



COMMUNICATOR

St. Croix County 4-H Social Media Campaign

We need your help!

St. Croix County 4-H wants to hear your "Why 4-H?" story. Over the next month we will be collecting stories from youth, adult leaders and parents about "Why 4-H is important to you and to our communities." These stories can be collected through the written word, videos, or pictures.

Here is what we are looking for:

- Stories from youth
- Stories from adult leaders
- Stories from parents
- Stories about your child
- How 4-H has shaped you into the person you are
- How has 4-H impacted your family

Please submit all entries here <http://forms.gle/CK7UKpXwG7Sn3bze8> During the month of March we will be doing a random drawing each week from the entries for some awesome 4-H prizes.

Why 4-H?
WHY DO WE LOVE 4-H?
 Why is 4-H important?
Why should you join 4-H?

Use of the Ag Center for Meetings

Here are a few reminders for those groups using the spaces at the Baldwin Ag Center:

- Please return all tables & chairs to their original layout.
- Wipe down tables with the stray found under the sink.
- Pick up any garbage & place in cans.
- If the white boards were used, please erase.
- Turn off lights.
- Make sure the front door is locked when you leave.
- It is a privilege to use this place please leave it clean.

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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 Facebook

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

Dear 4-H Families,

Snow, snow, and more snow! I hope everyone is looking forward to spring.

One thing that 4-H is known for is its ability to be inclusive. Throughout the many aspects of our program, we make strides to ensure that youth and adults are included in the activities and projects that we do. To take the issue further, Extension and 4-H abide by Federal laws that relate to inclusion.

Based on the Federal laws, Extension does not discriminate against specific protected populations. Categories of prohibited discrimination include race, color, gender/sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status, arrest or conviction record, or membership in the national guard, state defense force or any other reserve component of the military service.

We also are required to make reasonable efforts to have accommodations as stated in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who need materials in alternative format or other accommodations must write or call the UW-Extension contact person for the specific program or Extension Office at least ten working days prior to the event.

Finally, as a part of UW-Extension Civil Rights compliance, we are working to become more inclusive in our 4-H program. Making efforts to reach out and make contact with families who are not in our program currently is part of our role in the Civil Rights compliance process. In the future, you will see St. Croix County 4-H getting involved in more outreach to diverse populations and more promotion to those that we don't currently serve. If you have ideas on how to reach these populations, please contact us.

This is going to be an ongoing process; it won't happen overnight. We know that we already make a difference in the lives of youth, and there are many more youth that we aren't reaching. We appreciate your continued support and working relationships as we work to provide educational programs designed to empower the diverse citizens of St. Croix County, because 4-H can truly make a difference in the lives of all youth!

Sincerely,



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



CALENDAR

March

- 1 Family Challenge Deadline
- 4 How Dogs Learn Presentation
- 5 YQCA Training
- 7 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 8 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 8 Dog Project Committee Meeting
- 10 VIP Training (RSVP Deadline Mar 1)
- 10 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 13 Goat Workshop
- 15 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- 15 Clover University Registration Due
- 15 Leaders Association Meeting
- 17 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 19 Ambassador Meeting
- 22 Informational Dairy Committee State Fair Meeting
- 25 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 26 Clover University
- 27 Dog Behavior & Bite Prevention
- 29 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 31 Last Day to Change Projects'



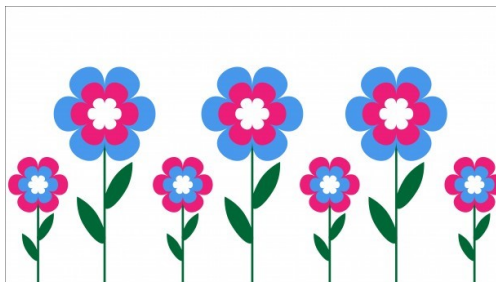
April

- 1 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 1 Fair Registration Opens
- 4 VIP Training (RSVP Deadline Mar 25)
- 4 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 7 Dog Obedience Project Orientation
- 9 Horse Project Mandatory Kick Off Meeting
- 12 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 14 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 14 Fair Board Meeting
- 21 Horse Project Mandatory Kick Off Meeting
- 23 Ambassador Meeting
- 29 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 30 Cupcake Decorating Workshop



May

- 2 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 10 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 14 Ambassador Meeting
- 30 UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY





Food Expo 2022



Clover College 2022

CLUB INFORMATION

2021-2022 4-H Re-enrollments

A huge thanks to those who have already re-enrolled in 4-H for the upcoming year. For those who haven't there is still time. All new members must be enrolled in the St. Croix County 4-H Program by **March 15** in order to be eligible to show at the St. Croix County Fair under the 4-H name. So do your best to keep recruiting new members or encouraging seasoned members to re-enroll. In addition, current members have until **March 31** to add or delete any projects.



