



COMMUNICATOR

IMPORTANCE OF 4-H ALUMNI

One out of every seven adults in the U.S. is a former 4-H member. Participation in 4-H events and activities, the value of projects completed and the challenges and responsibilities experienced in 4-H have contributed to the personal and leadership development of 4-H alumni. A majority of alumni feel that 4-H experiences have also significantly contributed to their success in the workforce and that the knowledge and skills gained through 4-H continue to benefit them in their adult lives.

Here are a few famous 4-H Alumni:

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| Jimmy Carter | Al Gore | Tommy Thompson |
| Ron Kind | Jackie Kennedy | Rosalynn Carter |
| Bob Evens | Orville Redenbacher | Nancy Zieman |
| Johnny Carson | David Letterman | Julia Roberts |
| Luke Bryan | Johnny Cash | Faith Hill |
| Jennifer Nettles | Dolly Parton | Alan Shepard |
| Herschel Walker | Reggie White | John Denver |

If you were in 4-H when you were young please consider joining the National 4-H Alumni Community. For more information go to <https://4-h.org/alumni/join-alumni-community/>

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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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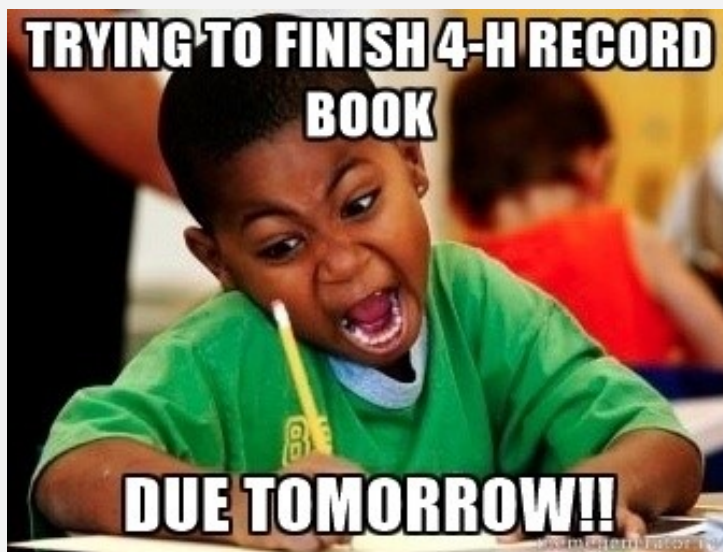
*St. Croix County 4-H
and
Extension St Croix County*

Dear 4-H Families,

Summer is already half over and the 4-H year is quickly coming to an end. As we near the end of year we encourage our youth to sit down and reflect on their 4-H year through a record book.

I know, I can already hear the groans from our 4-Her's. Although record books are by far not their favorite part of 4-H it is a great learning tool. Record books provide youth an opportunity to review and reflect on their:

- **Club** - What club activities did you participate in this year? Did you make any new friends? Did you help make important decisions for the club?
- **Goals** - Did you accomplish the goals you set for yourself at the beginning of the 4-H year? If not, what hindered you from reaching your goals?
- **Projects** - Did you try a new project this year? How did you challenge yourself in your projects? What did you like / dislike about your projects? What changes would you make for next year?
- and **Leadership** - Did you take on any leadership roles in your club? Did you help mentor a younger youth? Did you lead a service project or fundraiser?



Talk with your club leader about what your club requirements are concerning a record book.

Heather Vierling

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

CALENDAR

August

- 2 Horse Project Committee Day Camp
- 5-15 WI State Fair
- 10 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 14 St. Croix County Farm City Day
- 18 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp
- 20-22 State 4-H Dog Shows
- 26-Sept 6 MN State Fair
- 27 Alumni Softball Game



September

- 1 Charter Financial Documents Due to UWEX
- 4 Ambassador Meeting
- 6 UWEX Office Closed—HOLIDAY
- 6 4-H Re-enrollment opens
- 6 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 10 Club Awards Packet Due to UWEX
- 14 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 21 Leaders Association Meeting



