

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 August, 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.”*

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St. Croix County 4-H

Dear 4-H Families,

Wow...I cant believe its already August. 2020 has certainly been a crazy year and summer seems to have flown by.

With fall approaching and a new 4-H year in sight we move into our 4-H promotion / recruitment time of year. We rely heavily on our membership to spread the word of 4-H. Below is a list of the top 10 benefits to joining the St. Croix County 4-H program.

- **Friendships** – 4-H is a great place to make friends of all ages.
- **Learn about things that interest me** - 4-H is designed to allow youth to choose the projects that they want to learn about.
- **Service** - Through 4-H we give back to our communities.
- **Unforgettable trip experiences** – 4-H can take you across the state, across the county, and across the world!
- **Limitless leadership opportunities** – There are limitless leadership positions within 4-H: club officers, camp counselors, 4-H Ambassadors, etc.
- **Skills for Life** – Besides projects 4-H is a great place to learn life skills (communication, teamwork, record keeping, etc.).
- **Career development** – Skills learned through the 4-H program help youth thrive in advanced education and workforce development.
- **Positive Adult Role Models** - Wonderful adult mentors to assist youth with the learning process.
- **You don't have to live on a farm** - 4-H is not just for farm kids. Anyone can join.
- **FUN** – 4-H is all about FUN!!!

Again this month you will see a new batch of 4-H Challenges. Please take advantage of these fun opportunities and some great prizes. As always please don't hesitate to reach out to Eileen or I if you have questions or concerns. We are happy to help.

