

St. Croix County 4-H

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September 2022

COMMUNICATOR

Welcome Sky Holt! St. Croix County 4-H Program Educator

Hello Everyone, I'm Sky Holt.

I am incredibly excited to transition to be the 4-H Program Educator for St. Croix County. I have had the amazing opportunity to support Sawyer and Pierce Counties, 4-H programs and look forward to supporting St. Croix County 4-H for the next 3 years. I grew up in 4-H and absolutely love the hands-on learning opportunities 4-H provides to all ages of youth! I am very eager to meet all of you, members, volunteers, and 4-H families!



See you soon,

Sky Holt

2022-2023 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for our new 4-H year opens September 6, 2022!

- All youth grades K—13th are welcome to enroll in St. Croix County 4-H.
- Enrollment will be open from Sept. 6—Nov. 1 for all current 4-H members.
- All members must enroll in at least one 4-H project.
- K—2nd graders are only eligible to enroll in the Cloverbud project
- 3rd grades may only take one animal project
- New members can enroll anytime.
- March 1 is the enrollment deadline to be eligible to show at the St. Croix County Fair under the 4-H name
- March 15 is the deadline to add/delete projects

To enroll go to www.4HOnline.com and log in to your account. Make sure you hit the submit button when you are finished.

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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,

It's that time of year again, it's 4-H election time! Lately, it seems like we've been inundated with national election materials, and issues at hand. This is an excellent opportunity to teach our youth about civic responsibility and to allow them to exercise their right to speak out and choose their elected officials.

Club officer elections provide youth with the opportunity to begin forming opinions about what they value. Club officer elections also help youth understand how to voice their concerns / questions and pick the right candidate for the job. It's important that everyone's voice is heard, even young people. By helping youth understand their voice in the election process, we will be empowering them within our community to help make decisions and giving their voice the value, it deserves.

4-H club elections are a great training tool for youth. Below is a list of successful tools to help your club vote to create a great officer team,

- Have job descriptions for each position you are electing
- Have youth nominate individuals they feel would do well in the positions. Youth can also nominate themselves.
- Have nominees put together a resume for club members to review.
- Have nominees give a short speech / presentation to discuss why they are interested in the position and what skills and / or changes they will bring to the club in this position.
- Teach club members about voting (types of voting options...voice, hand, ballot)

Youth should be commended for stepping up into these advanced leadership positions. Club officers do a wonderful job of role modeling leadership skills to our younger members. Please do your best as an adult leader / parent to encourage youth to be on their club officer ballot this year.

Best Wishes,



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



CALENDAR

September

- | | |
|-----------|--|
| 5 | UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY |
| 6 | 4-H Re-enrollment Opens in 4-HOnline |
| 7 | Club Award Packets Due |
| 10-11 | State 4-H Gymkhana |
| 13 | Livestock Committee Meeting |
| 15 | 4-H Ambassador Applications Due |
| 16-18 | State 4-H Horse Expo |
| 17 | 4-H Open House - New Richmond |
| 20 | Leaders Association Meeting |
| 30-Oct. 2 | State 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show |



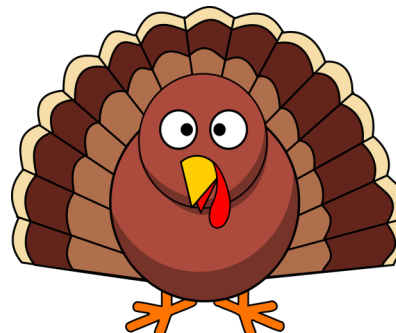
October

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| 2 - 8 | National 4-H Week: <i>Opportunity4All</i> |
| 3 | Horse Project Year-end Banquet/Annual Meeting |
| 5 | Club Award Pick Up Day |
| 8 | 4-H Open House - Hudson |
| 10-16 | Wisconsin Science Festival |
| 11 | Livestock Committee Meeting |
| 18 | Leaders Banquet & Annual Meeting |
| 21 | 4-H Charters Due to UW-Extension Office |



November

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| 4-6 | WI 4-H Fall Forum |
| 7 | Monthly Horse Project Meeting |
| 12-13 | WI 4-H Horse Project Leader Conference |
| 15 | Livestock Committee Meeting |
| 24-25 | UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY |
| 25-29 | National 4-H Congress |



CLOVERBUD CAMP

Intergalactic Olympics



What a Blast!

