

4-H



COMMUNICATOR

UW-Extension COVID-19 Updates

Here are the latest guidelines from the University for 4-H members and leaders:

The following policies are currently in place, but may change depending on the number of COVID-19 infections in Wisconsin, guidance from the CDC and DHS, and UW-Madison policies.

During this month of June, the preferred method of program delivery is “virtual/online” and most planning efforts should focus on these types of programs for the remainder of the summer.

In June, we are also allowing some in-person but “**No-contact**” programs. Contact Heather or Eileen for a definition of “No-contact” programs.

WHEN READY – and no sooner than July 1, 4-H programs may begin for **Small Groups** with an approved plan. We are currently planning to move to “small-group” meetings and activities of 10 or fewer people that allow social distancing. Before we can move to this phase, both staff and volunteers must be trained on safety procedures. Plans will need to be created using the Extension template and shared with the 4-H Program Educator who will seek organizational approval.

NEXT STEPS -- Anything can happen, and we are open to making changes as conditions improve. We hope to scale up to larger groups of no more than 50 by the end of the summer. And it seems unlikely that 4-H will organize programs or participate in any activity or event with more than 50 participants for a considerable time.

REMINDER: Overnight camp and travel programs are cancelled through August.

Please know this is a fluid situation and depending on how the summer progresses these plans and dates may need to be modified. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we all navigate these unprecedented times.

If you have questions concerning these policies please contact Heather or Eileen. We will keep you updated if things change.

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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
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St. Croix County 4-H

Dear 4-H Families,

When the world seems chaotic, I tend to go back to my childhood. Books were a huge part of learning and self discovery for me. It seemed I could always find the answer to my problems amongst the stories. For the last week riots, looting, and protests have sparked around the county. Growing tensions around racism, inequality, and hate have been brought to the surface. The story below talks about equality, change of mindset, and hope in the simplest format, a box of crayons.

The Crayon Box that Talked

By: Shane DeRolf

While walking in a toy store, the day before today. I overheard a crayon box with many things to say. "I don't like **RED!**", said **YELLOW** and **GREEN** said, "Nor do I!" "And no one hear likes **ORANGE!**" But no one knows just why? "We're a box of crayons that doesn't get along!", said **BLUE** to all the others. "Something here is wrong." Well I bought that box of crayons, and took it home with me. And laid out all the crayons so all of them could see. They watched me as I colored, with **RED**, and **BLUE**, and **GREEN**, and **BLACK**, and **WHITE**, and **ORANGE**. And colored in between. They watched as **GREEN** became grass, and **BLUE** became sky. The **YELLOW** shining bright on **WHITE** clouds drifting by. Colors changed as they touched, becoming something new. They watched me as I colored. They watched till I was through. When I finally finished and began to walk away, and as I did that box of crayons had something more to say. "I do like **RED!**" said **YELLOW**. And **GREEN** said, "So do I!". "And **BLUE** you were terrific, so high up in the sky." "We're a box of crayons, each one of us unique. But when we get together the picture is complete!"

So what can we learn from this simple story?

- 1) We all bring unique things to the table.
- 2) The outcome is stronger when we all work together?
- 3) The 4-H organization would not be as strong without the diversity of the youth members and adults leaders that serve it.

These are challenging times for everyone. As always please don't hesitate to reach out to Eileen or I 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

June

- 1 Registration opens for 2021 Advance Space Academy
- 1 4-H Challenge Registration Opens
- 3 Horse Project Committee Meeting via Zoom
- 9 Livestock Committee Meeting via Zoom
- 11 Leaders Association By-Laws Committee Meeting via Zoom
- 16 Leaders Association Meeting via Zoom
- 30 End of 2019-2020 4-H Fiscal Year
- 30 Cloverbud Coloring Challenge Ends



July

- 1 4-H Living Memorial Nominations Due
- 1 Outstanding Dairy Member Applications Due
- 3 HOLIDAY
- 6 UW-Extension Staff Furlough Day
- 6 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 10 4-H Virtual Fishing Challenge Ends
- 14 WI 4-H Townhall Meeting
- 14 Livestock Committee Meeting

August

- 3 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 11 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 15 Charter Financial Pages Due
- 18 Leaders Association Meeting

September

- 4 UW-Extension Staff Furlough Day
- 7 HOLIDAY
- 7 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 8 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 11 Annual 4-H Awards Packet Due
- 13 4-H Giant Vegetable Challenge Ends
- 16 Leaders Association Meeting



CONGRATULATIONS!

