Croix Falls, WI. Event dates and times are subject to change or cancellation. Please verify event status, dates and times prior to attendance. Call 715-483-3747 and check www.dnr.wi.gov/calendar/events/parks/ for details.

Great River Road Visitor and Learning Center, Prescott, WI. Please call 715-262-0104, or check www.freedomparkwi.org for details.

St. Croix River Association, St. Croix Falls, WI. Please call 715-483-3300, or check www.stcroixriverassociation.org for details.

Willow River State Park, Hudson, WI. Event dates and times are subject to change or cancellation. Please verify event status, dates and times prior to attendance. Call 715-386-5931, and check www.dnr.wi.gov/calendar/events/parks/ for details.

- **Friday, March 6, 6:00-8:00 pm: Owl Prowl Night Hike, Carpenter Nature Center, Hudson** – Hike will be led at the property on 300 East Cove Road, Hudson. Call 651-437-4359 to register. \$6/ person.
- **Saturday, March 7, 1:00-2:00 pm: Mammal Trivia at Willow River State Park.** Program is FREE, but \$10 vehicle sticker required.
- **Saturday, March 14, 8:00 am: Bird Hike at Carpenter Nature Center, Hudson.** \$6 per person, but FREE for high school students.

- **Saturday, March 14, 1:00-3:00 pm: Naturally Crafty! Nature Crafts at Willow River State Park.** Program is FREE, but \$10 vehicle sticker required.
- **Saturday, March 14, 7:30-9:30 pm: Starwatch Party with WCCO's Mike Lynch at Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center, Prescott.** FREE, appropriate for ages 10+.
- **Sunday, March 15, 1:30-3:00 pm: Bluebird Nest Box Workshop at Interstate State Park.** Program is FREE, but \$10 per nest box kit while supplies last and \$8 vehicle sticker required.
- **Sundays, March 22 & 29, 1:00-3:00 pm: Making Maple Syrup at Carpenter Nature Center, Hastings.** Please call 651-437-4359 to reserve your spot. \$6 per person.
- **Thursday, March 26, 6:00-8:00 pm: Migration Talk at Carpenter Nature Center, Hastings.** Please call 651-437-4359 to reserve your spot. \$6 per person.
- **Saturday, March 28, 10:00-11:00 am: Compass and Map Reading 101 at Willow River State Park.** Program is FREE, but \$10 vehicle sticker required.
- **Saturday, April 4, 8:00 am: Spring Bird Hike at Carpenter Nature Center, Hastings.** Please call 651-437-4359 to reserve your spot. \$6 per person, but FREE for high school students.
- **Saturday, April 11, 8:00 am: Bird Hike at Carpenter Nature Center, Hudson.** \$6 per person, but FREE for high school students.
- **Saturday, April 11, 9:00-11:00 am: 50 for 50 Youth Birding Competition Preparation Course at Carpenter Nature Center, Hastings.** In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, learn everything you need to know to be successful in the youth birding competition on April 18 – no prior birding experience necessary! Please view details at www.CarpenterNatureCenter.org and call 651-437-4359 to reserve your spot.
- **Saturday, April 18, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm: Hastings Area Birding Festival at Carpenter Nature Center, Hastings.** This is a full-day event including field trips around the Hastings area. Please view details at www.CarpenterNatureCenter.org and call 651-437-4359 to reserve your spot. \$5 or \$15 with a box lunch.
- **Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 - 7:30 pm: Minnesconsin Earth Day Hike at the Interstate State Parks.** Hike will meet in Minnesota at the MN Interstate Visitor Center (256 Traprock St., Taylors Falls) for a short walk to scenic views before walking across the bridge and around the WI Interstate Pothole Trail. Program is FREE, but vehicle admission sticker required.
- **Friday, April 24, 8:00-9:00 pm: Woodcock Walk – Sky Dance Viewing at Carpenter Nature Center, Hudson.** Call 651-437-4359 to reserve your spot. \$6 per person.
- **Saturday, April 25, 11:00 am & 2:00 pm: Pothole Trail Geology Hikes at the Interstate State Parks.** Hikes will meet in Minnesota at the MN Interstate Visitor Center (256 Traprock St., Taylors Falls) for a short walk to scenic views before walking across the bridge and around the WI Interstate Pothole Trail. Program is FREE, but vehicle admission sticker is required.
- **Registration is now open for 3-day paddle adventures June 14-16 and August 2-4 on the Namekagon Wild and Scenic River with the St. Croix River Association.** All equipment, shuttles, food, lodging and camping included. Youth 13+ welcome with accompanying adult. This is an educational trip for those with intermediate or advanced canoeing or kayaking experience. \$850 each. Please see www.stcroixriverassociation.org or call 715-483-3300 for details and registration.



LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

March 10 @ 7:00pm

April 14 @ 7:00pm

UW-Extension Office, Baldwin

All of the Livestock Committee meetings are open meetings. You are welcome to attend anytime.

Please call or email Paige Saniter to get items on the agenda no later than 10 days prior to the meeting

paige.weiske00@gmail.com or 715-313-4959.

Northern Show Circuit 4th Annual Sheep & Goat Sale and 3rd Annual Feeder Pig Sale

Saturday, April 4, 2020

BF Feeds (227 West Oak St., Glenwood City, WI)

Sheep & Goat Sale

Bidboard 10:00am—11:30am

Bidoff at 11:45am

Feeder Pig Sale

Bidboard 2:45pm—3:45pm

Bidoff 4:00pm



For more information contact John Bazille (715) 684-9529 or email at northernshowcircuit@gmail.com or private message on Facebook

2020 YQCA Training

The following dates have been selected for St. Croix County YQCA Trainings. Each class is limited to 35 youth (grades 4—12). Members in the 13th grade are required to take the online training. Each class will be an hour long. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis through <http://yqca.org>. Youth will need to pay the \$3.00 class charge via credit / debit card when registering online. Once logged into your account you will be able to find additional trainings in surrounding counties if you are unable to make the St. Croix dates. All St. Croix County trainings will take place at the UW-Extension Office in Baldwin.

- March 7 @ 9:00am
- April 28 @ 7:00pm

Registration instructions will be posted on the St. Croix County website.



Swine Fair Essentials Clinic

Are you new to the swine project or need an update of fair equipment? Then the St. Croix Livestock Program has the clinic for you!

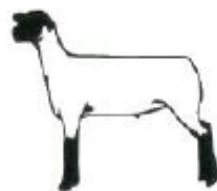
Join us on March 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM, at Gregerson ACE Hardware, in Baldwin, WI, to create a swine waterer for each exhibitor to keep. We will have all the materials you need on-hand to create your own waterers so you can be fair ready. In addition to being able to build your own waterer, we will have fair supplies (i.e. show whips, canes, and other supplies) on hand for you to purchase at a discounted cost.

Please RSVP to Shelby Krupa by March 14, 2020. Those who register by March 14 will be able to build their waterer for \$20; those who do not register are still permitted to participate but for a cost of \$25.

This clinic will count towards a species specific clinic that allows you to be eligible to participate in the auction

Indianhead Sheep and Goat Breeders Association Annual Spring Sale

Sunday, April 8, 2018



Spring Show Lamb & Kid Sale

Spring Sale features high quality club lambs, market goats, and breeding stock from top breeders in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Location for 2018

University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Mann Valley Farm

2.5 miles west of River Falls on County Highway MM, north on South Glover Road

Viewing: 11:00 a.m. Clinic: 12:00 p.m.

Youth & Adult Skill-a-thon 10:30-12:00

Auction Begins: 1:00 p.m.

Vendors will be on site. Concession Provided by Country Partners 4-H

Sale Catalog and Sale Details

www.indianheadsheepandgoat.org

Like us on Facebook

Contact Information

Sue Mason

715.220.0484 Call or Text

Email: susie_4h@yahoo.com

St. Croix County 4-H Horse Project Kick Off Meetings

March 24th at the UW-Extension Office in Baldwin from 6:00pm—8:00pm

April 4th at the American Legion in Baldwin from 10:00am—12:00pm

You must attend one of these Kick Off meetings to participate in the Horse Project

Horse Project Committee Meetings

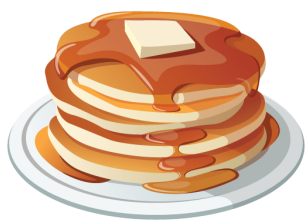
March 2 @ 7pm – Youth board, 7:30 Project meeting. Baldwin Ag building.

