

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 July, 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. If you are seeking in-person but “No-contact” programs. Contact Heather or Eileen for a definition of “No-contact” programs.

Beginning July 1 - 4-H programs will begin allowing for **Small Groups** to meet with an approved plan. These meetings and activities are for 10 or fewer people that allow social distancing. Before these meetings can take place, 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. Contact Heather or Eileen to obtain this paperwork.

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.

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**

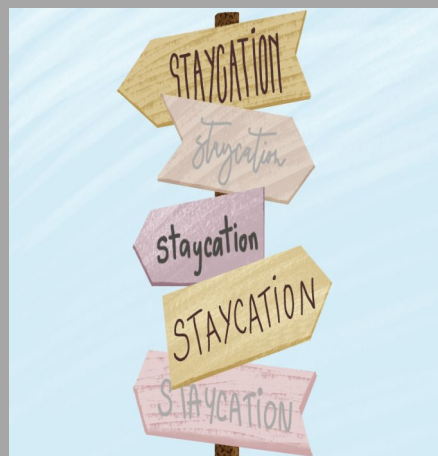
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St. Croix County 4-H

Dear 4-H Families,

I hope this 4-H newsletter finds all of you well. With the crazy year we have had I know many families have had to cancel or alter their vacation plans for summer. Kids love any change in routine that feels special, so instead of resenting the fact that you can't go anywhere right now, use this time to make lifelong family memories with a "staycation". A staycation is literally taking a vacation at home. They are much cheaper than travel vacations because you're saving on transportation and hotel costs. You have the convenience of your own bed, clothes, and comforts of home. Plus you can spend more on activities and food since you're saving elsewhere. With a little planning and creativity, a staycation could be just what your family needs right now. Below are a few ideas to make the best of your family time.

- ◆ Create a splash park in your backyard
- ◆ Go Letterboxing or Geocaching
- ◆ Plant a butterfly garden, hummingbird garden, or Victory Garden
- ◆ Have a photo scavenger hunt in your house, in your backyard, or at a local park
- ◆ Research urban legends for your area and then visit that area!
- ◆ Create a family relay race
- ◆ Have a NAILED IT! baking competition or tiny Top Chef competition
- ◆ Go fishing
- ◆ Turn a cookout into a luau (or other fun theme)
- ◆ Hold an escape room challenge
- ◆ Have fun creating your own backyard miniature golf course!
- ◆ Pitch a tent and campout in your backyard
- ◆ Set up a backyard ninja course
- ◆ Plan the ultimate sleepover party
- ◆ Have a foam dance party
- ◆ Host an outdoor movie night
- ◆ Create busy bags to relieve boredom
- ◆ Do a service project to help others
- ◆ Make ice cream from scratch
- ◆ Build a fort
- ◆ Cook a fancy meal and have everyone dress up
- ◆ Have a spa day
- ◆ Take a drive through your hometown and see if you can spot anything new
- ◆ Hold a family game night
- ◆ Set up a family Olympics event
- ◆ Order In
- ◆ Redecorate a room together
- ◆ Go for a family bike ride
- ◆ Spot stars and constellations in the night sky



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 and enjoy the summer,

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

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

# CALENDAR

## 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
- 31 4-H Lego Challenge Ends
- 31 4-H Art Challenge Ends
- 31 4-H Woodworking Challenge Ends
- 31 4-H Cloverbud Forts Challenge Ends



## August

- 1 Deadline to Register for the Giant Vegetable Contest
- 3 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 18 Leaders Association Meeting
- 31 4-H Cake Decorating Challenge Ends
- 31 4-H Recycling Challenge Ends
- 31 4-H Cloverbud Pets Challenge Ends
- 31 4-H Kitting /Crocheting Challenge Ends

## September

- 1 Charter Financial Pages Due
- 4 UW-Extension Staff Furlough Day
- 7 HOLIDAY
- 11 Annual 4-H Awards Packet Due
- 13 4-H Giant Vegetable Challenge Ends
- 16 Leaders Association Meeting
- 18 2020-2021 4-H Enrollment Opens



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## St. Croix County 4-H Youth – Lauren Thompson – Appointed to Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Rural Prosperity

Gov. Tony Evers named leaders from around the state to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Rural Prosperity. The governor announced the commission during his State of the State speech in January. The commission will be tasked with developing long-term strategies on how Wisconsin



The commission is expected to hold listening sessions around the state later this summer on the impact of COVID-19 on rural communities and businesses, as well as the challenges and opportunities the pandemic has created. The commission's recommendations will help to form the biennial state budget, which Gov. Evers will introduce early next year.