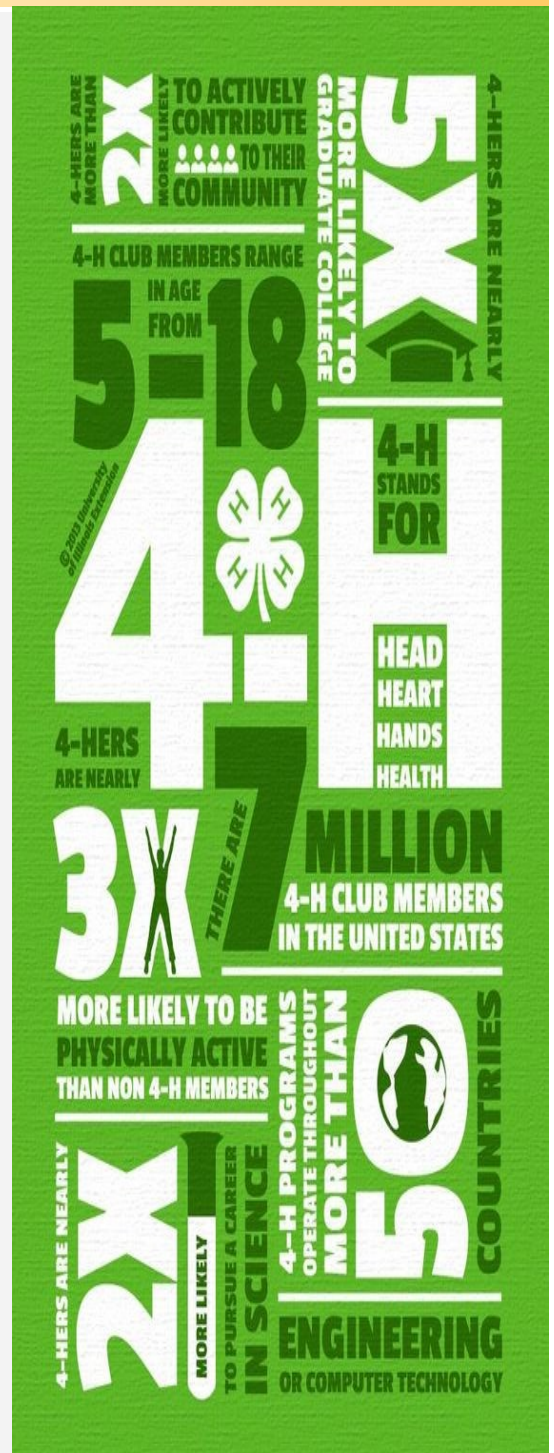
Stay safe and enjoy the summer,



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



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



CALENDAR

August

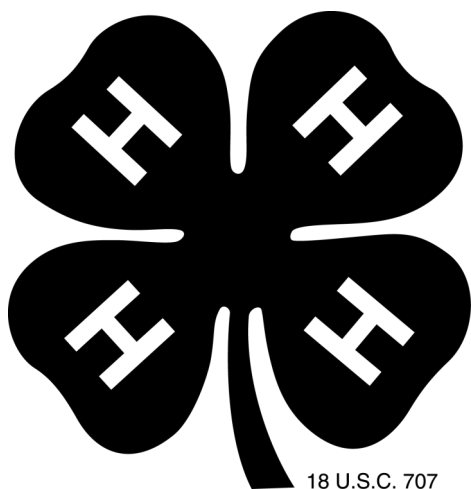
- 1 Deadline to Register for the Giant Vegetable Contest
- 3 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 18 Leaders Association Meeting
- 31 4-H Cake Decorating Challenge Ends
- 31 4-H Recycling Challenge Ends
- 31 4-H Cloverbud Pets Challenge Ends
- 31 4-H Kitting /Crocheting Challenge Ends



September

- 1 Charter Financial Pages Due
- 1 Friend of 4-H Award Nominations 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

2020-2021 4-H Enrollment

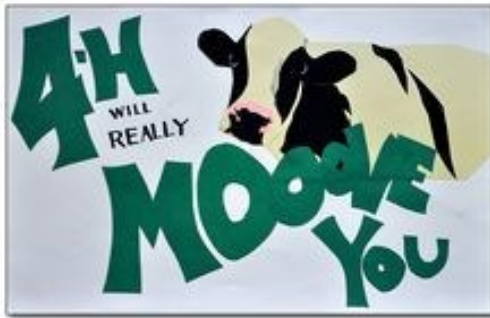


Can you believe it? Another 4-H year is about to end and a new one will begin. Enrollment for the 2020-2021 4-H year will begin September 18. With the new 4-H year appreciating we hope that you will help us spread the good word about the 4-H program to others. We would love to increase our membership in 2021.

4-HOnline (enrollment system) has had some upgrades to it, so it may look a little different. More information to come on this next month.

If you or your club would like 4-H promotional materials to hand out please contact Heather.

CONGRATULATIONS!



2020 DAIRY AWARDS

2020 St. Croix County Crowley Award Winner
Maddy Peterson, Baldwin Wide Awake 4-H Club
Claudia Lenz, Rolling Hills 4-H Club (alternate)

2020 St. Croix County Heritage Calf Winners
Mikayla Weyer, Baldwin Wide Awake 4-H Club
Dylan Raymond, Baldwin Wide Awake 4-H Club

CLUB INFORMATION

Attention Club Reporters!



Given these uncertain times it has been challenging to share 4-H with the surrounding communities. If your Club has creatively found ways to continue to give their "hands to larger service" and still be active in the community, we want to know! Keep submitting pictures and articles to your local newspapers and keep sharing 4-H with the larger community.

If your club is looking for service ideas, check out this site for Service Sundays (bottom of the page) <https://4h.extension.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 FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD

Do you know a business, organization or an individual within the St. Croix Community that has helped the St. Croix County 4-H program during the 2019-2020 year? If so, please nominate them to receive the 2020 Friend of 4-H Award. To make a nomination please send the name, contact information, and a short summary of why this individual / business / organization should receive the award. Please send all nominations to Heather heather.vierling@wisc.edu by September 1.

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.