2020 St. Croix County 4-H Scholarship Winners

Erika Emerson (Dry Run Go Getters)

UW-Madison, majoring in Biochemistry & Spanish



Matthew Harle (Riverside)

Iowa State University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

MacKenzie Korent (Rolling Hills)

University of Southern California, majoring in Business

Nicholas Lenz (Rolling Hills)

UW-River Falls, majoring in Animal Science & Vet Tech.



Claudia Lentz (Riverside)

Moler Barber School

Brianna Mikla (Baldwin Wide Awake)

UW-LaCrosse, majoring in Elementary Education or Exercise Science



2020 St. Croix County 4-H Tom Dorsey Scholarship Winner

Jared Dobberstein (Lone Pine)

UW– Stevens Point, majoring in Wildlife Ecology

2020 WI 4-H Scholarship Winners

MacKenzie Korent



2020 WI 4-H Key Award Winners

Nicholas Lentz

Claudia Lentz



Living Memorial Award Nominations due July 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 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



Hands-On 4-H Learning To Do At Home

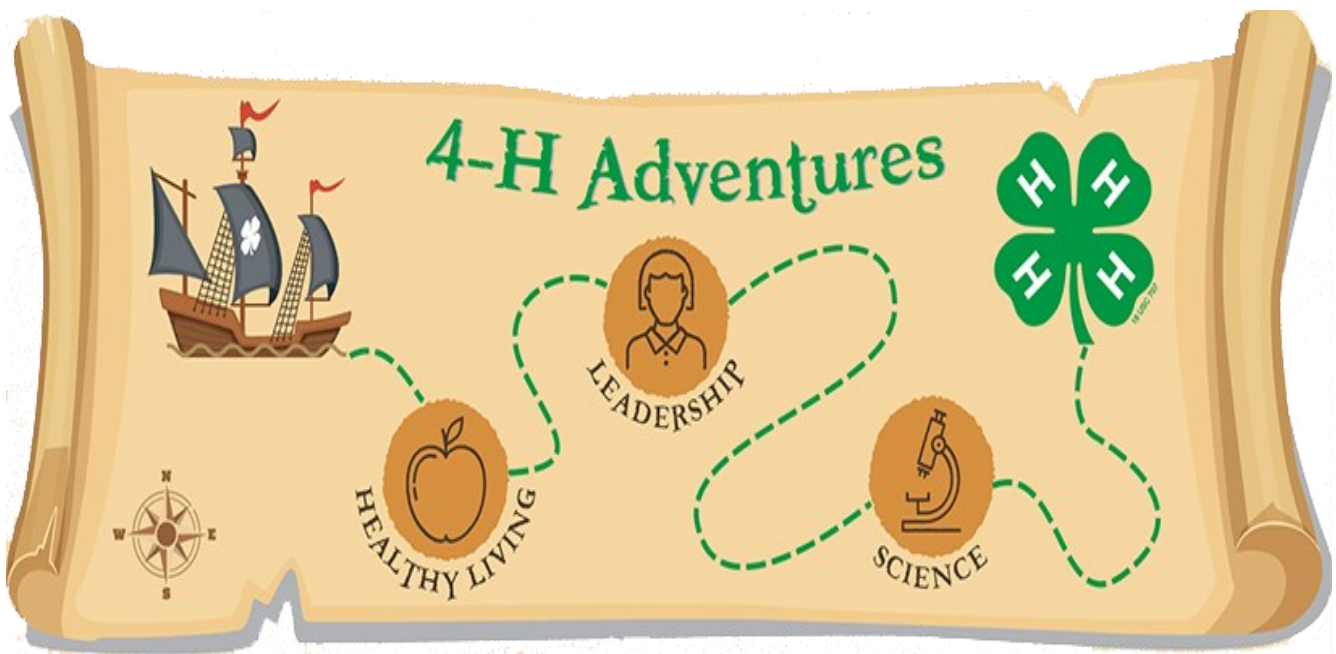
In Wisconsin 4-H, we believe in educational opportunities that involve youth in their own learning. We encourage critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. We want you to DO a hands-on activity, REFLECT on their experience, and APPLY what they learned in the current activity and beyond.

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/>

Awesome Online Learning Opportunity for 4-H Youth!