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) will provide logistical and administrative support to the commission. In his State of the State address this year, Gov. Evers directed WEDC to create the Office of Rural Prosperity, and the organization recently named Kelliann Blazek as the first director of the office.

Kelliann reached out to WI 4-H for names of youth leaders from Wisconsin Leadership Council and youth with civic engagement experiences to represent a youth voice on the commission.

We are excited to have Lauren bring a youth voice, engage other youth in communities at the listening session, assist in facilitating the listening sessions and serve as an active commission member modeling youth adult partnerships.

# CLUB INFORMATION

## 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](mailto: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/>



# 2020 COUNTY- WIDE 4-H PROJECT SHOWCASE



Since the 2020 St. Croix County Fair has been postponed until 2021, we wanted to still highlight all of the hard work you have put into your 4-H projects this year. For 2020 we will be offering St. Croix County 4-H youth an opportunity to participate in a virtual project showcase.

Here is what you need to do:

- 1) Take a picture of you and your project (s) or just your project (s)
- 2) You can also choose to submit a video of your project
- 3) Label your photo / video with your name
- 4) Upload your photo (s) / video to <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vzg2yKcmEDk2GT12xfkYcD7G38OyvY5N?usp=sharing>
- 5) The deadline to upload will be August 15



After the deadline we will be compiling all of the photos into a digital slideshow to share with all St. Croix County 4-H families. We will also be posting this slideshow on our webpage and Face Book page. Ribbons will be provided for all youth who participate in the showcase.



# 4-H CHALLENGES



*Join in the FUN and WIN some great prizes!*

**You MUST register for all challenges.**

Go to <https://forms.gle/quDpgB6vueJYczNs6> to register for all challenges. Once you are registered more detailed information will be sent to you.

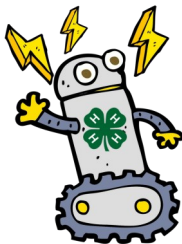
New challenges will be posted each month. These challenges are open to youth of all ages (unless noted).

## 4-H ART CHALLENGE

Get ready to showcase your artistic skills in the drawing and painting projects. This will be a “Nailed It” challenge. A “nailed it” challenge means that you are given an example of the project. The goal is to create your own masterpiece that is a copy of the example (you want to get it as close to the original as you can). Groups are divided out into beginner, intermediate, and advanced projects. Youth will receive 4 options for both drawing and painting at each level. Pick one or more pictures and complete your own masterpiece. Youth who participate will receive art related prizes. Your final masterpieces will be posted on the St. Croix County 4-H Face Book page.



## 4-H STEM CHALLENGE



4-H science, technology engineering and math (STEM) teaches problem-solving skills that you can use in many ways! 4-H STEM experiences are also fun ways to learn about how to apply STEM knowledge in life and in a future career. A new STEM

challenge will be added weekly through the month of July. Do them with your whole family using supplies that you may have on-hand at home. Youth that complete all 4-H STEM projects will receive a 4-H Game Changer Kit in the mail. To register for this challenge go to <https://forms.gle/quDpgB6vueJYczNs6>. Once registered we will send you additional instructions.

## 4-H SEWING CHALLENGE

Do you enjoy sewing? If so, get ready for the 4-H Sewing Challenge. Beginners to advance sewers can participate in this 6 week challenge. A sewing machine is required for this challenge. Each week youth will be sent a new sewing project. Sewing projects will be a combination of Home Environment and Clothing projects. Youth who complete all of the projects will receive some awesome sewing related prizes.

Once you have registered you will receive more information.



## 4-H LEGO CHALLENGE



Ready, Set, Go! A LEGO Challenge for all LEGO lovers. Participants will be able to pick and choose from six different LEGO categories. Participate in one or all six. We will pick a winner from each category. All entries must be original. You may not use a purchased kit. Winners will receive a new LEGO kit.

### **Categories:**

- Self Portrait
- World Famous Landmarks
- 25 pieces or less
- Transportation
- Animals
- LEGO Marble Run

Register today and get building! All projects will be featured on the St. Croix County 4-H Facebook page.

## CLOVERBUD FORT CHALLENGE



Welcome to the Cloverbud Fort Challenge. Here is your chance to design and build the best fort imaginable. Find items around your house to complete this project.

Upload a picture of your creation for all to see.

