

4-H



COMMUNICATOR

UW-Extension COVID-19 Updates

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UW-Madison and Extension have made some decisions regarding in person programming. All Extension in person events planned for May are canceled or postponed. Large events (more than 50 people) planned for June are cancelled or postponed. All overnight programs scheduled for May and June are canceled. We are following state guidelines as they are announced and our programming guidance will be updated accordingly.

Please feel free to contact any of the St. Croix County UW-Extension Staff regarding questions or resources.

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2020 Summer 4-H Programming Cancellations

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the following St. Croix County 4-H events have been canceled for the summer.

- NW 4-H Golf Classic
- PO-CROIX-BAR 4-H Camp & Outpost Camp
- WI Tour

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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."*

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St. Croix County 4-H

Dear 4-H Families,

As we continue the “Safer at Home” I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. I keep trying to find the positives in our current situation. I know for myself, I am so tired of technology. The never ending virtual meetings and online work makes me miss face to face contact. One distraction I have developed for coping with this is to get outdoors.

This idea of getting outside reminds me of the book, *Last Child in the Woods*, by Richard Louv. Louv states that “Today's kids are increasingly disconnected from the natural world. Instead of passing summer months hiking, swimming and telling stories around the campfire, children these days are more likely to attend computer camps or weight-loss camps.” As a result, Louv says, “they've come to think of nature as more of an abstraction than a reality.” A 2002 British study reported that eight-year-olds could identify Pokémon characters far more easily than they could name “otter, beetle, and oak tree.” Gathering thoughts from parents, teachers, researchers, environmentalists and other concerned parties, Louv argues for a return to an awareness of and appreciation for the natural world. “Not only can nature teach kids science and nurture their creativity,” he says, “nature needs its children: where else will its future stewards come from?”



I hope you all take advantage of the beautiful weather and get outside for some needed R&R. This is a great time to grow a small garden, pitch a tent in the backyard, go fishing, or start a wildflower collection.

As always please don't hesitate to reach out to myself and Eileen if you have questions or concerns. We are happy to help.

Stay safe,

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

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

CALENDAR

May

- 1 4-H Scholarship, Key Award, & Forgivable Loan Apps Due
- 4 Horse Project Committee Meeting via Zoom
- 19 Leaders Association Meeting via Zoom
- 25 UWEX OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
- 31 Fair Registration Closes



June

- 1 4-H Living Memorial Nominations Due
- 1 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 6 STEM / Robotics
- 9 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 16 Leaders Association Meeting
- 30 End of 2019-2020 4-H Fiscal Year

July

- 1 Outstanding Dairy Member Applications Due
- 6 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 8 Fairgrounds Clean Up Day
- 11 Cat Judging
- 14 WI 4-H Townhall Meeting
- 14 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 15-19 St. Croix County Fair

August

- 3 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 6-16 WI State Fair
- 8 Farm City Day
- 11 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 15 Charter Financial Pages Due
- 18 Leaders Association Meeting
- 27—Sept 7 MN State Fair



September

- 7 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 11 Annual 4-H Awards Packet Due
- 15 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 18 2020-2021 4-H Enrollment Opens
- 22 Leaders Association Meeting

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dear Senior Class of 2020,

This is the time of year that we remember the past and look forward to the future. As we watch a number of St. Croix County 4-H members graduate we take the time to reflect and remember.

Let me point out that throughout your life, the 4-H's that you have learned will continue to guide you. With your **HEAD**, endeavor to acquaint yourself with the problems confronting the world today and think clearly of solutions. With your **HEART**, you must have an understanding for those less fortunate than yourself. With your **HANDS**, you must extend friendship and assistance to others that we may all enjoy a better life. With your **HEALTH**, you will be able to think more clearly, be more alert, and give greater aid.

"To Make the Best Better" has always been the 4-H motto that you have honored. In this, you have found not only good words, but the highest of ideals-to achieve, to improve, and to be dissatisfied with things half done. You were taught fair play through competition and the experience of living with and for others. You have obtained from your work and fellowship in your 4-H club, a foundation for a good life. The 4-H's that you learned to use and develop as a club member will continue to serve you well in the future.