2022 4-H Camp Counselors Needed

Do you enjoy working with younger members in 4-H? Have you had experience planning activities for younger members? Have you worked with other members your age to organize group activities? If you answered yes to any of these questions, think about applying to be a 4-H Summer Camp Counselor. Serving as a 4-H Camp Counselor is one of the most fun leadership development opportunities you can be part of. Counselors (youth grades 9-12) will make up a team from three different counties and focus their skills to develop a great 2022 summer camp program for youth.

Please complete applications by March 25 at <https://forms.gle/gPRWBmPEjxB8iaEH6>

Selected camp counselors need to be able to attend the overnight camp counselor training and planning retreat and attend all days of camp. If you have questions, please contact Heather.



What's Up with Your Club?

Would you like your Club featured in the next St. Croix County 4-H Communicator? It's simple! Write up a short article telling us just how fun your club's event / meeting was and make sure to include a picture with the names of the members featured. Let us and other clubs know the good work you are doing in the community! Once you have completed your story send it to Laura at laura.hinz@wisc.edu

NEW - Clover University



Date: Saturday, March 26, 2022
Location: UW-Extension Office (Baldwin)
Time: 9:00am—2:30pm
Cost: \$15.00 / youth (lunch is included)



This is a new St. Croix County 4-H opportunity for youth (4-H and non) grades 6-9. Similar to Clover College, Clover University takes the next step for older youth with more in depth project discovery. Youth will choose two comprehensive workshops where they will learn project skills, life skills, and learn about possible career. Lunch will be included. See registration on next pages. Registration Deadline March 15th.

Clover University

4H
YOUTH
IN ACTION



March 26, 2022 @ the UW-Extension Office in Baldwin

THIS IS A NEW ST. CROIX COUNTY 4-H OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH (4-H AND NON) GRADES 6-9. SIMILAR TO CLOVER COLLEGE, CLOVER UNIVERSITY TAKES THE NEXT STEP FOR OLDER YOUTH WITH MORE IN DEPTH PROJECT DISCOVERY. YOUTH WILL CHOOSE TWO COMPREHENSIVE WORKSHOPS WHERE THEY WILL LEARN PROJECT SKILLS, LIFE SKILLS, AND LEARN ABOUT POSSIBLE CAREERS. LUNCH WILL BE INCLUDED. REGISTRATION FEE IS \$15.00 / YOUTH.

TRACK #1—Computer Programming

Learn the ins and outs of your computer. In this workshop you will learn to read and write code. Youth will also learn about the many career options in computer science.

TRACK #2—Woodworking

Get your tools and get ready to build. In this workshop you will learn valuable skills for a hobby, household repairs, or even a career.

TRACK #3— Hospitality Management

Learn the skills needed to run a successful hotel and restaurant. We will cover dining etiquette, housekeeping, customer service and specialty items to make guests feel at home.

TRACK #4—Robotics

Youth will learn the basics of robotics along with designing and programming a robot to get through a maze.

TRACK #5—Photography

Youth will learn valuable photography techniques for taking photos, matting & framing, and editing photos.

TRACK #6— Quilting 101

Learn about the exciting world of quilting. From fabrics, to stitching this workshop will give you a crash course in quilting

TRACK #7— Rent Smart

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to look for your 1st apartment? Join this fun workshop to learn the ins and outs of renting.