Are you ready for an adventure of a lifetime? This summer, Florida 4-H brings you *4-H Adventures* – a virtual summer program that will navigate through healthy living, leadership and science based programs. Below, you will find an array of fun and educational adventures along with course descriptions and dates. Registrations opens TODAY! Go to <http://florida4h.org/programsandevents/4-h-adventures/> Each child will need to be registered individually.

The journey awaits you with 4-H Adventures; at home and in your community. A variety of 4-H projects are available for each age group. Check them out.

- Cloverbud Adventures for ages 5-7 as of September 1, 2019
- Junior Adventures for ages 8-10 as of September 1, 2019
- Intermediate Adventures for ages 11-13 as of September 1, 2019
- Senior Adventures for ages 14-18 as of September 1, 2019



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4-H CHALLENGES

Join in the fun and win some great prizes!

You **MUST** register for all contests.

Go to <https://forms.gle/jsAp863JPRGxGoNW6> to register for all challenges. Once you are registered more detailed information will be sent to you.

New challenges will be posted each month. These challenges are open to youth of all ages (unless noted).

4-H Weekly Photo Challenge

Build your photography skills! Take one photo each week and we will share them with St. Croix County.

You will learn a different skill each week - composition, lighting and more. We will share all photos on social media and pick a winner each week. With 12 weeks of summer that will provide us with 12 winners. These winning photographs will be compiled into a 2021 St. Croix County 4-H Calendar.

This will be an ongoing challenge so youth can register at anytime. Once you are registered, information will be sent to you on where to post your weekly submissions. Submissions are due each week by noon on Sunday.

Week of June 8: Lighting

Week of June 15: Color

Week of June 22: Portrait

**Week of June 29:
Night Photography**



4-H VIRTUAL FISHING CHALLENGE

The 4-H biggest catch virtual fishing challenge opens in just a few short days. All 4-Hers are welcome to register.

When you make a catch you will need to do it alone. Then you can take a picture, measure the fish, tell us what kind of fish it is, and submit your entry (only one entry per youth). Once you have registered for this challenge we will send you more information. We will break youth out by age and choose 4 winners. All winners will receive a prize.



Age Groups:

Cloverbud (K—2grade)

3rd—5th grade

6th—8th grade

9th—13th grade

Challenge opens June 9 and will close July 10.

Remember, all participants are to follow all state requirements for fishing license and permits, as well as quantity and size limits.

RECIPE CHALLENGE



Do you love to cook? Bake? Then this is the challenge for you. A new recipe challenge will be added each week. Whip up the recipe (maybe get creative and add your own twist to it), take a picture of your completed recipe, tell us what you learned from making the recipe, and submit it. This is a great way to advance your culinary skills. Once you have registered for this challenge we will send you more information. This is an on going challenge and youth can register at anytime.

CLOVERBUD COLORING CHALLENGE

Join in the fun and color a 4-H masterpiece. Print off the coloring sheet on the next page of this newsletter. Create an outstanding colored picture. Take a picture of it and submit it for a prize. Once you have registered for this challenge we will send you more information. Only one entry per youth. This challenge will open on June 9 and close on June 30.



GIANT VEGETABLE CONTEST

Try out your green thumb this summer and grow some enormous vegetables. Before you harvest, take a picture, measure your vegetable, and submit



your entry (youth can enter once per category). Categories are listed below. Once you have registered for this challenge we will send you more information.

We will choose a winner for each category to win some amazing prizes.

Categories:

