

4-H



COMMUNICATOR

2020-2021 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 31 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. If you would like additions or deletions made to your account please contact Heather or Eileen to do so.

UW-Extension COVID-19 Updates

For the most updated list on COVID meeting rules please go to <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

If you would like to request program approval please contact Eileen eileen.vandyk@wisc.edu or Heather heather.vierling@wisc.edu to receive paperwork and review meeting guidelines.

The link below is to a video that will assist you with holding a face to face meeting for your club or group.
<https://youtu.be/QLUd9lvMGO8>

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.

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 can't believe a new year is upon us. I hope this year brings you all happiness and health. 2020 will live in my memory as one of the most challenging years of my life. Challenge by definition is a test and I do feel I have been tested. Some of the challenges I faced over the last year were rewarding, all were difficult, and even a few were failures. The lessons I learned from each of these challenges will stay with me forever.



Over the last six months we have been offering 4-H youth and families 4-H challenges. These challenges are to provide youth with the opportunity to test themselves, try new things, and gain added skill sets. As the new year begins additional challenges, mini camps, and interactive virtual programs will be added to the many opportunities that St. Croix County 4-H is providing. We encourage all of you to get involved and participate.

As 2021 begins we will continue to thrive, push forward, and think outside the box in designing what this upcoming 4-H year will look like. Please give grace to club leaders, projects leaders, and 4-H families during these challenging times. Feel free to reach out to Eileen or myself if you have concerns or ideas on the St. Croix County 4-H Program.

Happy New Year,

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

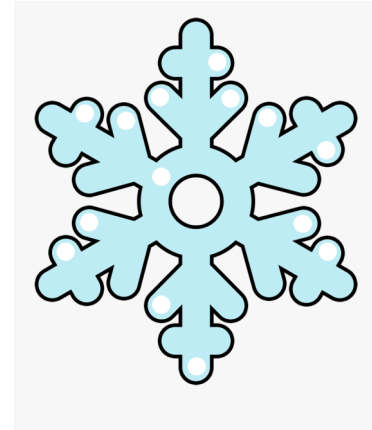
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Eileen Van Dyk
Polk / St. Croix 4-H Coordinator

CALENDAR

January

- 1 UWEX OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
- 2 Hunting Challenge Submission Deadline
- 2 Ambassador Meeting
- 4 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 5 Photography Challenge Submission Deadline
- 5 Quilting Challenge Submission Deadline
- 7 Cloverbud at Home January Virtual Project Meeting
- 9 Clover Cooking Registration Deadline
- 9 4-H Leader Coffee Talk (must register by Jan. 7)
- 12 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 15 Movies that Teach Registration Deadline
- 18 Livestock Youth Rules Meeting (virtual)
- 19 Leaders Association Meeting
- 20 VIP Training (must register by Jan. 11)
- 23 Clover Cooking (Virtual)
- 29 4-H Game Night—Bingo
- 31 STEM 3-D Printing Challenge Submission Deadline



February

- 1 STEM—Rocket Building Challenge Sign Up Deadline
- 1 Service Project Challenge Submission Deadline
- 1 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 5 January Photo Snap Shots Challenges Submission Deadline
- 6 Ambassador Meeting
- 6 St. Croix 4-H Sledding Event
- 9 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 16 Leaders Association Meeting
- 18 Cloverbuds at Home February Virtual Project Meeting
- 22 VIP Training (must register by Feb. 12)
- 23-28 Clover College (Virtual)
- 26 4-H Game Night—Scavenger Hunt
- 28 4-H Family Challenge Submission Deadline



March

- 1 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 4 VIP Training (must register by Feb. 22)
- 6 Ambassador Meeting
- 9 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 11 Cloverbuds at Home February Virtual Project Meeting
- 16 Leaders Association Meeting
- 27 4-H Game Night - Charades
- 31 4-H Enrollment Deadline and 4-H Project Change Deadline



THE 4-H FAMILY CHALLENGE

Its time to get the whole family involved! We are excited to offer four 4-H Family Challenge Activities during the next few months. Each time your family completes one of the challenges your name will go into the hat for a drawing at the end of February. We will draw two families to receive a family night fun gift pack (worth over \$50 each). Good luck.