You are now one of the many thousands of 4-H Alumni, and yours is a position of particular pride



Baldwin Wide Awake

Jadyn Huftel
Brianna Mikla
Madison Peterson

Double Good

Aliese Mueller

Dry Run Go Getters

Taylor Berquam
Erika Emerson

Harmony Hills

Katarina Thorsen

Hudson's Lucky Horseshoes

Stephanie Geisler

Lone Pine

Abbie DeLong
Amber DeLong
Jared Dobberstein
Daniel Loberg
Laura Luckwaldt
Isabelle Rhodes Arbuckle

Pine Lake Pastures

Cylar Johnson

Riverside

Rose Bishop
Matthew Harle
Claudia Lenz
Riley Schachtner

Roberts Ribbon Reapers

Alyssa Iverson
Danielle Rustand

Rolling Hills

Patricia Crawford
MacKenzie Korent
Nicholas Lentz
Stephen Peterson

Springbrook

Maria Jose Rojas Vela
Megan Spott
Josh VanDyk

Sunnyside Shamrocks

Mae Buttles

Living Memorial Award Nominations due June 1

We all know people who put a lot of time and effort into the County Fair to make it a success each year. Sometimes they are out front and very visible to all of us and sometimes they are people who work quietly behind the scenes. The Living Memorial Award is a way to honor those individuals. The actual award is a bronze plaque that is permanently displayed on the monument near the flags at the fairgrounds. It is a “surprise” award that is presented during the County Fair. Please encourage your club to nominate someone for the Living Memorial Awards. Often the Living Memorial Award is presented to a 4-H Leader, but it could also be presented to an individual who is not a 4-H leader.

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

2019 – Debbie & Gary Stevens

2018 - Cindy Van Dyk

2017 - Hank and Ruth Hurtgen

Please send nominations (name and a short description of why they are deserving) to Mary Luckwaldt luckwaldt123@yahoo.com

4-H Fun Days—Youth Counselors Needed

4-H Fun Days will take place this summer for youth grades K-3. Youth counselors (grades 7 and up) are needed to assist with program development and teaching during these events. If you are interested in serving in a counselor role please contact Eileen

Eileen.vandyk@wisc.edu

More information and exact dates to come!



4-H Project Change Deadline Extension

We have extended the deadline until **May 31** to add or drop 4-H projects. If you would like to make changes to your projects contact Eileen

eileen.vandyk@wisc.edu or Heather heather.vierling@wisc.edu

Hands-On 4-H Learning To Do At Home

In Wisconsin 4-H, we believe in educational opportunities that involve youth in their own learning. We encourage critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. We want you to DO a hands-on activity, REFLECT on their experience, and APPLY what they learned in the current activity and beyond.

We also know that world events could prevent some of those things from happening. Let's not let them!

We chose the resources on this page with busy parents, caregivers, and families in mind. We know there's a lot coming at you all at once, so we took some time to go through a lot of possible activities, resources, and information. We only listed the ones we think are the best, in the current situation. They are all listed out by grade level.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>

4-H PROJECT VIDEOS NEEDED

We are looking for both 4-H youth and adults interested in creating 4-H project videos.



This is a great opportunity to continue learning while we “Stay Safer At Home”. Videos are needed on a variety of 4-H projects. Teach us how to decorate a cake, build a bird house, identify animal tracks in the woods, learn the parts of a tractor, how to make a friendship bracelet, etc. Anything goes as long as it relates to a 4-H project. This is also a great opportunity for youth to use video creation as a Self Determined project. If you are interested contact Heather at heather.vierling@wisc.edu

It's Time to Register for the Fair!!!

Fair Registration is open April 1—May 31 (no late entries will be taken)

To access the Fair Entry online registration which is integrated with 4-H Online:

Go to the fair's website www.stcroixcofair.com

1. Click on Events
2. Drop Box choose Junior Fair Book
3. Click on Online entry form
4. Sign in with your 4-H Online account
5. Continue with questions making sure address and club are correct
6. Follow directions for entering
7. When finished, be sure everything is correct, you should enter everyone in your family, before you submit. ignore the purchase pages, just click next because we don't charge a fee
8. **After you submit, an email will be sent to you with your entries. Print this so you have a record.**
9. Once entries have been approved by Fair Staff, you will receive another email listing entries and confirming you are entered.