4-H CLOVER UNIVERSITY

Saturday, March 26, 2022

9am—3pm

UW-Extension Office, Baldwin, WI

Open to Youth (4-H and non) Grades 6-9



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Name (s) _____

Email _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Grade (s) _____ Parent (s) name _____

Gender _____ Race _____

Emergency contact name _____

Emergency contact telephone _____

I am currently a 4-H member: ____ Yes ____ No Club Name _____

Health Concerns: _(allergies, etc.) _____

I require an accommodation for a disability to participate in this program: ____ Yes ____ No

Amount enclosed: _____ (\$15.00 / youth) Ck# _____ Cash _____

LUNCH IS INCLUDED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Registration Deadline: March 15. No refund for cancellations will be issued after the deadline.

Make check payable to: St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association

Return to: 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140, Baldwin WI 54002

Please rank your TOP FOUR choices (1 highest to 10 lowest). First-come / first-serve for session choices.

_____ **Computer Programming**

_____ **Photography**

_____ **Woodworking**

_____ **Quilting 101**

_____ **Hospitality Management**

_____ **Rent Smart**

_____ **Robotics**

4-H Food Stand Sign Up for the 2022 Fair!

We are hoping to have a near normal year! With that being said, we are going back to our normal shifts and payment for the clubs.

Our menu will be similar to last year. (No beans, pork or banana splits.) Malts are going to go back to the 4 flavors, if we have enough help.

Contact Debbie to sign up: email dstevens.gstevens@gmail.com or call my cell if you have questions. (715-684-9696) See this link for open shifts: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EcwOk_l7thi0Kkpr5k6MVSAmyZsjMRrxMDoffMawS90/edit



2022 4-H Parades

Club members - the St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors need your help promoting 4-H at our local parades. If you have club members who would like to ride on the 4-H Ambassador float or walk with the group please contact Heather. The more the merrier...we would like to have a large 4-H presence. Below is a list of parades the Ambassadors will be participating in during the 2022 4-H year.

- Syttende Mai Parade (May 14 @ 12:00pm in Woodville)
- Good Neighbor Day Parade (June 5 @ 11:00am in Roberts)
- Pea Soup Days Parade (June 11 @ 11:00am in Somerset)
- Fun Fest Parade (July 10 @ 12:30pm in New Richmond)
- Pepper Fest Parade (August 20 @ 11:00am in North Hudson)
- Ox Cart Days Parade (August 21 @ 2:00pm in Star Prairie)
- Rustic Lore Parade (September 11 @ 1:00pm in Glenwood City)



4-H Day @ Trollhaugen

Sunday, March 13th 2022

Visit the website for more information: <https://trollhaugen.com/scout-and-4-h-days/>

**Clubs and Youth must pre-register by
MARCH 4th, 2022 (Space is Limited)**



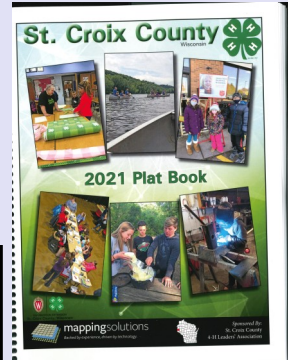
St. Croix County 4-H 2021 Plat Book and Plat Maps

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**



2022 4-H Scholarships

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association scholarships are awarded to 4-Her's based on demonstrated personal growth, development and

leadership, academic performance, community engagement, and future educational goals.



The Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan amount is \$250.00 for study in the area of nursing. The Forgivable Loan is awarded to 4-Her's based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance, community engagement, and future educational goals. This loan is renewable with an annual application. A 4-H member may apply for both the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan and a St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship.

All applications must be emailed (see specific details in the application) to heather.vierling@wisc.edu no later than Friday, April 1, 2022 at 5:00pm. Late applications cannot be considered. The application requirements represent what youth may be asked to submit when applying for jobs. We encourage applicants to treat this process as if applying for employment.

For help with creating cover letters and resumes, applicants should reach out to their club leaders, teachers or parents. For more information please visit the website: <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships/>

Get your FREE 4-H Curriculum

The St. Croix County Extension office is cleaning and we would love your help. We have an extensive collection of 4-H Curriculum available to you for free. Examples include:

- Horse
- Beef
- Dairy & Meat Goat
- Swine
- Sheep
- Poultry
- Waterfowl
- Rabbit
- Dog
- Vet Science
- Shooting Sports
- Hunting
- Adventures
- Bikes
- Aerospace
- Scale Models
- Self Determine
- Woodworking
- Small Engines
- Tractors
- Electricity
- Lawn Care
- Landscape
- Child Development
- Clothing/Crochet/Knit
- Home Economics
- Exploring 4-H
- Citizenship
- Youth Leadership
- Photography
- Videography
- Communication
- Theater
- Demonstrating
- Leathercraft
- Block Print
- Metal Enamel
- Food & Nutrition
- Wildflowers
- Trees/Forest Fun
- Insects
- Spring Bulbs
- House Plants
- Vegetable Gardens
- Pest

Contact Laura for
info: 715-531-1937 or
laura.hinz@wisc.edu

LEADER NEWS

VIP Training—Required for New 4-H Volunteers

If you have adults who are interested in becoming certified 4-H volunteers they are required to take the Volunteer in Preparation Training (VIP). Completion of a VIP Training is one of the requirements to becoming a certified 4-H volunteer. All VIP Trainings will be held both in person and virtually this fall. These trainings take 1—1 1/2 hours to complete. Below you will find a list of dates and RSVP deadlines. These RSVP deadlines are firm in order to mail you the training packet ahead of time. For more information contact Heather heather.vierling@wisc.edu

March 10 @ 5:00pm (RSVP By: March 1)
April 4 @ 6:00pm (RSVP By: March 25)

TO REGISTER FOR A TRAINING GO TO
<https://forms.gle/nJbsSJM6fHbbb7ht6>



Steps to Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

- 1.) Enroll in 4-HOnline
- 2.) Complete a National Background Check
- 3.) Attend VIP Training
- 4.) Completed online Mandated Reporter Training

New 4-H Chaperone Training

During overnight educational experiences, staff and adult volunteers take on care of youth participants. We care for their physical health, and we care about their mental health.

In December, the Surgeon General advised about the growing crisis of youth mental health. He recommended that we “support the mental health of children and youth in educational, community, and childcare settings.” That's already a priority in Extension youth development programs, and now, we have a new training available for volunteers, called Supporting Youth Mental Health (YMH).

In 2023, all chaperons or adult advisors for overnight educational experiences will need to be trained in supporting youth mental health. For this year, **please help your local county educator meet the need to have at least two adults trained and on-site for any overnight experience.**

The training has two parts:

- 1-hour online training
- 1.5-2-hour live training—offered virtually or in-person

Available dates for the live training are listed on the Supporting YMH web page (<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/supporting-ymh/>). Click the link to register for the session you plan to attend. You will get an email about how to get started with the online training, which must be completed before the live training.

Waivers are available for those who have recently completed Youth Mental Health First Aid or have extensive professional training. See the Supporting YMH web page for more information.

Please help us, support youth. If you have questions, I can be reached at monica.lobenstein@wisc.edu or 715-896-0377.

St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

March 15 @ 7:00pm

UW-Extension Office or via ZOOM



Updated Wisconsin 4-H Policies

Wisconsin 4-H operates within the guidelines, policies, and procedures of the University of Madison Division of Extension and the United States Department of Agriculture. These policies are established to ensure the educational and administrative integrity of all Wisconsin 4-H programs and activities administered by 4-H staff and 4-H volunteers. Wisconsin 4-H Leadership is committed to supporting staff and volunteers by writing clear and simple policies that will standardize Wisconsin 4-H safety and risk management practices. Each year they will be updated old policies and creating new ones. For current changes in 2022 policies click on the link below.



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<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/09/Wisconsin-4-H-Policy-Update-for-2021-22.pdf>

Shooting Sports Adult Leader Certification Workshops

Adults interested in a shooting sports certification to instruct in the county 4-H Shooting Sports program can now save a date. Saturday certification workshops for 2022 are set for the following areas:

- Green Bay, April 30, Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, & Shotgun
- Eau Claire, May 21, Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle & Shotgun

Requirements for attending a certification workshop:

1. Age 21 or older.
2. Be an approved 4-H leader in your county through 4-H Online.
3. Complete the National 4-H online training.
4. Register for your certification workshop of choice through 4-H Online.
5. Attend the complete 8 hours of the certification workshop.

Those reading the registration information on the 4-H Shooting Sports web page for Saturday certification workshops will notice there are different instructions depending on a leader's status. Leaders attending their first certification workshop have different instructions than those returning for an additional certification.