April 6 @ 7pm – Youth board, 7:30 Project meeting. Baldwin Ag building.

Horse Project Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

April 4, 2020
8:00am—11:00am

The American Legion in Baldwin



Join us for a pancake breakfast fundraiser to help support the St. Croix County Horse Project.

Adults—\$7.00
Youth (4-12) - \$5.00
Youth (3 & under) - FREE



UWRF Horse Judging Youth Clinic

March 7 from 9:00am—4:00pm

Campus Farm: 1475 S. Wasson Lane, River Falls

This clinic is intended for 4-H and FFA youth members interested in learning or improving their horse judging skills. Participants of all judging experiences and levels are welcome. The clinic instructor is Casie Bass, Assistant Professor of Animal Science at UWRF. Participants will learn basic information regarding judging horse balance and conformation, with a focus on rules and judging criteria used to evaluate different classes (halter and performance). 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 and riders. The class will discuss and include the following topics: Halter (in hand), Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Trail, Reining, Ranch Riding, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Hack, Working Hunter, Western Horsemanship, and Huntseat Equitation.

The clinic will run 9:00am to 4:00pm on March 7. Meals and refreshment breaks are included in the registration fee. The deadline to register is Friday, March 6. To register, visit www.uwrf.edu/ANFS/EquineClinics.cfm. For more information, email Bass at casie.bass@uwrf.edu.

2020 Area Animal Science Days—SAVE THE DATE

June 11, 2020

Jefferson County

June 12, 2020

Marathon County

Area Animal Science Days is a state 4-H event 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 and meat animals; dairy showmanship contests; and oral reasons workshops. In addition, each site may offer 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.



For more information or registration information go to <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/area-animal-science-days/>

2020 Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

April 4, 2020

UW—Madison Animal Science Building

The dairy Bowl is a “quiz bowl” competition where all questions deal with dairy topics. Competition in the 4-H Dairy Bowl encourages a 4-H member to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animals, and provides a way to develop alertness, self-confidence, teamwork skills, and mastery in the area of dairy science.

Teams of 4 members compete with each other in giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Teams receive points for correct answers and may lose points if incorrect answers. The team with the highest final score is the winner.

Teams are divided into three age divisions and teams can consist of 3-4 members. The junior division are youth who are under 14 years of age as of January 1, 2020. The senior division are youth who are all 14 years of age or older as of Jan. 1. A mixed team must contain at least one youth from each age division.

The contest is organized on a double elimination basis with winning teams advancing into further rounds until a champion team emerges.

The cost is \$20 / team and due at the time of registration. Registration deadline is March 14 at 5:00pm. To register go to [https://](https://tinyurl.com/20204HDairyBowl)

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PDPW (Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin) Stride Youth Leadership Conference

April 4-5, 2020
Dodgeland High School, Juneau, WI

The PDPW Stride Youth Leadership Conference is geared toward youth 15-18 years old. This age group of teens is under tremendous pressure to make important life decisions – and many of them don't know where to start. The Stride™ program will help attendees learn more about themselves so they can begin to find their way as a leader. The overnight, lock-in event is strategically designed with interactive, fun and fast-paced exercises and team challenges specifically geared towards them.

The program also includes a tour at ST Genetics in Fond du Lac, Wis. and a mini career fair at which attendees will meet and talk with representatives from various career fields.

This program is for *all* 15 to 18-year olds, regardless of background; rural and urban, students considering higher education and those planning to directly enter the workforce, those with strong parental support and those who need an advocate in their life. Please help us encourage young people to attend. Pre-registration is required and we can only take the first 100 that sign up.

For more information please visit <https://pdpw.org/stride/> and share this opportunity with your students.

UWRF DAIRY CLUB BI-ANNUAL FALCON PREMIER HEIFER CONSIGNMENT SALE & YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

March 14, 2020

Mann Valley Lab Farm

In conjunction with this sale, Katie Coyne, a UWRF alumni and owner of Mill Wheel Dairy Show Clinics, will host the first ever youth showmanship clinic on the day of the sale. The event is free and open to youth of all ages. In addition to this unique opportunity, there will be Weaver Show Product giveaways and products for sale.

The event will start at 8:30am and go until 11:00am. We encourage all participants and families to stick around for our handpicked line up of Holstein and Jersey heifers in this year's sale.