- What will you use this fort for?
- Is it permanent or temporary?
- Is it for one person or many?

All Cloverbud youth who participate will receive a prize. Register today.

## RECIPE CHALLENGE

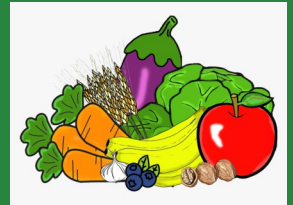


Do you love to cook? Bake? Then this is the challenge for you. A new recipe challenge will be added each week.

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. Prizes include cooking magazine subscription, cook books, and some kitchen and baking gadgets / utensils / supplies to make you a master chef.

## 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 gardening 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**

## 4-H Woodworking Challenge

Get out your tools and join the Woodworking Challenge. For this challenge youth will get to choose between a blue bird house, an owl house, a butterfly house, and/or a bat house to build. Youth will be provided with instructions for each separate build and expected to acquire the needed materials to create the house they select. Build one house or all four. All youth are welcome to join in. All youth who participate will receive a Woodworking related prize. To register go to <https://forms.gle/quDpgB6vueJYczNs6> . Once registered more information will be sent to you.



## 4-H Weekly Photo Challenge

It's not too late to join. 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 July 6: Animals**

**Week of July 13: Black & White /  
Sepia**

**Week of July 20: Nature**

**Week of July 27:  
Still Life**





# LEADER NEWS

## Completing WI 4-H Financial Records

4-H Charter financial rules and requirements can be confusing. Below is a great video to help walk you through the ins and outs of 4-H finances. Learn how to completed the needed paperwork in less than 20 minutes.

<https://youtu.be/fkxqjPpqxMA>

## COVID 19 4-H Volunteer Training

All volunteers that are wishing to hold 4-H meetings, activities, or programs will be required to completed COVID 19 training for volunteer leaders. The training will be coming out shortly, stay tuned for more information.

## 4-H Leaders Association Committees

Youth and adult volunteers are needed to server on new countywide committees. Please contact the names listed below each committee if you are interested in serving on this committee or if you have questions concerning the committee.

- Leadership (focus on recruiting new leaders, finding out what leaders are proficient in, training for leaders, and development of materials/resources) Committee Contact: Amanda Hanson [ahiben@hotmail.com](mailto:ahiben@hotmail.com)
- Fundraising (includes plat book sales and any other fundraising activities) Committee Contact: Mary Luckwaldt [luckwaldt123@yahoo.com](mailto:luckwaldt123@yahoo.com)
- Recognition / Public Relations (includes 4-H scholarships, year end club awards, Leaders banquet, 4-H promotion / marketing, etc.) Committee Contact: Tara Brown [trbrown3@gmail.com](mailto:trbrown3@gmail.com)
- Budget / Finances (monitoring budget and decided where to cut and where to spend) Committee Contact: Beth Sippl [bj.sippl@gmail.com](mailto:bj.sippl@gmail.com)
- Educational Program Development (includes existing countywide 4-H programming – MTE, STEM, Clover College, Foods Expo, WI Tour, etc. and any new educational programs that the committee develops) Committee Contact: Heather Vierling [heather.vierling@wisc.edu](mailto:heather.vierling@wisc.edu)

## 4-H Club and Group Financial Records Due September 1

Club Leaders, Treasurers and Chartered Committees need to be aware that 4-H financial records are now due **September 1**. This change has been made across the state and is being implemented immediately. The financial records are on pages 5-6 of the 4-H Charter Renewal document. The financial year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> giving clubs 2 months to complete these records. The following link provides instructions for completing the financial record: <https://youtu.be/fkxqjPpqxMA>

The link for the charter form(s) can be found here: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/clubs-and-groups/charters/>

In addition, the following documents will be required this year:

- Wisconsin 4-H Charter Application or Reapplication Document\*
- Annual 4-H Club or 4-H Group calendar covering October 1 – September 30
- Completed 4-H Club or 4-H Group **Audit Checklist** (Fillable PDF)\*
- Copy of the checkbook and/or savings registry covering July 1 – June 30\*
- June or July ending bank statement\*
- Current 4-H Club or 4-H Group bylaws.