If you do not receive these emails, check to make sure you finished on the submit page.

Thank you for entering the St. Croix County Fair. We look forward to seeing you.

If you have questions, call Cindy 715.246.5486 or email cindyvandyk1976@gmail.com



LEADER TRAININGS

4-H Leader's Association Meeting

May 19 @ 7:00pm via Zoom

Zoom Log In: <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/94529233128?pwd=dkFOYWVHOUkwNVJpbmRZVUFGdER5Zz09>

Zoom Call In: 1-312-626-6799
Zoom Meeting ID: 945 2923 3128
Meeting Password: 867951

June 16 @ 7:00pm In Person Meeting at the UW-Extension Office

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.

Please review the meeting agenda and minutes at <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/meeting-agendas/>



IMPORTANT

New 4-H Leaders Association By-Laws

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association has completely rewritten their group by-laws. All St. Croix 4-H Leaders will be receiving an email on May 6 with a link to the bylaws and a link to vote. Please read through the draft. Voting will take place online between May 6 and May 19.

VOTE

COVID-19 Service Learning Activity

Face Cloth Coverings Activity Plan (grades 3 & up) - During times of disease outbreak, preventing the accidental spread of a virus protects everyone. Young people can help to prevent the spread by sewing cloth face coverings. The service-learning activity plan from Wisconsin 4-H includes guidance for adults and youth in safe and supportive service learning; step by step instructions with photos for how to make cloth face coverings that meeting Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines; as well as reflection questions and opportunities to learn even more. Youth can get involved in this important project. Educators and families can support them in doing so safely. For the lesson plan go to

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/cloth-face-coverings/>



4-H COMMITTEES

St. Croix County 4-H Committees

As we labor through the COVID-19 Pandemic our 4-H Committees have been working hard to develop action plans for their individual projects that best support our 4-H youth. As state restrictions continue to change the committees are working through these challenges. Below is a list of committee members that you can contact for more information regarding individual projects. Please extend kindness and grace, as these volunteers are dealing with family and work stressors like everyone else.

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June Dairy Month Promotion

Annually the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board provides dairy promotional materials for 4-H Clubs. Check out these great materials at <https://wisconsinmilk.org/Promote-Dairy> All participating clubs receive a \$35.00 gift certificate for WMMB promotional materials.



Outstanding Dairy Member

Application Due: July 1

Each year the Dairy Committee selects one member to receive the Outstanding Dairy Member Award. The member selected receives a plaque and a \$100 cash award. The plaque is presented at the County Fair and the \$100 check is presented at the 4-H Leaders' Banquet in the fall.

Contact the UW-Extension Office for an application for the Outstanding Dairy Member Award. Please remember, a member may only receive the award once in their 4-H career.



Horse Project Committee

Horse Project Committee Meeting via Zoom
May 4 @ 7:30pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75134788962>

Other Reminders

- All Horse Project Kickoff paperwork must be in by May 15 to Karie Kaul kariekaul@gmail.com This information is needed to determine stall counts for the fair.
- Fair entries are due by May 31



Have questions? Contact Tyler Mentink at (715)928-1436 or Karie Kaul at (715)220-9691.

Calling all Dog Project members!

*Check out these **AWESOME** new videos and activities the St. Croix County 4-H Dog Committee created*

Dog Quiz Bowl—Week 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIb362iX8OY&feature=youtu.be>

Dog Quiz Bowl—Week 2 with Nail Trimming Demonstration <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RIPKm6T7aI&feature=youtu.be>

Dog Quiz Bowl—Week 3 with Teeth Brushing Demonstration <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ig-AwVvGges&feature=youtu.be>

Dog Project Record Book <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-projects/>

Dog Project Word Search <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-projects/>

Dog Obedience Training

All members will receive an email from the Dog Project letting you know more information on future obedience training sessions. Stay tuned.