To register for the 4-H Family Challenge go to: <https://forms.gle/Wi6LzhRw6YGpGopi9>

SERVICE PROJECT

Here is an opportunity for your family to give back to your local community. Find a service project that means something important to your family. Examples could include: food drives, clothing drives, writing cards to nursing home residents, ringing bells, shoveling a neighbors driveway, etc. Service activities can be found every-



where. Jump in and do some good deeds for the year.

GINGERBREAD BUILD

The holiday season is fast approaching. Get the entire family involved in creating a one of a kind gingerbread build. This could be a traditional house or you can design a one of a kind structure. Advance the fun with lots of frosting, candy decorations, and accessories (tress, cars, animals, etc.). The sky is the limit. We can't wait to see what your family builds!



GEO CASHING

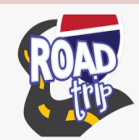
Are you ready for a scavenger hunt? Get outside and explore St. Croix County. Families will receive clues to find a number of caches around St. Croix County. Can you find them all?



TAKE A ROAD TRIP

Get on the road with your family and discover new places. This could be a day trip or a family vacation. You can travel within St. Croix County or beyond. Below we have listed a few ideas for your family to visit.

- WI State Parks
- St. Croix County Parks
- Como Zoo & Conservatory
- Mall of America Aquarium
- MN Science Museum
- Train Ride in Osseo, Spooner, or Duluth
- Local Holiday Light Displays
- Virtual Trip



4-H PROJECT CHALLENGES

To Register for ANY of the 4-H Project Challenges go to: <https://forms.gle/Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6>

Additional Project Challenges will be added each month so stay tuned for more! Also, if you have suggestions for new Project Challenges email Heather at heather.vierling@wisc.edu



STEM - 3D Printing Challenge

Get your engineering skills in motion. Using the free version of SKETCH UP design something you would want to be 3D printed. It could be a game

piece you are missing, your school logo, a mythical creature, etc. All images are due by January 31. All youth who participate will receive their item printed and mailed to them by April 1st. To register for this challenge go to <https://forms.gle/Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6>

Use the following link to design your image.

<https://www.sketchup.com/plans-and-pricing/sketchup-free>

STEM - Rocket Building Challenge

Have you ever wanted to build a rocket and then launch it? Here is your chance. You will be given a rocket kit and required to attend a virtual build session via zoom on Saturday, Feb 20 at 10 am. A launch date will be set for spring. Sign up today for this opportunity. To register for this challenge go to <https://forms.gle/Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6> All youth must be registered for this challenge by Feb. 1, 2021.



Supplies you will need in addition to the rocket kit: paint, scissors, glue, sand paper, utility knife, ruler and pencil.

Photography - January Snap Shots Challenge

Pick 15 of the following categories and enter your best shots. All youth who submit 15 different photos or more will receive a prize. Sign up today. At <https://forms.gle/Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6>

JANUARY SNAPSHOTS

1 NEW YEAR'S EVE	17 HAPPINESS
2 RESOLUTION	18 BUNDLED UP
3 YOU	19 BRIGHT
4 FROST	20 SNOWMAN
5 COZY	21 NEW
6 SWEET	22 LAZY
7 BOOTS	23 SHAPES
8 COLD	24 CHANGE
9 BRANCHES	25 REFLECTION
10 SNOWFLAKE	26 MOVEMENT
11 SKATE	27 SLUSH
12 SOMEONE YOU LOVE	28 BLUE
13 QUIET	29 SKY
14 WARM	30 SURPRISE
15 SHADOW	31 FROZEN
16 NATURE	

#JanuarySnapshots
created by @PosterjackDotCa

posterjack.ca

Service Learning Challenge

This is the season for service. Document your service project by creating a video of what you did, why you did it, who you helped, and what you learned from the experience. All videos will be posted on the St. Croix County Face Book page. Additionally, all of these stories will be written up for a newspaper article to be published in all the local papers. All youth who participate will receive a prize. Entries are due February 1, 2021.