Pumpkins

Squash / Gourds

Potatoes

Corn

Peppers

Broccoli / Cauliflower

Onions

Cucumbers

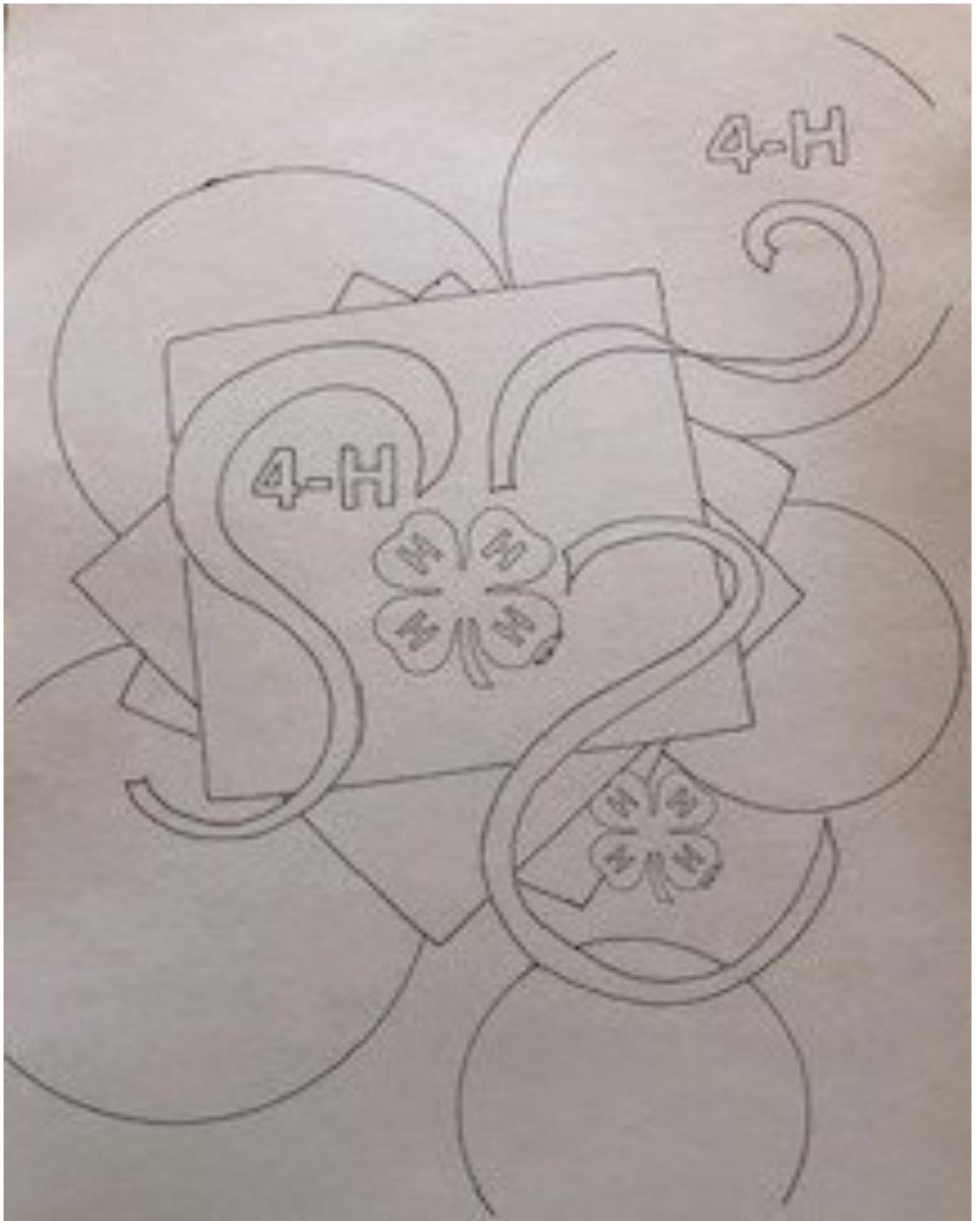
Zucchini / Eggplant

Tomatoes

Carrots

Asparagus

**Challenge opens June 9 and will close
September 13**



LEADER NEWS

UPDATES

Meetings - Virtual and “no contact” Programming is directed for the month of June. Please watch 4HOnline for more details. 4-H Staff will be notified on the 15th of each month what the plan is for the next month.

4-H Member Challenges - You will see a number of challenges posted in this newsletter. We are trying our best to keep 4-H youth engaged over the summer months. Please promote these opportunities in your club. If you have other ideas for challenges let Heather or Eileen know. We plan to add more challenges each month.

Become Chris Clover’s Pen Pal - All St. Croix County 4-H Cloverbuds will be receiving a postcard in the mail next week offering an opportunity to become a Pen Pal. Ambassador youth will be taking the lead on communicating back and forth with those interested.

Member Recognition - Over the next two weeks 4-H staff will be developing options to showcase this years 2020 4-H members project work. If you have ideas please contact Eileen or Heather.

2020 4-H Member Achievement - We are leaving this up to you as a club leader. Due to unprecedented times if you want to say all members in my club achieved this year...go ahead. If you want to make your club members comply with achievement rules written in your club by-laws...go ahead.