CONGRATULATIONS!

2022 Wisconsin 4-H State Dairy Judging Results:

Juniors Individual Overall

9th place - Olivia Dittman

Junior Team Overall

8th place - Olivia Dittman
Kaylee Raymond
Kolton Utecht
Eli Schommer
12th place - Macy Weyer
Makayla Weyer
Logan Kusilek
Abby Raymond

Seniors Individual Overall

5th place - Dylan Raymond
10th place - Sophia Kamm

Senior Team Overall

5th place - Dylan Raymond
Amelia Dittman
Lilly Peterson
Maran Luckwaldt
6th place - Sophia Kamm
Stella Kamm
Beckah Luckwaldt
Adelle Dittman

Seniors' Individual Reasons

7th place - Sophia Kamm

Seniors Team Reasons

4th place - Dylan Raymond
Maran Luckwaldt
Lilly Peterson
Amelia Dittman
5th place - Sophia Kamm
Stella Kamm
Beckah Luckwaldt
Adelle Dittman



Congratulations to Randy Peterson!

Congratulations to Randy Peterson for being inducted into the Wisconsin State Fair Hall of Fame!



Softball Tournament

In August a 4-H Softball Tournament was held with a mix of 4-H'ers from "old" clubs. There were 3 teams and fun was had by all! We will do it again next year in (probably a Friday night).



CLUB INFORMATION



TRY 4-H OPEN HOUSE - Coming this Fall!!!

Attention Parents and Club Leaders - We are hosting two 4-H Open Houses this Fall to help recruit new members! Youth will be able to try 4-H for the day and dabble in multiple project areas. Please ask your members to invite friends, peers, classmates to come and try 4-H! We appreciate your help in spreading the word about these events. If you are interested in volunteering to help at the Open House, please contact Laura Hinz (laura.hinz@wisc.edu).

Saturday, September 17, 9am-12pm

New Richmond, Heritage Center School House

Saturday, October 8, 9am-12pm

Hudson, YMCA Teen Center

4-H Week Displays

National 4-H Week will be here before we know it. We are hoping to get all the clubs involved this year with 4-H promotions. Start thinking about your club 4-H Week Displays. Below is a list of ideas. We will be judging all entries and clubs will win a cash prize. If your club plans to participate let Laura know by Oct. 1.

- Create a 4-H Window Display at a local business
- Set up a display at the library or at your school
- Put an ad in your local paper
- Submit 4-H stories to your local newspaper
- Create a flier about your club and place these in places where families will see them. (If you would like a template for a flier, please contact our office.)
- BE CREATIVE!!

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



St. Croix County Photography Contest

Get out your cameras and start taking pictures. 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!.

Thirteen winning photos will be chosen and placed into a 2023 St. Croix County Calendar. Youth of all ages are welcome to participate and can submit as many photos as they like.

When you submit photos, please title them with your name (ex. ChrisClover1, ChrisClover2, ChrisClover3. etc.) Submit all photos at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10IWn3Qs5IPcuSpUhPw5IXDLb8A4F1g4z?usp=sharing>

Deadline to submit photos will be October 15.





4-H

Open House

GIVE US A TRY!

Are you interested
in finding out
more about 4-H?
Join us to explore
4-H with hands-on
activities!

Join us for a breakfast
treat anytime between
9am-12pm while you try
out 4-H projects like
natural science, robotics,
Legos, cake decorating,
art & more!