Support 4-H



*During the month
of August*

St. Croix County 4-H
is holding a
fundraiser during the
month of August at
Joe to Go Organic
Coffee in Hudson

LOCATION: Joe to Go Organic Coffee , 1800 Coulee Rd., Hudson
(just west of Target)

10% of all sales on Fridays in August plus any daily jar donations
will be donated to support St. Croix County 4-H Clubs . Please par-
ticipate and help spread the word.

www.joetogoorganic.com

Hours
Mon-Friday 5:30am-3pm
Saturday, 7am-3pm



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 CAMPFIRE CHALLENGE

There is one month of summer left. Lets get outside and do some camping. This will be a 4 week challenge. Each week offering you a new campfire experience.

- Week 1— Build a Campfire (with adult help)
- Week 2—Best Pudgy Pie or Smores Recipe
- Week 3—Create a Campfire Craft
- Week 4—Best Campfire Song / Story

Youth will receive more information once they are registered. Youth who complete all 4 weeks of challenges will receive an awesome camping prize.



4-H KITTING / CROCHETING CHALLENGE



Get out your needles and yarn and enter the knitting / crocheting challenge to test your knitting and crocheting skills. Youth will have 3 different options to pick from depending on your skill

level (beginner, intermediate, or advanced). All youth who participate will receive a project related prize. 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 CAKE DECORATING CHALLENGE

Show us your cake decorating skills. Youth will have an opportunity to enter the following categories (you can enter 1 or all of them). Upload photos of your completed creations. Youth will be judged on decorating skills, design, difficulty, and originality. Register today and get decorating!

- Cloverbuds
- Decorated Cupcake
- Decorated Cookie
- Decorated Cake Pops
- Celebration Cake—non fondant
- Celebration Cake—fondant
- Sculpted or Carved Cake
- Wedding Cakes
- Decorated with Sugar Flowers

Youth will receive more information once they are registered for this challenge.

The winners from each category will receive a project related prize. All projects will be featured on the St. Croix County 4-H Facebook page.



CLOVERBUD PET PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE



Get out your cameras and start taking pictures of your favorite pets. You can enter more than one picture.

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	Onions
Squash / Gourds	Cucumbers
Potatoes	Zucchini / Eggplant
Corn	Tomatoes
Peppers	Carrots
Broccoli / Cauliflower	Asparagus

**Registration Deadline is August 7.
Entries need to be uploaded by
September 13.**

4-H RECYCLING CHALLENGE

Plastic is everywhere! Bottles and containers, toys and packaging... plastic makes life better AND creates a huge problem for our earth. Single-use plastics make up over 40% of our garbage. We recycle too little of what could be recycled. How are you and your family using plastic? Explore your own use and increase their knowledge of the wide world of plastics. Make an amazing piece of art by repurposing (upcycling) single-use plastics! Use plastic you find to create your art sculpture on a theme or message you'd like to use. Examples of plastics you could use: cups, bottles, bags, bottle caps, take-out containers, pieces of old toys and anything made of plastic that you find in your house or yard. To register for this challenge go to <https://forms.gle/quDpgB6vueJYczNs6>. Once registered we will send you additional instructions. Prizes will be awarded to all who participate.



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 August 3: Trick Photography

Week of August 10: Leading Lines

Week of August 17: Abstract / Texture

**Week of August 24:
Manipulated / Altered**



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. Please contact Heather or Eileen if you are interested.

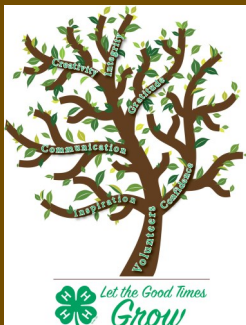
4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Tuesday, August 18 @ 7:00pm via ZOOM

Zoom Log In: <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/96269475110?pwd=WFVzb1gzRTZuRm5TUjU1dXR0d1BJdz09>

Zoom Call In: 1-312-626-6799
Zoom Meeting ID: 962 6947 5110
Meeting Password: 367683

Next meeting will be September 15 @ 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 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 30th 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

VIP Trainings

If you have adults who are interested in becoming certified 4-H volunteers they are required to take the Volunteer in Preparation Training (VIP).