To register go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4aaec29a5f58-uwrf>

For questions you can contact, Ashley Oberreich, Ashley.oberreich@my.uwrf.edu or Katie Coyne, millwheel11@gmail.com



CAT PROJECT

Cat Fun Show—April 4th @ the Roberts Park Building.

- This is open to everyone, even adults. More information to come in the next month. This will include cat judging and a cage decorating contest.

Fair Cat Judging—July 11 @ the St. Croix County Fairgrounds in Glenwood City

For more information contact Bridget Lenz 651-303-4682 or pblentz@sbcglobal.net

Calling all Dog Project members!

April 2 @ 7:00pm (UW-Extension Office, Baldwin): Dog Project Kick Off Meeting - At this meeting we will provide the safety and project requirements along with sharing the project calendar. This meeting is mandatory for all first time project members. Please contact Val if you have questions, Val Meijer - vmeijer1985@gmail.com - 715-529-2195.

April 16 @ 6:30pm (Cross Lutheran Church, 1246 County Rd TT) : Careers & Canines—The Roberts Ribbon Reapers 4-H club invites all members of the dog project to attend a presentation of the St. Croix County Sheriffs Department K9 Unit.

May 7—July 9 (Thursday Evenings): Obedience and Showmanship Training—Location and Time TBD. Youth and dogs are required to participate in a least 5 of the 10 trainings in order to show at the county fair dog show and state dog show. Fulfilling this foundational training is also required for youth and dogs to participate in rally and agility trainings and events.

July 11 @ AM (St. Croix County Fairgrounds): St. Croix County Dog Fun Show—This is great practice for the county fair dog show a few days later!

July 15 @ PM (St. Croix County Fairgrounds): St. Croix County Dog Show—In order to participate in this show you must enroll in the St. Croix County Fair

August 21-23 (West Bend, WI): Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show

To keep up on youth dog activities:

- Check the 4-H Communicator
- Read the Weekly 4-H Email Blasts
- Join the St. Croix County Youth Dog Handlers Facebook page
- Once enrolled in the Dog Project, look for emails from Bridget Lentz

Questions? Contact a St. Croix County 4-H Dog Leader:

- ♦ Val Meijer: vmeijer1985@gmail.com, 715-529-2195
- ♦ Michelle Stark: cmstark@baldwin-telecom.net, 651-442-9772
- ♦ Bridget Lentz: pblentz@sbcglobal.net, 651-303-4682
- ♦ Deb Beyer: deborahbeyer2015@gmail.com, 920-889-0850



ST CROIX COUNTY FAIR

2020 Fair Superintendent Applications

The St. Croix County Fair Board is seeking adults who are interested in serving as a 2020 Fair Superintendent. Superintendents are needed for all departments of youth judging including:

Animal

Horse
Beef
Sheep
Goats
Swine
Dairy
Dog
Poultry
Rabbits / Cavies
Cats

Non Animal

Cultural Arts
Woodworking / Electricity
Mechanical Science
Nature Science
Cloverbuds
Home Environment
Clothing
Photography
Flowers & Houseplants
Crops & Soils
Animal Science
Computer Science
Family & Child Dev.
Foods & Nutrition
Knitting & Crocheting
Displays & Youth Leadership
Demonstration & Com.

If you are interested in serving please complete the application and return it to the fair board by March 31, 2020. If you have questions please contact Gail Maier, Fair Board President
mmaiergail@aol.com



Save the Dates!

Join us at the St. Croix County Fairgrounds in Glenwood City.

May Fair Event & Sale

Saturday, May 9th • 4-9 p.m.
St. Croix County Fairgrounds • Glenwood City, WI

St. Croix Valley PRCA
RODEO
Professional RAM Rodeo at it's Best!
Friday & Saturday
June 19th & 20th, 2020
7:30 p.m. Performances

SAINT CROIX COUNTY
FAIR
GLENWOOD CITY, WI
July 15 - July 19, 2020
www.stcroixcofair.com

Maierin' & Groovin'
at the
St. Croix County Fair
July 15-19, 2020

We can't wait to see you there!