For additional information and to register, please visit the State 4-H Shooting Sports web at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>



4-H COMMITTEES

Livestock Rules Meeting: March 17th 6:00 PM

The St. Croix Livestock Committee will be holding several rules meetings. These rules meetings are required for all exhibitors and one parent. They will be held at the Extension office at 6:00. Please make sure to attend!

If you have any questions, please contact Lori DeBoer. lordeb651@gmail.com



YQCA Training

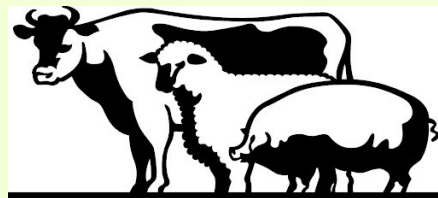
YQCA Training (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8-21 with the focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. YQCA certification is required for all St. Croix County livestock youth (sheep, swine, beef, and meat goats) who plan to participate in the fair.

For 2022 YQCA Training will be offered both in person and online. You must register for both options and pay the fee. To register go to <http://yqca.org/> and create an account or log into your existing account. Once you are entered into the sight you can search for upcoming trainings. Below is a list of trainings that are being offered in our area.

Mar 5 @ 9am, St. Croix UWEX Office

Livestock Committee Meeting

There will be a Livestock Committee Meeting on **Tuesday, March 8 at 6 pm** at the UW-Extension Office, Baldwin.



Goat Workshop opportunity!

There will be a goat workshop at *Boot Jack Boers located at 1050 Rustic Road 3, Glenwood City, WI.* We will meet on **Saturday, March 12th at 2:00 pm.** We will discuss the best housing options for goats. We will learn best herd management practices. Please come with your questions!



Horse Project News

St. Croix County Youth Horse Project MANDATORY Kick-off meetings

Both meetings are being held at the Ag Center in Baldwin. These are MANDATORY every horse project member that would like to participate in the project is required to attend one of these 2 meetings. Put them on your Calendar now and make these a priority. – Thank you!

- **Saturday April 9th – 8:30 am Arrival – 9:00 am Start.**
- **Thursday April 21st – 6:30 pm Arrival – 7:00 pm Start**



Quiz Bowl - If interested please fill out this link: <https://forms.gle/dioP66asWvKRd6wY9>

Quiz Bowl is open to all youth enrolled in the horse or horseless project.

All Horse project parents and youth are welcome and encouraged!

Upcoming 2021 – 2022 Youth Horse Project Meetings - Ag Center

Youth Meeting 7:00 / all project meeting 7:30

- Monday March 7th
- Monday April 4th
- Monday May 2nd
- Monday June 6th
- Monday July 11th (moved due to 4th)
- Monday Aug 1st (project recap meeting)
- No Sept meeting
- Monday Oct 3rd – 2022 Year-end banquet

Adventures in Nature

BALD EAGLES: Get an eagle-eye view! Though there are plenty of threats to eagles, we are blessed with a growing bald eagle population in this region of the U.S. There are quite a few eagle nests in St. Croix County – have you seen any? They are the largest nests you will ever see, reaching several feet across and several feet deep, sometimes weighing a ton! This is a good time of year to spot them, since trees are bare. Always respect eagles' need for quiet and distance from human activity – view nests only from a distance, using binoculars. This is an exciting time of the year for eagle activity, as mated pairs are heading back from their wintering areas, returning to their nests to lay eggs.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources hosts a webcam that gives you an eagle-eye view of an eagle nest in St. Paul – only about 20 miles from the western edge of St. Croix County! Check out www.dnr.state.mn.us/features/webcams/eaglecam/ to peek at what's going on in the eagle nest in real time and sign-up to receive updates throughout the nesting season. Eggs were laid in February already and the young will be in the nest until about July, when they start to fly.



Dairy Exhibitors: WI State Fair

Although it seems far off, deadlines for the Wisconsin state fair are fast approaching!