October

- 1 Ambassador Applications Due to UWEX
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 4 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 6 Club Award Pick Up
- 12 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 15 Giants Contest Entries Due
- 19 Leaders Association Annual Meeting / Awards Reception
- 22 4-H Charters Due to UWEX Office



CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP



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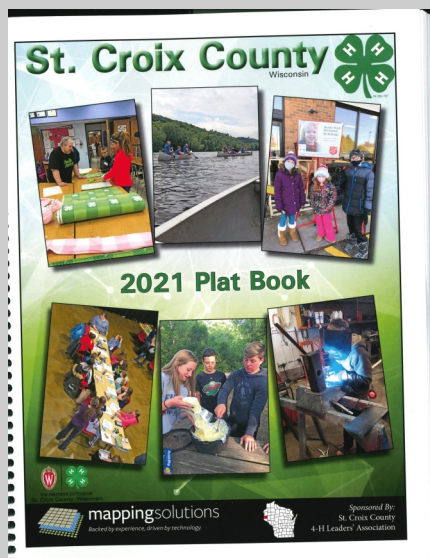
CLUB INFORMATION

St. Croix County 4-H 2021 Plat Book and Plat Maps

On Sale NOW at the following locations:

- ♦ UW-Madison Extension Office, Baldwin, WI (payment with cash or check only)
- ♦ Gregerson Ace Hardware, Baldwin, WI
- ♦ Doyle's Farm & Home, New Richmond, WI

Thank you for supporting St. Croix County 4-H!



Book Cost \$40
Map Cost \$45

ST. CROIX COUNTY PHOTOS NEEDED

Love to take pictures? Great! The St. Croix County Photo Challenge is looking for you.



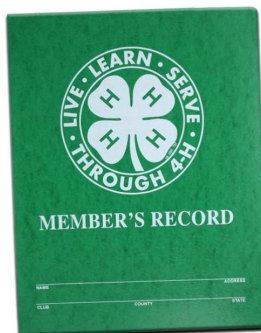
We want you to capture what life is like in St. Croix County through photography. We want photos that represent the day to day life in our local communities, celebrations/festivals, beauty and nature, undiscovered areas, and more!. This is a multi month challenge that will end in fall because we want photos of St. Croix County in all four seasons. Thirteen winning photos will be chosen and placed into a 2022 St. Croix County Calendar.

Youth of all ages are welcome to participate and can sign up at anytime.

To register go to <https://forms.gle/Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6>

4-H Record Books

Please contact your club leader regarding specific instructions for your club's record book requirements. If you are in need of record book pages please go to <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/record-book-pages/> and print them off.



Fair Exhibits

There are a few exhibits that have not been picked up yet from the Fair Office. Please call Gail Maier at 715-749-3442 to make arrangements to pick up leftover youth and open class exhibits.

4-H DAY CAMPS

Open to all youth 4-H and non 4-H

Location: Mill Pond Park Pavilion (Baldwin)

Dates: Wednesday August 18 (8:30am—12:30pm)

Youth Ages: Kindergarten—3rd grade

Cost: \$10.00 / camp
Camps (price includes all camp activities and a snack)

Themes: August - Space Explorers

Reg. Deadline: August 6



CONGRATULATIONS to the 2021
Scholarship and Key Award
recipients! Awards were given out at
the St. Croix County Fair. Wishing
you all the best in your future plans!



2021 4-H CLOVERBUD DAY CAMPS



4-H Day Camp

Are you looking for learning, adventure, and fun?

Youth (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) are welcome to participate in three awesome half day camp programs filled with fun, hands-on learning activities, games, snacks and new friends. Participants will have the opportunity to meet and engage with youth from around the county.