Saturday
Sept. 17, 2022
New Richmond
Heritage Center
9 am - 12 pm

Saturday
October 8, 2022
YMCA Teen
Center, Hudson
9 am - 12 pm

4-H Contact information:
www.stcroix.extension.wisc.edu
Phone 715-531-1937 or email laura.hinz@wisc.edu



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4-H Club Award Packets - DUE SEPTEMBER 7

Award Packet Information was sent out in August. Check out the website in case you missed it.
<https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/annual-end-of-year-awards/>

All club award packets are due to Laura (email or snail mail) by September 7. Awards will be ordered and delivered to clubs by the first week of October. If you have questions on anything related to the Club Award Packet, please contact Laura, 715-531-1930 or laura.hinz@wisc.edu



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Club Award Packets Pick Up

*Please mark your calendar for Wednesday,
October 5 from 8:00am – 5:00pm*



The office will be open for clubs to pick up their award packets. If you can not make it please send another leader from your club to pick up your awards.

2022 Friend of 4-H Award

Each year St. Croix County 4-H awards a deserving individual or business with the Friend of 4-H Award. Please nominate someone that you feel has provided service to St. Croix County 4-H over the years. All entries are due by **Sept. 10**. This award will be given out at the Leaders Recognition Event in October. To nominate go to <https://forms.gle/rvdwKQjxsXbjGQAw8>

2023 Clover College Workshops Needed

We are gearing up for another exciting 4-H year. The 2023 4-H Clover College is planned for February, and we need your help!

We are looking for adults and youth who would be willing to teach a 4-H project related workshop. Topics can be on any 4-H related projects. This event typically has about 120 youth (K-5th grade). Workshops can be either 55 minutes long or 115 minutes long. Youth will spend the day rotating between workshops.

Our goal is to have youth learn a little bit about the project and go home with several completed fair projects. All supply costs will be covered by the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association. To register to host a workshop please go to <https://forms.gle/JL5bv7KkQM7NgoCp9>



Wisconsin 4-H Policy...Let's Take a Closer Look!

The Wisconsin 4-H Program is always evolving and we want to provide clear guidance to our leaders and members to ensure safety, and security and support your efforts with our young people. Check out the updates, reminders, and information monthly!

4-H Membership and Residency:

- Youth can be a member of more than one 4-H club at the same time as long as the 4-H clubs are chartered through the same county 4-H program
- Youth can only hold 4-H membership in one county or state at the same time. Youth moving from one place to another can transfer their 4-H membership to the new county/state
- Youth can be a 4-H member in a county or state that is different from their county or state of residence.

All Wisconsin 4-H Policies are accessible at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>

LEADER NEWS

Leaders Banquet & Annual Meeting

When: Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Location: 45th Parallel, 1570 Madison Avenue, New Richmond, WI 54017
Cost: \$10 / person

More Information to Come!



St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Next Meeting September 20 @ 7:00pm

UW-Extension Office or via ZOOM

Agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.



2022-2023 4-H Leaders Association Elections

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association needs enthusiastic and innovative leaders who want to enhance the countywide program. Elections will be held at their annual meeting in October. They are seeking leaders to fill the following positions.

- President Elect (2 year term)
- Secretary (1 year term)
- Youth Director (2 year term) - 8th grade and up
- Adult Director (2 year term)

This group meets 5 times a year. The Leaders Association assists with the direction for countywide 4-H programming. Please contact Brian Kuhl (current Leaders Association President) if you are interested. Contact:

brian@brianjkuhl.com



Leader Re-Enrollment

All re-enrolling 4-H volunteer leaders will need to comply with the following training requirements:

- Annually sign the 4-H Volunteer Expectations Form (part of re-enrollment through 4-HOnline)
- Federal background check (every 4 years) - you can complete this online or via paper
- Mandated Reporter Training (all volunteers must complete this at least once)
- Title IX Reporting Training (all volunteers must complete this at least once)
- Supporting Youth Mental Health Training (all volunteers who are planning on being a 4-H chaperone)
- Shooting Sports Training (requirement for any volunteer wishing to assist with the shooting sports program)

VIP Trainings- 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. A list of dates will be coming out soon.

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

Sales Tax Important: Action Needed

As a result of a change in Wisconsin Law (2021 Wis. Act 1), the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (WI DOR) has reviewed **all** Certificate of Exempt Status (CES) <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/FAQS/pcs-n-profit.aspx> numbers issued in the past and has issued a **new 15-digit CES number** beginning with 008 to qualifying organizations. Businesses can no longer accept the 8-digit CES number. However, some of our 4-H Clubs and Groups may not have been automatically validated by WI DOR. Or, if the address listed on the original application to WI DOR for a CES number was the address of a volunteer instead of the county Extension office, the notification with the new 15-digit CES number was sent to that address not the county office. There is a good chance that person is no longer at that address, no longer living, or the address was changed to a fire number, etc. and not delivered.