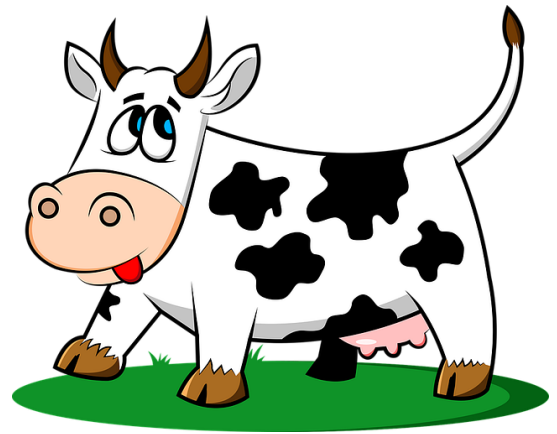
The St. Croix County Dairy Committee will be hosting an Informational State Fair **meeting Tuesday, March 22nd**. The meeting will be held at the Extension Office at 7:00 pm.

If you are a parent interested in chaperoning, please email the below contacts asap. Chaperone sign up is due March 16th. Feel free to reach out with any other questions.

Contacts:

Ellis Frank- ellis_1466@hotmail.com

Mikayla McGee- mikayla@jondefarm.com



**Dairy Committee Meeting
UW-Extension Office, Baldwin
Tuesday, March 29th @ 1 pm**

UW-River Falls Falcon Premier Sale 2022 - March 12, 2022 @ River Falls, WI

The UW-River Falls Falcon Premier Sale 2022 will be held on March 12th which will be held at the Mann Valley Lab Farm in River Falls, WI. The UWRF Dairy Club will be assembling an elite lineup of dairy heifers and embryos that you will not want to miss out on! The catalog is now available on Cowsmo!

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 11th

5:00-9:00pm ... Cattle Viewing with meal

Saturday, March 12th

8:30am to 10:30am ... ****Youth Showmanship Clinic** MOST IMPORTANT FOR 4-H YOUTH**

Pre-registration required, more information will be available on the Falcon Premier Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/uwrffalconpremier/>

10:00am ... Cattle viewing will begin

12:00pm ... Sale time!

Sale will be broadcasted live via Cowbuyer with real-time bidding to pre-approved buyers!
Contact Aaron Ray Tomkins 336-363-4639.

For more information visit: <https://www.cowsmo.com/events/uw-river-falls-falcon-premier-sale-2022/>

Cupcake Decorating Workshop: Saturday, April 30th 9 am -12 pm: Extension Office

Are you new to cake decorating? Basic techniques like how to properly hold a bag and what you can do with basic tips will be taught.

Have you been cake decorating for years and want to up your game? Advanced techniques like how to decorate with fondant, create rosettes and weave a basket pattern will be shown.



Here's the link to the April 30th Cupcake Decorating Class: <https://forms.gle/e7DHW6Rfk7UTf7a58>

St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project - Obedience, showmanship, rally and agility fun with your dog!

For youth ages 9 and up with dogs of any age, size, breed or mix. Open the door to better understanding and learning to work as a team with your dog. Start with foundational obedience skills and build upon those skills through rally courses - get faster as you practice! Take your teamwork further by exploring agility. Dogs love these fun workouts. We believe you will find it fun and rewarding too!

You can join the dog project through March, which is the start of the year's training cycle. You can be active just March-July, or if desired, you can stay active almost all year:

- 1) **March 4:** "How Dogs Learn" presentation for dog handlers, by One Mind Dogs Coach, Beth Hostetter. 5:30 pm – pizza included! See flier, RSVP to Astark5751@gmail.com. Open to all 4-H youth.
- 2) **March 8:** Dog Project Committee meeting. 7:00 pm, UWEX Office, Baldwin.
- 3) **March 27:** "Dog Behavior and Dog Bite Prevention," 2:00-4:00 pm, UWEX Office, Baldwin. See flier, RSVP to Astark5751@gmail.com. Open to all 4-H youth; required for dog project members participating in agility or rally this upcoming year.
- 4) **March 31:** Deadline for enrolling in dog project via 4-H online.
- 5) **April 7:** Dog project orientation – required for all dog project members. 7:00 pm, UWEX Office, Baldwin. Val Meijer, for questions: 715-529-2195.
- 6) **May-July:** Thursday evenings, weekly outdoor obedience and showmanship trainings to prepare for the July 16 St. Croix Co. 4-H dog show.
- 7) **July 9:** 4-H Dog Fun Show, St. Croix County Fairgrounds. 9:00 am-noon. This is good practice for the show the next week.
- 8) **July 16:** St. Croix County 4-H Dog Show, St. Croix County Fairgrounds. 9:00 am-noon.
- 9) **August 12-14:** State 4-H Dog Show (optional).
- 10) **August-October:** Optional weekly outdoor rally and agility trainings.