2020 Fairest of the Fair

The St. Croix County Fairest of the Fair is a scholarship program in which the purpose is to be the public relations professional of the fair as well as an ambassador for the agriculture and fair industry. The Fairest will attend: county parades, complete community service projects, maintain social media accounts, and attend the Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention. The position of the St. Croix County Fairest of the Fair is a one year term and is open for either male or female candidates. Applicants must be eighteen years or older prior to January 1. There is no age limit. Applicants must be a resident of St. Croix for a minimum of one year prior to submitting an application. Applicants must find a business to sponsor them in their candidacy with a onetime fee of \$200. For more information go to http://stcroixcofair.com/documentsSCC_Fairest_Application_2020.pdf

Applications are due May 1, 2020.



2020 St. Croix County Fair Superintendent Application

Due: March 31st to Gail Maier, Fair Board President mmaiergail@aol.com

For further information you can also contact
heather.vierling@wisc.edu and/or jackiekumm@edinarealty.com

****Must be 21 years old to apply****

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Requested Department: _____

Have you as a youth or an adult exhibited at any Fair in this project/department area? Y N

☐ Exhibited _____

☐ Volunteered previous, if so where/when? _____

☐ Do you have entry intake experience? _____

☐ What kind of exhibit experience do you have? _____

Have you ever served as a Fair Superintend before? _____

If yes, what department: _____

Have you ever been charged on a felony or misdemeanor charge? _____

Convicted Y N If so, please explain: _____

Have you been through the 4-H Certified Leader Training? (VIP) _____

Do you have any conflicts during July 8th-20th 2020 that we should be aware of? (If yes please state them) _____

Please list a reference we can contact: Name: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Updates from Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

Hot news, our 20:20 Vision is a reality – the new Multi-species Livestock Barn is up and will be fair ready for the 2020 Fair - thanks to the continued support from the entire County including individuals, businesses and 4-H Clubs/Projects!! Currently, the project is over 50% funded (excluding concrete and stalls) and projected to be under budget in large part due to volunteer support and in-kind business donations. Our aggressive stretch goal is to raise the funds necessary to retire the 5 year loan in three years! **This is a very tall order but working together, we can make it happen.**

This year's May Fair Event & Sale is around the corner on Saturday, May 9th. Gates open at 4 p.m. and the programming kicks off at 5 p.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 ~ \$200,000 – more than 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. We will accept consignment items with a value of \$1,000 or more.

Questions: Rosemary Donahoe (715) 684-9060, Chris Libbey (651) 247-0395, Terry Mitchell (715) 246-5502 & Lori DeBoer (715) 491-0221

We are launching the 2020 Renovations for Generations Cash Raffle as well as the 4th Annual Pig Raffle. Our goal is to have all clubs set up by the end of April. The Cash Raffle has been a successful fundraiser with over \$73,000 raised above expenses to date.

The Pig Raffle has also been a great success due to the pig and processing being donated. This year's donors are the Matt Doberstein family and Kessler Meat Processing.

Please call Chris Libbey (651) 247-0395 for information & supplies.

Plan on attending the Hudson Community Expo, May 3rd, Hudson Sports & Civic Center, 1820 Hanley Road, 11 am to 3:30 pm.

Please support the Livestock fund raising projects (check their page for upcoming events.)

WI 4-H Arts Lab Extended



Would you like to be involved in conversations about art, community, future careers, and more? Art Lab Extended provides an opportunity for older youth (grades 9-12) and adults all across Wisconsin to learn about art through monthly video conferences. Here are the upcoming topics:

- ♦ **Art Lab Recap and Featured Artist Talks**—March 5, 7:00pm—8:00pm
- ♦ **Art with Community Impact**—April 23, 7:00pm—8:00pm
- ♦ **Careers in Art**—May 21, 7:00pm—8:00pm

Join in at this Zoom Meeting link: <http://uwextension.zoom.us/j/320877803>

Or join by phone: 1-646-558-8656 (Meeting ID: 320877803)

2020 WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2020. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Friday, March 16, 2020, 5:00 pm. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals. 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 2020-2019 academic school year. How to apply and more information is available at: [http:// wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/](http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/) Questions? Contact the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation office at 608.262.1597 or [in-](mailto:info@wis4hfoundation.org)



100 Years of Wisconsin 4-H Conference!

Centennial Youth Conference: June 22-25, 2020—Madison, WI

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is a three and a half day Statewide Educational Experience. Youth from all over Wisconsin come to Madison, Wisconsin for educational seminars, assemblies, speakers, exploration, and fun on the UW-Madison campus! Youth travel by coach bus, stay in the dormitories on campus, learn project and leadership skills, and develop lifelong friendships. Even if you missed the M.E. deadlines St. Croix County youth (grades 7-10) can still register and participate. Registration opens April 1. The cost is approximately \$350.00 / youth. For more information go to <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/wisconsin-4-h-youth-conference/>

TH ANNUAL WISCONSIN 4-H & YOUTH CONFERENCE

Engage in interactive learning and leadership on the UW Madison Campus.