St. Croix County Fair - The 2020 fair is being postponed until 2021. Please keep all fair books as they will be used again for registration next year. Remind members to keep their completed 2020 projects to show in 2021 along with new 2021 projects.

Website—Please continue to check the website. We have updated it with the challenges along with additional resources for Clothing, Home Environment, Knitting, and Crocheting. Please let us know if there are additional resources we can provide you.

4-H Leader’s Association Meeting

June 16 @ 7:00pm via Zoom

Zoom Log In: <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/94163181391?pwd=Y004dXlaNm9RUTZlTHczM2g3U1dJZz09>

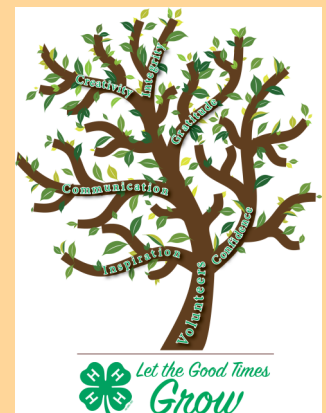
Zoom Call In: 1-312-626-6799

Zoom Meeting ID: 941 6318 1391

Meeting Password: 192210

Next meeting will be by August 18 @ 7:00pm - Location TBD

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 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.

Dairy

Mary Luckwaldt

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STEM

Beth & Joe Sippl

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Ambassadors

Heather Vierling

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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.

For an application please go to <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/06/2020-OUTSTANDING-DAIRY-MEMBER-AWARD-APPLICATION.pdf>

Horse Project Committee

Horse Project Committee Meeting via Zoom
July 6 @ 7:30pm

Meeting Zoom Log In:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71872357238pwd=ekhpMTFBZlQyam9aUzZhTldzQU1MUT09>

Password: horse

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



CLINICS WILL BE STARTING IN JULY...MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

Photography Project ~ June 2020

June has arrived rather quickly it seems this year. At this time I have not heard any definite news on what is happening with the fair for us this year! I would still get out there and take your pictures as it is better to be prepared than it is to wait until the last minute. No matter if the fair goes on as usual or if there are changes you will still be responsible to show your projects somewhere, somehow (even to your own club).

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!).

Baby Rabbits for Sale!

They are 12 weeks old and ready to go.
Mini Rex Breed (all females)
\$30 dollars each, Show quality.
Call 715-690-2243 or email tdjbeyer@gmail.com
Litter box trained, two black, one tan, grey and white
They are very friendly for any home!



St. Croix County Livestock Project

St. Croix County Livestock Program, YouTube Channel
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRWHgyT0wsS7OGp2RgDzAQQ/?guided_help_flow=5
Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program, UW-Extension Program
https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/?page_id=2737

The Rules Meeting-if you did not attend an in person meeting, the slide show is on our YouTube site for viewing. You will need to complete the workshop form and send it to Lori or Shelby.

YQCA-if you did not attend the in person YQCA training, you will need to complete the training on line. REMEMBER, you will need to go back into the website to print off the certificate and add it to your green project check off sheet.

Remember to complete the Educational Event Verification Form once you have completed an educational seminar.

- 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.

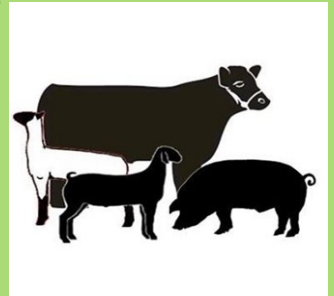
- 3) Print the Educational Verification Form and attach to your project check-off sheet to be submitted at the time of the fair.

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
lordeb651@gmail.com

Shelby Krupa
shelby.krupa@gmail.com



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

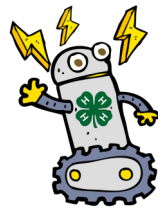
Exhibitor Signature

Exhibitor E-mail: _____

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

2020 Shooting Sports Program

St. Croix County 4-H Shooting Sports program will be canceled for the year due to COVID-19. UW-Extension has initiated policy of no face to face meetings in June. Willow River Rod and Gun Club has also expressed concern with group size and distancing.



St. Croix County STEM Committee

The Robotics/STEM/Rockets projects will pause until January 1, 2021.

2020 St. Croix County 4-H Softball

The St. Croix County 4-H Softball program will be canceled for 2020. We look forward to hitting the ball field in 2021.