This years camp themes are: June - Witches and Wizards
July - Island Adventure
August - Space Explorers

The cost of registration is \$10.00 per youth/camp. This cost includes all activities and snacks. **Non 4-H youth are welcome to attend.**

Day Camp 2021 Registration due August 6
(1 registration per youth)

Name: _____

Grade: _____ 4-H Club: _____ (if applicable)

Address: _____ City/ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent Signature _____

Please check the day your child plans to attend:

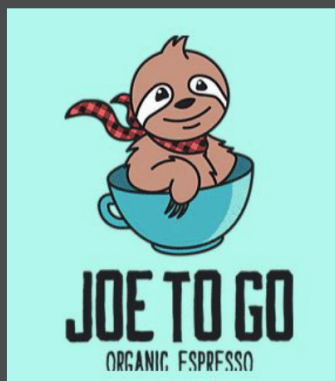
_____ August 18

Please list any health concerns or allergies: _____

Please make checks out to **St. Croix 4-H Leader's Association**
Mail registration and check to 4-H Day Camp, 1960 8th Ave., Suite 140, Baldwin, WI 54002

Health Forms and Camp Information will be mailed out after registration closes.

Support 4-H



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

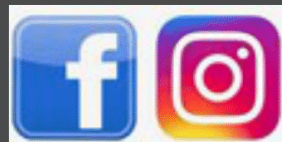
LOCATION: Joe to Go Organic Coffee, 1800 Coulee Rd, Hudson (just west of Target)

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

www.joetogoorganic.com

Hours

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



LEADER NEWS

4-H VIP TRAINING

(Volunteer in Preparation Training)

This Training is for NEW Leaders Only

Trainings will be offered this fall for all adults who would like to become a certified 4-H Leader. Check out the September addition of the St. Croix County 4-H Communicator for exact dates and times or contact Heather for more information heather.vierling@wisc.edu.

LEADER /
VOLUNTEER



4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Tuesday, September 21 @ 7pm

In Person at the UW-Extension Office
and Via Zoom

All agendas and Zoom information will be emailed out to all leaders prior to the meeting.

If you have items you would like placed on the agenda contact Amanda Hanson
ahiben@hotmail.com



2021-2022 4-H CHARTERS

The 4-H Annual Charter process has changed for 2021-2022. We are splitting the Charter into two pieces with two separate deadlines. For more detailed information about this process go to <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/>

The first piece is the **Financial Records, Audit Checklist and Inventory Worksheet** (see attached). Once completed please email or mail it back to me. The deadline for the financial piece will be **September 1**. Please remember to provide me with copies of bank statements and/or copies of your check register / excel spreadsheet for July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Also due by **September 1** is the Inventory Worksheet. Please list all current inventory of land, buildings, property or project equipment that values \$1,000.00 or greater.

The second piece, is the rest of the **Charter Paperwork (club info, goals, calendar, etc.)**. This piece is not ready for publication yet. The state is guessing sometime in August I will have it to distribute to you. The deadline for this piece will be **October 15**. Once I receive it I will forward it on to you with additional instructions.

If your club is expecting new leadership in the fall please let me know by September 1 so I can update all of our club contact lists. Also, if you have questions I am more than happy to help. Thanks again for all you do to make our program a success.

4-H
LEADERS



2021 – Annual Leader Banquet



Volunteer Celebration

FOOD & FUN

Save the Date!

October 19th

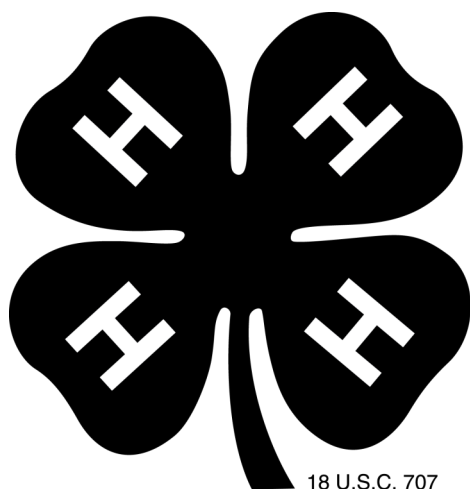
Gibby's Lanes - New Richmond WI

Mark the date for this fall celebration, join us to recognize all the great accomplishments of 2021.

Hosted by the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Council



2021-2022 4-H Enrollment



Can you believe it? Another 4-H year is about to end and a new one will begin. Enrollment for the 2021-2022 4-H year will begin September 6. 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. Let grow our membership in 2022!