VIP Trainings will start up again in September. Look for specific dates in the September 4-H Communicator.

For more information contact Heather.



4-H Leaders Association Committees

WE NEED YOU!

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. Each of these committees will meet 4-6 times maximum throughout the year.

- 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
- Fundraising (includes plat book sales and any other fundraising activities) Committee Contact: Mary Luckwaldt 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
- Budget / Finances (monitoring budget and decided where to cut and where to spend) Committee Contact: Beth Sippl 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

2019-2020 4-H Club Awards Packets

Club award packets will be sent out to club leaders (via email) the beginning of August. If you would like this mailed to you, please contact Heather ASAP.

Once you receive the packet please take a minute to review it, as some of the awards have changed. The awards committee has been working hard to simplify this application process in the hopes that more clubs apply for county awards. You will also notice that some of the categories have changed and a new “Club Officer” award has entered the mix this year. All club award packets are due to Heather (email or snail mail) by September 11. Awards will be ordered and delivered to clubs by the first week of October.

In addition, all club leaders will be receiving a link to a short survey asking your thoughts and opinions related to future awards (both youth, club and adult). Please take a few minutes to complete it. Your input is appreciated.

If you have questions on anything related to the Club Award Packet please contact Heather.



Horse Project Committee

We hope you are all having a good summer! As most of you know, there was an idea thrown out about a drawing and compilation of all the things our project members have done this summer. Shortly thereafter, there was a follow-up email stating that the drawing/ compilation of our members' pictures and accomplishments would no longer be happening. While the drawing was a great idea, it was not discussed or finalized with the board. The youth leaders were discussing something similar prior to this idea, and their hard work should not be taken away from. After discussion, the project has decided to move forward with this idea. We want to know what you guys have been up to this summer! Here are the rules:



- We will be doing a drawing for prizes including halters, gift cards, 4-H swag, etc.
- Tell us about what you've learned in the horse project, what you love about the horse project, what you're looking forward to, any favorite horse project memories, why people should join the project, or anything you and your horse have accomplished this year.
- Respond to one of these prompts either in a video, worth 3 prize entries, or a short response with a picture of you and your horse, worth 1 prize entry.
- The responses will be used to create a video representing our project that will be played at the kickoff meetings and show people how much fun our project is.
- We will be accepting entries until August 31

4-H Photography Project ~ August 2020

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 sign-up 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!!

Please let me know if you would like to have some LIVE videos in the Facebook page about the Basics of Photography. When the Summer Photo Challenge started this was pushed aside. I will be happy to do this if you want to see them or need some help. The more interaction we get the more this will help the members that are new to the project and even those who have been around as we learn something new each time. So far there is very little interaction on the page so I am not sure if people want to see things or not. 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, and 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 scphotographyproject@gmail.com and the Facebook page is SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT (request to join and you will be accepted!).

4-H Dog Project Committee

Videos: There is a collection of videos to support your learning at home, no matter what level you are at with your dog care and training:

Week 1 with 4-H Dog Quiz Bowl: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1b362iX8OY&feature=youtu.be>

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

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

Week 4 with Goal Setting:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWAnbtPszo4&t=105s>

Agility and Rally Orientation
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXD919Pe35c&t=268s>

Training Bond:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2o3q-AU0e4>

Foundation Training: Treats
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkcgkPO6hJO>



Handbook and Record Book Pages: Documents to help you understand the framework for advancing through the various aspects of the dog project can be found here:

Google Link: Handbook (s), registration, Project Book
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19sdYtwCJAOCpAe7jsrEfSptO3PwbNnnP?usp=sharing>

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

Rally/agility practices: For those dog project members who have trained at the novice level or above in obedience, in-person rally and agility small group practices will begin weekly on Sunday, August 2, 4:00 pm. 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/19sdYtwCJAOCpAe7jsrEfSptO3PwbNnnP?usp=sharing>

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>

If you are interested in observing a rally/agility practice to learn more about it for the future, want to sign up, or have any other questions, please contact Michelle Stark at 651-442-9772 or cmstark@baldwin-telecom.net.