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: pbrentz@sbcglobal.net, 651-303-4682
- ♦ Deb Beyer: deborahbever2015@gmail.com, 920-889-0850



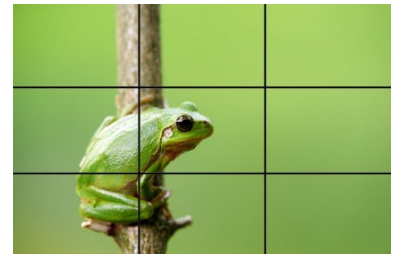
Photography Project ~ May 2020

May is here and the fair is just two and a half months away! I know that you have all been home and are probably looking for some new things to be doing (other than school work) so I hope that you have had your cameras out and have been taking lots and lots of photos!!!

I am going to be doing some LIVE videos in the Facebook page about the Basics of Photography. Please take part in these posts. The more interaction we get the more this will help the members that are new to the project. For those of you that have been around for a while feel free to go LIVE or to even post some things that you have learned or are in the process of learning. Please ask questions as we do have photographers in the group that can help with the more in-depth learners (4 years plus in the project).

Here are those Five Basic Rules that we have talked about (a lot)!!

- Rule of Thirds
- Get Close
- Background
- 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 will 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!).

4-H Food Booth

Just as the rest of our lives, we are on hold with the food stand. If we have the fair, we still need to fill 3 shifts. 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, Bell-ringers, 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.**

Livestock Project Rules Meeting

For 2020 the St. Croix County 4-H Livestock Project Rules Meeting will take place online. Click on the link below. After viewing it, you will need to complete the workshop learning form and return it to Lori or Shelby. Form is attached.

Wisconsin Youth Livestock Project

Keep up to date on the latest news and happenings within the Wisconsin 4-H Livestock Project. Check out the contests, virtual farm visits, and important resources.

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/>

St. Croix County Livestock Program, E-Learning Initiative

Due to the recent shutdown in the state of Wisconsin, the St. Croix County Livestock Committee has implemented changes as to how we will hold our educational clinics.

Currently, the St. Croix County Livestock Committee will be working to generate e-learning opportunities for exhibitors to take instead of in-person clinics. As of now, here are links that will soon have educational videos linked to them. Please be patient as the committee and the state upload these videos! I will also be communicating when other e-learning opportunities arise outside of the platforms provided.

St. Croix County Livestock Program, YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRWHgvT0wsS7OGp2RgDzAQQ/?guided_help_flow=5

Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program, UW-Extension Program

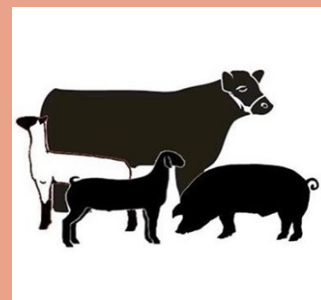
https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/?page_id=2737

In addition to watching one of these educational videos, that is specific to your enrolled livestock project, you will also complete the 'Education Event Verification Form'. Please follow the steps listed below to complete this requirement:

- 1) Watch an educational seminar pre-approved by the St. Croix County Livestock Committee.
 - a. St. Croix County Livestock Program YouTube Channel
 - b. Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program, UW-Extension Program
 - c. Other e-learning opportunities communicated by Lori or Shelby.
- 2) Complete the Educational Event Verification Form
 - a. GoogleDocs
 - b. Microsoft Word

If you complete the form via GoogleDocs, you do not need to email Lori or Shelby, it will automatically send to us once submitted. Should you complete the form via Microsoft Word, you MUST email Lori and Shelby.

- 3) Print the Educational Verification Form and attach to your project check-off sheet to be submitted at the time of the fair.



We understand that these are difficult times. That is why we are doing our best to ensure all exhibitors are able to have equal educational opportunities. Thank you for your continued participation in the livestock program and your flexibility during this time!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have!