More information on completing the Charter pages 1-4 will be sent out closer to the Charter due date in October. If you have questions pertaining please contact Eileen [eileen.vandyk@wisc.edu](mailto:eileen.vandyk@wisc.edu)

## SAVE THE DATE

Wisconsin 4-H Town Hall  
Meeting

July 14, 7:00pm—8:00pm



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

## 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.

**MORE INFORMATION ON JULY & AUGUST  
HORSE PROGRAMMING TO COME....STAY  
TUNED!**

## Selecting Your Youth Dairy Show Calf

Below is a new video on how  
to select the best show calf  
for your dairy project animal.

*Check it out!*

<https://youtu.be/S0p8oW8Z-cw>



## 4-H Dog Project Committee

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

In person dog obedience trainings will not be taking place this summer. Keep an eye out for upcoming Dog Project Challenges and Dog Obedience Training videos. For questions relating to Dog Obedience contact Val Meijer: [vmeijer1985@gmail.com](mailto:vmeijer1985@gmail.com) or 715-529-2195.



### Dog Agility & Rally

We are hoping to start in-person small group rally and agility trainings in July. Members who are at the obedience novice level or above are eligible to participate in rally and agility training. Stay tuned for details! Until then, please refer to the St. Croix County 4-H web page for Dog Project education videos. Topics include a variety of quiz bowl questions and answers on dog care, training and showing; a special feature on trimming nails and also brushing your dog's teeth. Another video is added almost weekly.

Contact Michelle Stark at 651-442-9772 or [cmstark@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:cmstark@baldwin-telecom.net) for more information and to register for rally or agility training.

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>

## 4-H Photography Project ~ July 2020

Our summer weather is here and I am truly hoping that we have a beautiful summer, with lots of great picture taking days! Even though our Fair has been cancelled for this year I would still get out there and take your pictures that you have signed up for!!! I have heard that some of the clubs will be having you show your projects at a meeting so that your project is still shown! This is a great opportunity to show your accomplishments! You can also post things in the SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT Facebook page. There are judges in there and they would love to give their input!!! When you post it put down Fair Picture and the category and let's see what happens!!!

The Summer Photo Challenge is underway and the photos coming in have been wonderful. If you have not signed up yet do so as soon as possible and join in on the fun. All of the signup information has been sent out to you once you sign up in an email from Heather and the "lessons" to learn about each weekly topic are in our Facebook page. Please join in on the fun in the Facebook page!!

I was going to be doing some LIVE videos in the Facebook page about the Basics of Photography and when we started the Summer Photo Challenge this was pushed aside. I will be starting this in a week or so though so 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!!!

Kay Jacobsen ~

St. Croix County Photography Project Leader

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



### *Adventures in Nature*

**Get out and explore nature in St. Croix County:** Take your family to a county or state park you have not yet explored. Check out information at [www.sccwi.gov/333/Parks](http://www.sccwi.gov/333/Parks) to help you decide which of the parks, forests, trails, beaches and canoe launches you want to explore. Also remember that Willow River and Kinnickinnic state parks await you as well!

### **Help researchers study monarch butterflies and bumble bees:**

Monarchs, bumble bees and other pollinating insects are declining in number. Help the study of Wisconsin's 20 native bumble bee species by taking photos and submitting them to the Department of Natural Resources Wisconsin Bumble Bee Brigade. To learn more about bumble bees and how to collect and submit photos visit [wiatri/inventory/bbb](http://wiatri/inventory/bbb). The monitoring season is now through October.

Monarch butterflies have an amazing life cycle and migration story. They are here in the summer laying eggs, then the caterpillars grow and mature into butterflies. The last butterflies to emerge in late summer will make the 1,500 mile migration south to Mexico for the winter. Learn more about this incredible butterfly and how you can help to ensure its survival by reporting the butterflies, eggs and caterpillars you see at the UW-Arboretum's [journeynorth.org](http://journeynorth.org) web page now through October.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Debbie Beyer at [deborahbever2015@gmail.com](mailto:deborahbever2015@gmail.com) or 920-889-0850 cell.

## Northwest Youth Livestock Virtual Show

The Amery FFA would like to put on a virtual show for the youth of Northwest Wisconsin. The goal is to allow our 4-H, FFA and youth group members a chance to show their fair projects with a virtual contest. The purpose is strictly educational. We will be judging the animals just like a regular show and will be giving out ribbons and plaques.

**Rules:** Must be a youth that were going to show at one of the fairs. Need to be the eligible ages for 4-H, FFA or youth group. The Amery FFA will provide a judge that will be giving reasons after each class.

Animals in the Virtual show: Hogs, Beef, Sheep and Goats.

Ribbons and Plaques will be awarded and sent to your homes.