Re-enrollment will happen through our 4-H Online program.

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

Horse Project Committee

Horse Project Committee Meeting via Zoom
August 2 @ 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.

Save the date: WI State Adult and Youth Horse Association Meeting

Date: August 23, 2021

Location: Holiday Inn & Suites, Rothschild 715-355-1111

Meeting Times:

Committee Meetings, 6:00 pm

Youth Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

Adult Association Meeting, 7:00 pm

- More information will be coming about the meeting

More information available at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/files/2021/04/2021-Calendar-of-Events.pdf>



2021 WI State 4-H Dog Shows

State Dog Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, and Dog Bowl
- Tomah, WI - August 20-22

State Dog Agility Show - Hosted by LaCrosse County at
Canine Sports in Middleton - August 14

Alumni Softball Game!

Grab your glove, bat, and cleats and join us!

When: August 27th at 5:30 PM

Where: 2659 170th Ave, Emerald, WI

What: Alumni Softball Game and Potluck



****freewill donation to the Friends of
the St. Croix County Fairgrounds****



FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

News:

1. Meat Raffle Sales: In only two weeks of selling, \$3,000 worth of tickets have been sold!! This is a tremendous start!!! Please contact Chris Libbey if your club can help drive the Raffle home. Please see details below.
2. We recently received a check for \$905 from Network for Good, what a surprise! After looking at their website, we realized that the \$905 came from a number of anonymous Facebook donors. If you are a Facebook donor, thank you very much. If you know anything about these donations and are willing to share, please send a note to Chris Libbey cjlibbey@frontiernet.net

2021 Meat Raffle:

- Prizes two mixed quarters of Hereford cross beef – grower Les Langness and two hog halves – grower Levi Nelson Prizes include standard processing.
- Tickets \$10 each, three for \$20
- Drawing 6 p.m., Friday, September 24th, Bernards Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram

Proceeds to be used towards retiring the loan on the Multi-species Livestock Barn.

Announcing the 2021 Maytober Sale: The sale will again be hosted by Smith Auctions. Bidding will begin 15 days ahead of the close date, Wednesday , November 3rd. This is a charity auction with all proceeds going to Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds to be used towards retiring the loan on the Multi-species Livestock Barn.

How can you help:

1. Donate items that can be sold – literally anything that would have value to others – suggested \$25 or more. We will also accept consigned items with a fair market value of \$500 or more.
2. Participate in the bidding which will close at 6 p.m. November 3rd. To bid, you must set up an account with Smith Auctions www.smith-auctions.com.
3. To make a donation or consignment, contact either Chris Libbey (651) 247-0395 or Terry Mitchell (715) 619-0442. To be in the sale, we would greatly appreciate receiving both donations and consigned items by October 1st.

Friends will continue to be creative in its fund raising efforts with the focus on remote events to the greatest extent. Our funding priority is keeping our commitment to retire the loan on the new Multi-species Livestock Barn. We have already made good progress and thank all of you have donated, participated in our auctions or purchased raffle tickets.

Please keep tuned as Friends works through our 2021 fund raising projects. Please feel free to contact Friends' Board Members with your suggestions – all ideas are welcome. Chris Libbey—Contact phone #: (651) 247-0395

Celebrating Leadership, Service and Friendship...

National 4-H Congress 2021

National 4-H Congress would have celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2020!! Due to COVID, that did not happen, but this year, youth from across the country WILL be celebrating “A Century of Empowering Youth” in Atlanta, GA from November 26-30, 2021. It is a five-day educational experience that engages high school 4-H members in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Participants will participate in state-of-the-art educational workshops and hear from world-renowned speakers, all while networking with 4-H members from across the United States.