Lori DeBoer

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Shelby Krupa

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Youth Livestock Educational Event Verification Form

The 'Educational Verification Form' is to be used for **committee approved** events, workshops, and online learning opportunities; approved e-learning opportunities will be communicated to exhibitors via email. Forms must be submitted to Lori DeBoer at lordeb651@gmail.com and Shelby Krupa at shelby.krupa@gmail.com upon completion of a e-learning clinic. In addition, forms must be turned in to the Education Committee with your project sheet.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Club and/ or Organization: _____

Name of Event, Clinic, or Workshop: _____

Location of the Event, Clinic, or Workshop: _____

Event Date: _____ Event Length (Hours): _____

Topics Covered _____

Please rate event on scale of 1 to 5 (5 being GREAT and 1 being POOR)

____ Helpful to Me ____ Recommend to Others ____ Youth Appropriate ____ Hands-On

Five things learned at through experiencing this e-learning event:

Indicate how you will use some of this information in your project: _____

Instructor/Organizer: _____
Printed name

Exhibitor Signature

Exhibitor E-mail: _____

If you have any papers such as a flyer, registration, and/or handouts, please staple material to back of form.

Wisconsin 4-H Educational Travel Program Updates (as of 5/1/20)

Based on the current information, UW-Madison has decided to suspend all face-to-face classes and activities through the first week in May. This means that 4-H face-to-face gatherings of all kinds are suspended until at least May 3rd. Extension staff are working hard to strengthen and re-imagine programming; this is something that we typically do not have time to do. This information is for events run out of the State 4-H office. If an event is postponed/cancelled (or if an attendee is no longer able to attend the reschedule dates if an event is postponed), full refunds will be issued in most cases. Please see the list below regarding updates for 2020 Statewide 4-H Educational Experiences:

ArtBeat! 2020 – (originally set for March 13-15) has been postponed.

National 4-H Conference – (originally set for March 28-April 2) has been postponed to September.

Space Camp 2020 – (originally set for April 16-20) has been postponed, and the orientation/planning weekend set for March 28-29 has been cancelled.

Dairy Quiz Bowl – (originally set for April 4) has been cancelled. Dairy Bowl will not be rescheduled for 2020.

Shooting Sports Certification Workshops – two Shooting Sports certification workshops, March 21 (Muzzleloader, Stoughton) and April 4 (Green Bay) have been cancelled.

Shooting Sports Competitive Shoots – Competitive shoots scheduled for March and April have been postponed and may be cancelled.

Education Days: Hippology, Horse Bowl, Speaking and Demo Contest – This event scheduled for May 1 & 2 has been postponed until a later date.

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference— will not be taking place on the UW-Madison campus this summer. We are exploring alternative options for conference but are still in the early planning. Keep an eye on your email for potential updates.

American Spirit East 2020 - has been cancelled. Registered participants can anticipate more information in their email.

Citizenship Washington Focus 2020—has been cancelled. Registered participants should check their email for more information.

Area Animal Science Days 2020—has been cancelled for the summer.

Wisconsin Upham Woods Presents..... Earth Stories Exchange!

To respond to the challenges COVID-19 poses, we have launched the Earth Stories Exchange to keep us all connected and sharing science through stories. Tell us about your adventures and explorations through prose, poem, song, comic strip, however you want! We'll send you a story back sharing what's happening in our neck of the (Upham) Woods.

Our goal: Promote observation of the natural world by exploring outside and sharing your observations and discoveries through story (poem, song, video, comic strip, any way you want!). For more information go to <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/>



ST CROIX COUNTY FAIR



Dear Friends,

We are closely monitoring the Covid-19 situation as we continue to plan and prepare for the 110th St. Croix County Fair in Glenwood City. Our fair dates are July 15-19, 2020 which means we are a little less than three months out. When COVID-19 came about, in talking with other Fairs, it was advised that we should make decisions based on facts and not fear. Right now, given the facts as we know them today, we feel it would be premature to make a decision about cancelling the St. Croix County Fair at this point.

That being said, the Covid-19 situation is very fluid, changing from place to place, day to day. We have no control over what tomorrow might bring nor can we know what the Covid-19 situation will be in July. We wanted to let you know we are staying positive and working diligently to host our fair as planned but, are postponing making any major decisions until closer to our fair dates, July 15-19.

While it's possible our 2020 fair might look a little different this year, every effort will be made to provide the best possible experience, in the safest manner possible, given the situation at that time. We take the safety of our guests, exhibitors, volunteer, vendors, and staff seriously and we will work with our public health officials on the best guidelines and practices to keep safety our priority. As we continue to plan, we will keep you informed as we make our final preparations. It is our sincere hope that over the next few weeks solutions will become available so we can celebrate this "great community event" together as planned.