2020 WI 4-H Dairy Judging Virtual Contest



We are happy to announce that registration is open for the [virtual 2020 Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Judging Contest](#) on **Saturday, August 29th!** Junior (grades 3-8) and Senior (grades 9-13) are invited to display their dairy evaluation skills and compete in teams (3-4 four youth participants per team). Eight photo classes and two video oral reasons classes will be presented live via Zoom. Participants will enter scores via a separate software generously provided by World Dairy Expo. With the cancellation of all national 4-H dairy judging contests 2020, this will be a stand-alone, non-qualifying state contest.

No cost to enter! **Registration available at this link:** https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3meIuyQhCkC7u7z (deadline August 17, 2020)

Saturday August 29, 2020

8:30am – Orientation

9:00 - Break before Contest Begins

9:10-11:10 – Dairy Judging Contest (8 photo classes)

11:20 - Oral Reasons (2 video classes)

Please direct all questions to Joe Muellenberg at joe.muellenberg@wisc.edu or Ted Halbach at tjhalbach@wisc.edu.

Livestock Lessons

Any youth in the beef, sheep, swine and meat goat projects can develop both an oral video presentation or a written public service announcement on an animal science topic of their choice that illustrates what they are learning and how they can teach others.

The committee working on this project are the following:

Darlene Arneson, Ag in the Classroom; Jackie Johnson, Bloomer FFA; Jim Massey, The Country Today (retired); Amy Mitchell, Crawford County 4-H Youth Development Educator; Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Livestock Specialist; Brooke Roberts, Director of Communication and Outreach – WI Beef Council; Lori Wick Lafayette County 4-H Youth Development Educator.

The committee identified the following goals of the program:

1. Explore their animal science project
2. Use communicate skills both written and verbal
3. Utilize technology
Explore career pathways

Details of the program can be found at:

<https://bit.ly/LivestockLessons>



Adventures in Nature

Hummingbirds are special! August is a great time to start feeding, watching and learning about hummingbirds. They need a lot of energy while nesting here and raising their young all summer. In August and September these tiny creatures will be starting their long migration to Mexico for the winter. You can make nectar to feed them by dissolving 1 cup of sugar in 4 cups of water. Do not add red dye. It is not necessary and can harm the birds. Shake the sugar water well and refill or refresh your feeder every 2-3 days. Keep extra sugar water in the refrigerator. Hummingbird feeders can be purchased inexpensively wherever bird feeding supplies are sold. Learn more! Search the Internet for information about the amazing ruby-throated hummingbird – the only hummingbird species found in Wisconsin, and the other incredible, beautiful hummingbirds. All are special because they are not found worldwide, only in small portions of the Western Hemisphere.

Use Science and Technology – Join Snapshot Wisconsin! Snapshot Wisconsin is a volunteer-based project which uses a statewide network of more than 2,000 trail cameras to monitor wildlife year-round. From coniferous forests to vast prairies, volunteers host trail cameras throughout Wisconsin's landscapes. The photos of diverse wildlife captured on Snapshot Wisconsin cameras are hosted online, where they can be classified by volunteers across the globe. The resulting dataset is used to inform WDNR management decisions, and help us learn more about Wisconsin's wildlife. Go to <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/research/projects/snapshot/> to learn more about joining this fantastic project!

Tractor Restoration Project

Looks like there is a pretty neat project going on to showcase youth and their tractor restoration projects that can't be viewed at fairs or other exhibitions.