Interested? Contact project co-leader Deb Beyer at 920-889-0850 or deborahbeyer2015@gmail.com



OneMind Dogs Coach Beth Hostetter
Presenting
"How Dogs Learn"
Friday March 4, 2022 at 5:30 pm
755 -150th Street Roberts, WI 54023
Join us for Pizza
Please RSVP to Abby Stark by email
astark5751@gmail.com

How Dogs Learn

*Want some practical solutions for motivating and training your dog?
Understanding how your dog learns, can speed up your training and
help you troubleshoot training situations.*

*Beth Hostetter currently teaches Agility and Foundations for learning,
in Rochester MN. Beth has traveled all around the country, Canada
and Europe to study dog training and agility from the dog's
perspective, and to understand how dogs learn and communicate.
Come learn to, "Speak Dog" with Beth!*

Dana Emerson from the University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center will be presenting Canine Behavior and Bite Prevention for the St. Croix County Dog Project.

All 4-H members are invited to attend.

Attendance is required for dog project members interested in participating in agility and rally for the first time.

Canine Behavior & Bite Prevention **AND** Canine First Aid

Sunday March 27, 2022 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

St. Croix County Ag Service and Education Center
1960 8th Ave. Baldwin, WI 54002

Please RSVP to Abby Stark by email:

astark5751@gmail.com



Youth Livestock Nutrition and Care Workshop



Register at
go.wisc.edu/joyk89



- ⇒ No registration fee, pre-registration suggested to ensure adequate materials.
- ⇒ Event will be held outside, dress for the weather.

March 19, 2022 at the Colfax
Fairgrounds Animal Building
9:30am Registration with
refreshments provided by
Synergy Cooperative
10:00am Panel of Professionals
including Lynette Miller,
Purina Animal Feed Specialist
Bring your questions!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS
BOTH CONTESTS AT UW MADISON

4-H LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL
& SKILLATHON CONTEST
APRIL 9, 2022

4-H MEATS JUDGING
CONTEST
APRIL 30, 2022



Mark your calendars for the upcoming 4-H Livestock and Skill-a-thon Contest and the State 4-H Meats Judging Contest! If you have participated in the past or this is the first time you are hearing about the contest, we would love to have you join us for this day of learning, fun, and competition.

More information and registration available at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2022/01/12/4-h-livestock-and-skill-a-thon-contest-and-the-state-4-h-meats-judging-contest/>

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Date

SHEBOYGAN - JUNE 15TH

CHIPPEWA - JUNE 17TH

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION
COMING SOON!**



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FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

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 provide the funding to retire the loan on the new Multi-species Livestock Barn. We have already made great progress and thank all of you who have donated, participated in our auctions or purchased raffle tickets.

Projects currently in the works:

1. Continuing our relationship with Jody Close and Smith Sales. Current plans are for one stand alone event exclusively for Friends as well as participating in ongoing Smith Auctions with farm equipment/tool donations
2. Continuing the Meat Raffle. Even with softer ticket sales in 2021, we did very well thanks to donations of the raffle prizes and the processing. More details to follow.
3. Conducting a fall commodity drive – a very successful fund raiser due to the continued support of several county crop farmers.
4. Continuing to look for grant/donation opportunities

How you can help:

1. Look for items to donate/consign that we can sell through Smith Sales
2. Participate in our meat raffles by both purchasing and helping sell tickets
3. Participate in your company volunteer matches. For example, 3M active/retiree employees giving 25 hours of volunteer service to a qualifying non-profit (Friends) earn a \$500 matching grant from 3M
4. Use social media to promote our fundraising efforts – the impact can be huge!
5. **Interested in being part of a successful fund raising organization? Consider becoming a Friends board member – see contact # below.**

Please keep tuned as Friends works through our 2022 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



Wisconsin 4-H Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 5:00 pm.**

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2022-2023 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

All applications must adhere to the conventions outlined below. Any application that does not meet these requirements will not be considered. All documents must be emailed to the 4-H Foundation as one, two-page PDF. Any other cloud/internet shared documents will be NOT be accepted (do NOT use Google Docs, for example).