Stay safe and #FairStrong! Thank you for your support and understanding!

Sincerely,
St. Croix County Fair Association Board

2020 St. Croix County Fair Judging Updates

The following projects have changed judging dates. Stay tuned for more information.

MTE - has been canceled for the year

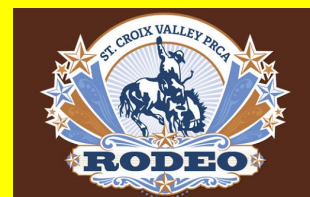
Food Revue - has been canceled for June and moved to August 28

Cake Decorating—has been canceled for June and moved to August 28

Clothing Revue - has been canceled for June. They will reschedule later in the year.

2020 St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo

This event has been rescheduled for August 21 & 22, 2020. Stay tuned for more information.



Promote the Fair Contest

Entries due June 28, 2020

Signs must be in place no later than end of day, Sunday, June 28, 2020 and remain up through July 19, 2020.

All 4-H Clubs, FFA, FHA and other organized youth groups in St. Croix County are invited to participate in the Promote the Fair Contest. Signs promoting the fair may be put up in any prominent indoor/outdoor location in the County. Be sure to get property owners permission!

Prizes: 1st Place -\$125, 2nd- \$100, 3rd- \$75. Every road sign/road display will receive \$50 (up to two per organization), and posters will receive \$15 (one per organization), although each organization may put up an unlimited number of posters.

Any material may be used for the road sign, so be creative! The sign can be any size, keeping in mind bright colors, and large print. The sign must be easily seen by the public and must be in a prominent location (intersections, lot corners, town entrances, building walls, etc.).

The Rules are simple:

1. The display must include **ALL** of the following words:

St. Croix County Fair; Glenwood City, WI; and Dates of the Fair.

2. Be in a prominent location
3. Any type of material or size
4. Be easily seen by the public.

Along with the Name of your club, a contact person, phone number, email, and exact direction to the location of your display must be sent, emailed or phoned in by June 28, 2020 to Cindy Croes, ccroes88@gmail.com; 651-470-1581.



Friends of the Fairgrounds Update

News!!

1. The Friends Board is working through making the necessary adjustments to both cope with the COVID 19 pandemic and keep faith with our financial commitments. Your understanding and support is greatly appreciated!
2. Some good news, Friends was recently notified that we will be receiving a grant from the NRACF (New Richmond Area Community Foundation) in support of our Club Development Grants). This past year we awarded four grants totaling \$1,000. Stay tuned for details on applying for the 2020/2021 grants.
3. By action of the Friends Board, the May Fair Event & Sale, currently scheduled for Saturday May 9th is postponed until a later date this summer/early fall. We will communicate once a date and location are identified.
4. We soon will be ready to launch this year's Renovation for Generation Raffle and the Pig Raffle. Support of the 4-H Clubs is critical to making the Raffles a success. We wish each of you the best as you deal with the physical, emotional & financial impact of the pandemic.

Renovations for the Generations Cash Raffle.

Again this year - the prizes will be all cash: 1st place \$1,000, 2nd place \$500, 3rd place \$250, 4th place \$100 and 5th place \$50. We will kick off ticket sales in April. Again this year, the backside of each ticket is printed with a great offer from one of 16 St. Croix County businesses making almost every ticket sold an instant winner.

Pig Raffle

Thanks to the Matt Doberstein family donating a pig and Kesslers Processing for donating the processing, we again will be conducting a pig raffle. The raffle is limited to 100 chances at \$20 each.

Note: Due to COVID 19, the drawing will take place at the Livestock Annual Spaghetti Dinner Scheduled for November 14th at Ready Randy's Banquet Center

Employee Volunteer Matches

Are you an Allina Health System employee or a 3M employee/ retiree that donates time to the St. Croix County Fair/St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo/4-H/Project Committees? Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds has been approved for Allina Health System & 3M volunteer matching grants. 3M grants require 25 hours of service work for active employees and retirees. The annual 3 M grants are \$500 for each qualifying applicant. To date over \$5,000 has been donated in matching grants. This is a great way to get involved!

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