You may know some young people in this boat. Looks like US. Farm Report and Farm Journal Field Days are providing a virtual opportunity for kids to showcase their hard work. Farm Journal Field Days is also putting on a benefit concert in corporation with 4-H and will be on RFD-TV. <https://www.farmjournalfielddays.com/farmon-concert/>

Pass onward!

https://www.agweb.com/article/state-fair-canceled-machinery-pete-showcase-youth-tractors?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTkRNMFPXWXPVEppTkdOaSIzInQiOiJmeUpkMHg0NmNDK21BK2IEMXU0MIBQRExJM1J5YjdrR3ZIUWQ3c3ZhWFNNUDI3ZGFXMzZhnZitYY2hWRTlQZCs5R11LejIETldGM29OZk14NVhMV2Z5QjZ2d0tJcTd2aVZ5ejRcL0huN1dEZ1lkN092VDIBSlwvdkd6XC9GSktnRmFDaiJ9

FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

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. More good news, Friends received a grant from Citizens State Bank which will be applied towards retiring the loan on the Multi-species Livestock Barn. This year we have received a total of \$5,700 in grants and sponsorships from three businesses and two community foundations.
3. Friends are in conversation with Smith Auctions to hold a charity auction to take the place of the May Fair Event & Sale. Watch for further details.
4. This year's Renovation for Generation Raffle and the Pig Raffle are launched – details below. Support of the 4-H Clubs is critical to making the Raffles a success.

2020 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 14 out of 16 St. Croix County businesses making almost every ticket sold an instant winner. We have held our first very successful Zoom meeting with North Country 4-H Club and will be reaching out to all clubs to explore how best to work together.

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. Want to buy a chance, call Chris Libbey at (651) 247-0395.

Note: **Due to COVID 19, the drawings 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!

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.



[Celebrate the Life of Nancy Zieman & Be Part of the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show 4-H Virtual Community Quilt](#)



The 2020 Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Virtual Experience invites all youth and adult quilters, sewists and fiber artists to contribute to a virtual community quilt in celebration of Nancy Zieman, a groundbreaking entrepreneur, sewing and quilting designer and educator, and host of **Sewing With Nancy** whose life and work will be chronicled in the upcoming PBS Wisconsin documentary, **Nancy Zieman: Extraordinary Grace**, which will premiere later this year.

Zieman's career in sewing and fiber arts was inspired by her youth participation in Wisconsin 4-H. She credited 4-H for many life skills including public speaking, problem solving, self-confidence, leadership and communication skills. 4-H project experiences allow youth a chance to explore their interests, creating pathways to both careers and lifelong hobbies.

Anyone who has been inspired by Zieman or 4-H is welcome to join in this interactive project that will result in a collective digital community-built quilt that will be available to view online as part of the 2020 Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Virtual Experience at QuiltShow.com.

Participants are asked to upload an image of a 6-1/2-inch fiber art square or quilt block (no larger than 2 MB) at QuiltShow.com/communityprojects, along with a statement detailing how Nancy Zieman and/or 4-H directed their fiber arts journey or career path.

Note: Fiber arts square or quilt block must be 6-1/2-inches square, and may be stitched, pieced, appliquéd, painted, beaded, mixed or other.

Entries are due by Sept. 1.

The **Great Wisconsin Quilt Show** virtual community quilt(s) will be shared at QuiltShow.com/digitalquilt as part of the virtual experience, Sept. 10-12. You'll also be able to scroll through and read stories from participants across the country whose lives have been impacted by Nancy Zieman and/or 4-H.



Registration for the free 2020 **Great Wisconsin Quilt Show** is now open and available at QuiltShow.com. Users can find full information about interactive educational lectures, a virtual vendor mall and multiple digital quilt exhibits, including the annual judged and juried Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Quilt Contest.

The **Great Wisconsin Quilt Show** is presented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions LLC. Proceeds from **The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show** support PBS Wisconsin programs and community outreach projects.

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