The application materials represent what youth may be asked to submit when applying for jobs. We encourage applicants to treat this process as if applying for a position.



<https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

4-H Wants You Contest 4-H Needs YOU to be YOU

Have you heard about Chris Clover and the Wisconsin 4-H Movement? Hopefully, you have and are ready to join in on Chris Clover's next adventure. This time it's all about YOU. We hope you'll help us learn something new through the "We Want You To Be You Shirt Design Challenge."



The Challenge

We're excited to learn about what is important to YOU in this new challenge. We hope you'll help us by designing a shirt for Chris Clover so we can share with everyone else! Get more information here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2022/02/09/4-h-wants-you-to-be-you/>

Animal Sciences Virtual Education Series

Excellent for all not just those in the swine project. We will talk about industry trends and consumer choices as well. To register visit: <https://livestock.extension.wisc.edu/articles/animalsciences-education-series/>

March 3, 7 p.m.

Food Safety Challenge

Pork Live, Carcass Evaluation & Meat Cuts

Location: Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery

Speakers:

Jim Murray, National Pork Board and Certified Executive Chef

Dr. Jeff Sindelar, Extension Meats Specialist

Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist

Jim Magolski, Perdue Farms

Gain awareness of animal evaluation into quality meat cuts.

Gain ideas on career pathways in this field.

Take home activity.



For more information & how to register: <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>

All events are virtual and begin at 7 p.m.
Can meet county educational requirements.

View our session on Lamb evaluation last year.

<https://youtu.be/ZOXJgcb7pkI> - Live lamb evaluation

<https://youtu.be/3cHedUbUUnk> - Lamb carcass evaluation and retail cut session

2023 Wisconsin 4-H Advanced Space Academy

**Registration
Opens
July 1**

Activities Include:

- High / Low Ropes Course
- NASA Simulators
- Russian Language Lessons
- Scuba Diving
- Fighter Jet Simulators
- Advanced Rocketry
- Meeting NASA Engineers
- Land, Air, and Sea Robotics Training
- STEM Challenges
- Simulated Space Mission
- International Space



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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 team-building activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission.



Grades: 10th—12th graders as of January 1, 2023

Dates: January 21—27, 2023

Location: US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama

Cost: \$1,650.00 / youth (Deposit of \$825.00 is due by October 1, 2022)

Lodging: Youth will stay at a hotel in Milwaukee, WI the first night. During the rest of the program youth will stay in the Space Camp dormitory.

Meals: All meals will be included in the price.

Transportation: Youth will fly to and from Space Camp from Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee, WI

Registration: July 1-31, 2022 through 4-HOnline. Registration is on a first come., first serve basis. There are only 32 spots available.

More information: Contact Joshua Goede at 608-269-8722 or joshua.goede@wisc.edu

OTHER NEWS



St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners Association



Money Available for Local Garden Projects



Grant Applications are due Monday, March 7th, 2022

Grant Applications are available up to \$250 for gardening projects that:

- ✓ Contribute to the beautification of public spaces; or
- ✓ Contribute to horticultural education of the public.
- ✓ Youth projects are especially desirable.

Past projects have included:

- * Rain gardens and butterfly gardens at schools, parks etc.
- * Large flowerpots to beautify downtown areas
- * Development of community gardens to benefit local food shelves and senior centers
- * Prairie restoration
- * Beautification of park entrances and public areas

The 2022 Community Grant application with instructions and project specifications is available online at www.scvmga.weebly.com and can be found under the "Forms" tab.

For questions, please email Jenny Brazzale at jenbrazzale@yahoo.com

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Consistent with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons who need materials in alternative format or other accommodation must write or call the UW-Extension contact person for the specific program or call the main telephone number of St. Croix County UW-Extension (715) 531-1930, 1960 8th Ave., Suite 140, Baldwin, WI 54002 at least 10 working days prior to the event. Individuals who need TDD/TTY access, can call 711 for relay assistance.

The University of Wisconsin Madison, Division of Extension staff in St. Croix County thanks you for collaborating with our many educational endeavors. We appreciate your support and working relationship as we provide educational programs designed to empower the diverse citizens of St. Croix County.

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