Presentation will be in Late to Middle August sent out on a YouTube video

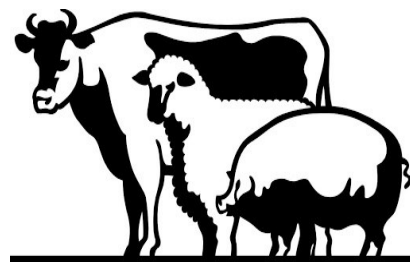
\*Must send a video no longer than 60 seconds that shows the animal from the front, walking towards the camera, the animal should then turn to the right or left so we see a side view then the animal should move away from the camera so we can see a rear view. The animal should then go to the right or left so we can see the other side of that animal. After that they can do whatever they like for the rest of the 60 seconds. Beef, sheep and goats should set their animals up with a front, side and rear view as well.

\*Animals should be clean and ready to show!

\*Camera should be videoed with the phone sideways. It is best to be about 6 to 10 feet away. Want to see the entire animal the whole time if possible.

\* With the video the participant should send a write up answering the following questions:

- 1) Name of Participant
- 2) Name of Parents or Guardians
- 3) Address
- 4) Name of 4-H, FFA or Youth Group
- 5) Age of Participant as of January 1<sup>st</sup>
- 6) Showing a Beef, sheep, hog or goat?
- 7) Description of the animal (color, breed, markings, etc) Tag number in the ear
- 7) What is your animal's name?
- 8) Estimated weight of the animal. If you have a scale great! If you do not...try to estimate the weight. We can help you with this if you cannot take a good guess.
- 9) How long have you been showing?
- 10) What is your favorite part of showing at the fair?



\* Depending on how many entries we have, the animals will be set up in classes. We will have light weights, medium weights, and heavy weights. We will try to make it so no one is in the same class if they have more than one animal.

\* Videos and information must be sent to: [meyerd@amerysd.k12.wi.us](mailto:meyerd@amerysd.k12.wi.us) by July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Entry Fee is \$5/animal Please send check to:

Amery FFA

555 Minneapolis Avenue

Amery, WI 54001

Any Questions please email Derrick Meyer or call at 715 554-0920



# FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

## Friends of the Fairgrounds Update

### News!!

- 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!
- Some good news, Friends recently received a grant from the St. Croix Electric Coop which will be applied towards retiring the loan on the Multi-species Livestock Barn. To date, this year, we have received a total of \$3,500.00 in grants and sponsorships from two businesses and both the New Richmond & Baldwin - Woodville Area Community Foundations.
- The May Fair Event & Sale committee is continuing to work out the details of this important fund-raising events – stay tuned to the weekly Email Blasts for additional details.
- We are 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.
- A final decision pertaining to the 2020 PRCA Rodeo will be made in the next week. Stay tuned for more details.

### 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. Tickets will be available shortly and we will start reaching out to the 4-H Clubs across the County. 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 Dobberstein family for 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 drawings will take place at the Livestock Annual Spaghetti Dinner Scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

\*\*\*We wish each of you the best as you deal with the physical, emotional & financial impact of the pandemic.



## Wisconsin 4-H Summer Virtual Learning Community

Wisconsin 4-H is excited to launch our Summer Virtual Learning Community!!

Join us for a variety of engaging activities and opportunities done virtually or independently from July 1-August 31! Activities will be planned and led by Extension staff, UW-Madison professors, volunteer leaders, youth leaders, working professionals, and more! Activities will be presented via different platforms, times and topics.

Activities will include:

- Live hands-on arts and crafts, foods and other project demonstrations
- Self-paced lessons
- Documentary group watches and discussions
- Expert group presentations and discussions by professors and professionals
- Virtual tours
- And MORE!!

We invite you to follow along with our Summer Virtual Learning Community and hope you find something engaging for you or your family.

*We recognize and acknowledge that many families are taking a break from virtual programming this summer and we completely understand. However, if you are looking for some ideas and programming we will have a variety of experiences and opportunities for YOU.*

You can find more information on our webpage at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>.

Follow the Summer Virtual Learning Community Calendar on TeamUp: <https://teamup.com/ksnu8io835yz2chr6f>. You can also download the TeamUp App for free to access the calendar quickly on your smartphone or other device.

*Please note that the calendar will continue to be built out over the summer!! We are just getting started and learning as we go. Check back often. As a learning community, we hope you will share ideas and suggestions as we learn and grow together this summer.*



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