Please let Laura know if you have or have not received your new 15 digit CES number by emailing her at laura.hinz@wisc.edu

2022-2023 4-H Charters

Charters can be completed virtually or by paper this year. All charters need to be entered virtually at https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4PLkb4E7hePA4t0 or handed in to the Extension Office by **October 21**. Remember you will need to submit SMART Goals for your club/committee. You will also need to list out all potential activities for the year. Please check all boxes that might be a possibility. If you have any questions on how to complete these forms, contact the Extension Office.

In addition to these forms you will also need to submit to the Extension Office

- current club / group by-laws
- club meeting calendar (dates and locations of monthly meetings)

FINAL NOTICE: 4-H YEARLY PROGRAM DUES

Clubs that still need to pay dues... *Forest Timberwolves. We will need these to submit your Charter.* Please make your payment immediately to the Extension Office. Please reach out to Laura if you have questions.

laura.hinz@wisc.edu



NEW - 4-H Club Sample Bylaws

When it comes to building out bylaws for your new club/group or editing existing bylaws, there are a lot of pieces to consider. This Google Document includes required language as well as bracketed editable language that can be localized by the club.

Go here for template:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/sample-bylaws-constitution/>



Horse Project News

All Horse project parents and youth are welcome and encouraged!

Upcoming 2022 Youth Horse Project Meetings - Ag Center

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

- No Sept meeting
- Sept 10 - 11: State 4-H Gymkhana
- Sept 16 - 18: State 4-H Horse Expo
- Monday Oct 3rd – 2022 Year-end banquet
- Monday Nov 7th - Monthly Horse Project Meeting



SHOOTING SPORTS

2022 Central Workshop, Marshfield, WI

Date: September 17, 2022

Time: 8AM – 5PM



Disciplines: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Air Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Registration Deadline: September 9, 2022 registration info found here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

Payment will be done through the Brown County Extension webpage – information about payment will be included after you fill out the registration form above.

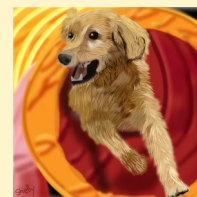
Location: Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, 11841 Stadt Rd, Marshfield, WI 54449

Dog Project

Sept. 30-Oct. 2:

State 4-H Dog Show, Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Obedience, showmanship, agility, quiz bowl.



Contact Deb Beyer at 920-889-0850 or deborahbeyer2015@gmail.com

St. Croix County Junior Holstein Association

Come out and join the Junior Dairy Holstein Group.

Together we compete in many competitions at the Wisconsin Junior Holstein Convention which is held in January. Some competitions include quiz bowl, speech contest, and dairy jeopardy. There is no experience required and we encourage anyone to join. This is all about learning about the dairy industry and specifically the dairy cow. Practices will start in October and will be held every other week, typically Sunday afternoons in Baldwin or subject to change.

More details to come but **PLEASE SIGN UP** by emailing Jenna Achterhof at achterjen14@gmail.com or call or text at 715-977-2557.



Northern Wisconsin Beef Producers

17th Annual Kids & Cows Family Day



Education, Fun



Hands On Learning



All Ages & Experience Levels

Saturday October 8, 2022

**at Barron County Fairgrounds
Rice Lake, WI**

- Registration.....7:30-9:00
- Educational Workshops..... 9:00-12:00
- Lunch/Fun Break (Noon-1:00)...
Food Stand, AG Olympics & Fitting Contest
- Showmanship Competition..... Begins at 1:15
*Showmanship is open to all ages
and classes are youngest to oldest.*
- Breed Show.....Following Showmanship



For Rules and Entry Information:

www.wisconsinbeefproducers.com

Contact Lori Lyons 715-210-0049 or lalyons4@yahoo.com

\$10 Per Kid

RSVP preferred but not required on website.