If you are interested in further developing your leadership and life skills, while exploring the multi-cultural and dynamic city of Atlanta, National 4-H Congress is just the educational experience for YOU! **Registration is open NOW through August 15 in 4HOnline. Do NOT miss out on your opportunity to participate.**

The National 4-H Congress Board is committed to ensuring a solid educational program in a safe and healthy environment. They are reviewing the latest research and information on how a large conference can happen in a safe environment; using information from the CDC, the hospitality community (PCMA, MPI, etc.), the international Airline Travel Association, the American Camping Association, and Land Grant Universities. We are all committed to ensuring a safe experience for all.

Youth in grades 9-12 are welcome to register!! Please note, if you registered/applied for National 4-H Congress in 2020 and did not have the opportunity to travel due to COVID, please register NOW.

The cost for 2021 National 4-H Congress will be approximately \$1,200 per person (the total will be determined as soon as transportation and lodging costs are confirmed). Youth are responsible for the cost of the experience and at least one meal/day.

Many counties facilitate Awards & Educational Experiences Application and Interview Processes to offer scholarships for this and other experiences. If you are unsure of your county's funding process, please contact your local 4-H Youth Development Staff Member.

More information on National Congress can be found online at our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-4-h-congress/>. Additional information on National Congress will be made available as plans are confirmed.



**PEN OF 3
CARCASS
COMPETITION
Wisconsin Sheep &
Wool Festival
September 12, 2021**



What: Pen of 3 Commercial Carcass Competition / Q & A session to follow judging

When: 10:00 am Sunday, September 12, 2021

Where: Indoor Arena at Jefferson Co. Fair Park, Jefferson, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival.

Why: The Pen of 3 Carcass Competition is an opportunity for sheep producers including 4-H and FFA members to receive both a live evaluation by a commercial lamb buyer and indexing measurements taken after harvest to determine loin eye, back fat, and leg score to assist them with genetic, breeding and feeding decisions for their respective flocks.

How: Lambs are entered through ShoWorks on the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival website, www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com, click on Education - Pen of 3 and follow entry instructions.

Who: Open to members of the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Breeders Cooperative.

Entry Cost: \$25/pen

We would like to invite 4-H and FFA members and any interested producers to participate in this unique educational experience.

During the live evaluation, the lamb buyer will be available to answer questions regarding factors important for placing, purchasing, and transport of lambs. At 10:30 am, following the completion of the live evaluations, there will be a presentation The Lamb Market - A Reality Check which will take place in the Indoor Arena. There is no cost to attend.

Sheep producers participating in the event will be also on hand to discuss their sheep, the breed and breeding program, feeding, management, and their views regarding this reality-based competition.

Participation by the public is also encouraged. Interested festival goers can place pens according to their preference and to estimate the loin eye size of a lamb of their choice. Results of this portion of the event will be posted in the online version of the Wisconsin Shepherd (wisbc.com) and on the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival website.

Payouts will be based on live and carcass evaluation. UW- Madison meats lab is buying the lambs at market price.

The Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival is a function of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative. For information on membership and the activities of the co-op, please visit www.wisbc.com or call 608 743-9080 (weekdays after 5:00 pm).

Please direct any questions regarding the Pen of 3 Carcass Competition to: Lisa Paskey, Coordinator lrpaskey@gmail.com 608-669-3996

OTHER NEWS

Volunteers Needed: Contact Rosemary Donahoe at donahoe.rm@gmail.com



St. Croix County farm city day

Saturday, August 14, 2021, 10 am – 2 pm
FREE Lunch Served



**Ter-Rae Farm:
The Mitchell Family**

**1852 CTY RD G
New Richmond, WI**

Check us out at: www.sccfarmcityday.com or on 

Directions:

Ter-Rae Farm is located near Erin Corner, just east of the intersection of County Roads T and G. From Baldwin, travel North on HWY 63 approx. 7.5 miles to County Road G. Travel West on G 2.5 miles to the farm. From New Richmond, travel South on HWY 65 to County Road G. Travel East on G approx. 6 miles to the farm. Parking will be East of the farm and St. Patrick's Church.

Events:

- Guided Farm Tours
- Petting Barnyard
- Exhibits and Displays
- Farm Machinery Display
- Family Event
- On Farm Lunch



Everyone Welcome!

Service Animals Welcome



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