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=Clb362iX8OY&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 Agility & Rally

Parents and members should take time to review the orientation video if interested in agility and or rally. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXD919Pe35c&feature=youtu.be>

For more details, you may find the link to the guidelines for St. Croix County 4-H Dog agility and rally at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19sdYtwCJAQCPAe7jsrEfSptO3PwbNnnP?usp=sharing>

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

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!).



States' 4-H 2020 Summer Pen Pal Program



CONNECT WITH STATES' 4-H YOUTH FROM
AROUND THE GLOBE THIS SUMMER!

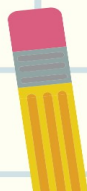
**OUR PEN PAL PROGRAM RUNS
FROM JUNE - AUGUST 2020!**

Steps to Participate

- 1) **Sign up!**
Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/63RD9DR> and fill in your information.
- 2) **Match!**
We will pair you with a same gender, similar aged youth from a country of your preference (if possible).
- 3) **Connect!**
Write at least once per month with your match (you should each receive and send at least one message per month).
- 4) **Make Friends!**
Pair up with your pen pal and share fun facts about your daily life and culture. Be sure to check out our recommended topic of the month as a starting point for your letters.
- 5) **Share!**
Tell us what you've learned about your pen pal at the end of the summer. Send us a short summary introducing your new friend, including photos you may have received!



**LET'S MAKE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS
THIS SUMMER!**



2021 Advanced Space Academy

Advanced Space Academy explores college and career preparation through an immersive experience in science, technology, engineering and math. Trainees undergo a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges, and teambuilding activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission. Activities include: high/low ropes course, simulators, Russian language lessons, SCUBA diving, fighter jet simulators, advanced rocketry, and more! Youth who participate will earn one credit hour of freshman level general science from the University of Alabama in Huntsville in this college accredited program.



Grades: 10th—12th graders as of January 1, 2021

Dates: January 23-29, 2021

Location: US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama

Cost: \$1,550.00 / youth (Deposit of \$775.00 is due by Oct. 1, 2020)

Lodging & Meals: Youth will stay in the Space Camp dormitory, with the exception of the first night lodging at a hotel in route to Space Camp. All meals are included.

Transportation: Airplane & Coach Bus

Registration: June 1-30 through 4-HOnline. Registration is first come first serve. There are only 32 spots available.

More Information: Contact Joshua Goede at 608-269-8722 or joshua.goede@wisc.edu or Heather Vierling at 715-531-1938 heather.vierling@wisc.edu

ST CROIX COUNTY FAIR

Dear St. Croix County Fair Families and Exhibitors,

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 situation, and its impact on the health of our community and well-being, it is with a heavy heart we announce the very difficult decision to “postpone” the 2020 St. Croix County Fair July 15-19.



The safety of the St. Croix County Fair’s entertainment partners, participants, visitors and community is and always will be our highest priority. In communication with our county officials and others in the fair industry, along with current Covid guidelines and recommendations for mass gatherings, we have concluded that it would be in our best interest not to host the 2020 St. Croix County Fair as planned.

We are heartbroken about the disappointment and inconvenience this causes you, our livestock and competitive exhibitors. You are the heartbeat of the fair and the reason the fair is so highly regarded as the annual showcase of all that is exceptional about St. Croix County. We know that you work tirelessly to prepare your livestock, projects, and entries. To diminish the importance of the Fair experience is never our goal, yet we do not want to compromise the health and safety of one single person.

We look ahead to 2021, July 14-18, when we can gather again for our annual celebration of agriculture, education, and entertainment at our Great Community Get Together... the St. Croix County Fair.

Until then, stay safe, be well and support each other. We will miss you!!

With gratitude for your efforts and understanding,

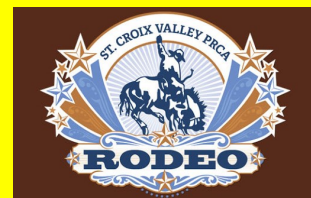
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St. Croix County Fair Association

Full press release available at www.stcroixcofair.com

2020 St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo

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



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. Further good news, the final proceeds from Give Big St. Croix Valley totaled \$4,100!
4. The May Fair Event & Sale, scheduled for Saturday May 9th is postponed to Saturday, August 22nd to coincide the St. Croix Valley P.R.C.A. Rodeo subject to state guidelines or large group gatherings. Stay tuned for details.
5. 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 Kessler's 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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