*Kids are encouraged to bring their own cattle—kids and adults without will have one provided

This will count toward a beef species specific clinic if they participate in the morning workshops.

For more information & to RSVP go to <https://nwbpa.weebly.com/kids--cows-family-day.html>

FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

News:

1. **The 2022 Raffle has launched and we are off to a great start – nearly \$2,000 in sales between the Fair and the Rodeo! A big thank you to Elsja Meijer, Glen Hill Climbers 4-H Club and Ben Larson, Springbrook 4-H Club for their very successful sale of Raffle Tickets at the Rodeo!! Wanted, 4-H members/clubs willing to sell tickets during the month of September**
2. A big thank you to the Mitchell family, Ryan Mitchell, Levi Nelson & Brecken Iverson for providing this year's raffle prizes and to this year's sponsors: Gold –Bernards Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram & Smith Auctions, Silver – Midwest Machine, Bronze – Boldt's Plumbing & Heating.
3. Maytober is around the corner – help us out; donors & buyers wanted.
4. We are in the final push to fully fund the Multi-species Livestock Barn. With the help of many, we can retire the 5 year loan in 3 years!! We are in this position due to the broad community support across the county – including 4-H clubs.

Projects currently in the works:

1. Here are the details on the the 2022 Meat Raffle:
 - A. Four prizes: 2 50# packages of grass fed ground beef and two hog halves cut & wrapped.
 - B. Ticket price: one ticket \$10, four tickets \$20.
 - C. Drawing date: Friday, October 21 at 6 p.m.
 - D. Drawing location: Bernards Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Show room, New Richmond
2. Continuing our relationship with Jody Close and Smith Auctions. The current plan is to hold Maytober, our stand alone event, during October with close November 2nd. We also will continue to participate in ongoing Smith Auctions with farm equipment/tool donations
3. Conducting a fall commodity drive – a very successful fund raiser due to the continued support of several county crop farmers.
4. Continuing to haul scrap donations – call Terry Mitchell (715) 619-0442 or Chris Libbey (651) 247-0395 to arrange pick up.
5. 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 in as Friends works through our 2022 fund raising projects. Please feel free to contact Friends' Board Members with your suggestions – all ideas are welcome.

Contact phone #: (651) 247-0395 - Chris Libbey



SAVE THE DATE - 4-H Arts Camp

Are you a middle schooler looking for an opportunity to explore the arts through 4-H? If so, you don't want to miss Wisconsin 4-H Arts Camp! This state level experience offers one place for youth grades 6-8 to learn about topics like music, drama, visual arts, photography, communications, and more!



You'll rotate through the different arts tracks each day, participate in various group activities throughout, and close with a ceremony for parents and families, celebrating the results of your Arts Camp experiences. You'll also meet new friends, participate in camp games, and enjoy the great natural setting of Upham Woods, a 300-acre environmental education center on the Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells.

4-H Arts Camp (<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/arts-camp/>) is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension and is funded through registrations and a grant from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. You'll learn lots of creative ideas to take home to share with your family, friends, and community.

If you haven't been a part of the Arts Camp experience, come and see what you've been missing! Space is limited.

Save the dates of October 21-23 for this popular Wisconsin 4-H program at Upham Woods (Wisconsin Dells). Registration will be available from September 1-19 in 4HOnline.



**Wisconsin Summit for
Natural Resources
Volunteers**

Wisconsin Summit for Natural Resources Volunteers

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist program and Retzer Nature Center are co-hosting the Wisconsin Summit for Natural Resources Volunteers <https://wimasternaturalist.org/get-involved/stay-connected/2022-summit/> in Waukesha, Wisconsin, October 6-8, 2022.

This in-person event will be a unique format focusing on small group outdoor workshops, field explorations and presentations. The theme of the Summit is *Nature & People: Nurturing Each Other* and will highlight the intersection between nature and human well-being with keynote speaker, Emily Ford.

Registration is now open through 9/19! Everyone is welcome to attend. Check out the Summit Guide 2022 with all of the event descriptions before registering <https://blogs.extension.wisc.edu/programcomms/files/2022/08/Summit-Guide-2022.pdf>

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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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