Connect with youth grades 7-10 from around the state; share ideas and develop lifelong friendships.

Experience what it's like to live as a college student while enjoying a week full of fun!

Help us make history by throwing the biggest & most exciting Youth Conference EVER for our 100 year anniversary!

It is affordable and scholarships are available!!

Registration Open April 1-26, 2020



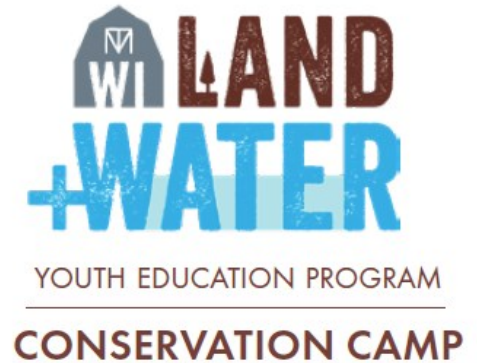
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Other Happenings

Conservation Camp

The annual Sand Lake Conservation Camp will be held June 17-19 at Camp Bird Youth Camp, near Crivitz, WI. This camp is for Wisconsin & Upper Michigan youth attending grades 6-8 in September. It provides positive outdoor experiences, helps foster an appreciation for nature, and introduces a variety of opportunities in natural resources and conservation careers. Topics include wildlife ecology, water quality, fisheries, outdoor skills, and more. \$100 fee until May 20; after May 20 is \$150. Cut-off date is June 3 and space is limited; registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms will be available by end of February. For more information, call 715-732-7784 or visit: <http://www.marinettecounty.com> & search for "Sand Lake" or "Sand Lake Conservation Camp".



St. Croix Valley Master Gardener Association Grants

Grants are available for any 4-H clubs with garden projects. Each application will be considered on its individual merits. The number of grant applications received may impact the amount of the grant awards and the number of applications funded. The primary purpose of the grant is to fund horticulture education.

- Grant application shall not exceed \$250.
- Government or public agencies with tax-levying ability are not eligible recipients of SCVMGA Community Service Grants.
- The project must benefit Pierce or St. Croix County residents.
- The project should serve one or more of the following purposes: community and civic gardening, beautification of parks or schools, improvement of public spaces, horticultural education, area food projects, environmental stewardship, or other educational projects..
- Submit proposals emailed or postmarked by **Monday, March 9th, 2020** to:
Jenny Brazzale, 319 Young Street N, Prescott, WI, 54021
jenbrazzale@yahoo.com; (715) 307-3217.
- Grant awards will be announced by April 23rd, 2020
See flyer for more information.

St. Croix County Events

March 9—**Junior Chefs** (New Richmond)
March 14—**Family Escape Room** (New Richmond)
March 28-29—**Maple Fest** (New Richmond)
April 4—**Lions Easter Egg Hunt & Carnival** (River Falls)
April 6—**New Richmond Airport Tour** (New Richmond)

The Phipps Children's Theater

Charlottes' Web—April 30-May 10, 2020





St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners Association



Money Available for Local Garden Projects



Grant Applications are due Monday, March 9th, 2020

Grant Applications are available up to \$250 for gardening projects that:

- ✓ Contribute to the beautification of public spaces; or
- ✓ Contribute to horticultural education of the public.
- ✓ Youth projects are especially desirable.

Past projects have included:

- * Rain gardens and butterfly gardens at schools, parks etc.
- * Large flowerpots to beautify downtown areas
- * Development of community gardens to benefit local food shelves and senior centers
- * Prairie restoration
- * Beautification of park entrances and public areas

The 2020 Community Grant application with instructions and project specifications is available online at www.scvmga.weebly.com and can be found under the "Forms" tab.

For questions, please email Jenny Brazzale at jenbrazzale@yahoo.com

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