Register at <https://forms.gle/Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6>



CLUB INFORMATION

4-H BOOK CLUB

St. Croix County is starting a book club for youth grades 4th—7th. This is a 3 month program (January—March). For a \$5.00 fee youth will get a new book each month to read (3 books total). Participants will participate in monthly virtual meetings to discuss the books and share a snack. GET READY, SET, READ!

To register for the book club go to <https://forms.gle/Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6>



MOVIES THAT TEACH

Open to all 4-H Youth grades 8 and up.
(Parental Consent Required)

Have you ever questioned history, religion, other people's view points, government policy, or ethics? This program will offer teens an opportunity to explore these complex topics using movies. During each workshop the group will watch a film. Following the film youth will enter into a deeper discussion on the featured topic. How have their personal view points changed/not changed?

All youth must register by January 15 at <https://forms.gle/JbDZjH4HxHrrH7xUA>

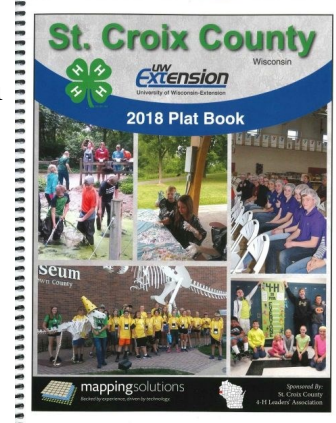
2021 4-H CLOVER COLLEGE

Clover College is our annual 4-H Project Learning Day for youth grades K—5. This year we will be holding this event virtually. An array of workshops will be offered during the week of Feb. 23-28. More information on workshops and a sign up will be sent to families later this month. Stay tuned. If you are interested in teaching a workshop please contact Heather at heather.vierling@wisc.edu



St. Croix County 4-H Needs Your Help—2021 Plat Book

Attention 4-H Families and Friends!! The 4-H Leaders' Association is beginning to gather advertising for a 2021 St. Croix County Plat Book publication. If you have a business or if you know of someone with a business that would like to advertise in this new plat book please contact Mary Luckwaldt at luckwaldt123@yahoo.com or on her cell phone at 715.497.8034. The plan is to have all advertising gathered by March 1, 2021 so that the books may be proofed and printed by the May Fair Event in 2021.



St. Croix County 4-H Sledding Event



Sponsored By: The St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors

Saturday, February 6, 2021 @ 3:00pm

Weitkamp Park

648 O'Neil Rd., Hudson, WI

Sick of being cooped up at home. Get out and enjoy the Wisconsin winter with some good old fashioned sledding. We will be sledding from 3:00pm until dark. All youth and adults who participate must pre register, wear a mask, and bring your own sled. Please register at <https://forms.gle/ahJ45jxtLuqdDJzv8> Registration will close on Feb. 1.

4-H GAME NIGHT

Sponsored By: The St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors

Are you competitive? Do you like playing games? Join us each month for 4-H Game Night. Game nights will be held virtually and are open to all youth (4-H and non), all ages and adults can play too. All game nights will be held on the last Friday of each month at 7:00pm (they will last 30-45 minutes each). Prizes will be available to players. Check out our upcoming game nights:



January 29 - BINGO

February 26 - SCAVENGER HUNT

March 27 - CHARADES

April 30 - FAMILY FUED

May 28 - EMOJI GAME

Please register for Game Nights at <https://forms.gle/45Vh64pCRqLMFk4M7>

CLOVER COOKING : THE VIRTURAL EDITION

MENU

CHILI

YEAST
BREAD

CORN BREAD

SALAD

DESSERT



**JAN
23
9AM**



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Register Today for Clover Cooking!

A supply list
will be sent out
a week in
advance, so
the youth can
have their
supplies

The zoom
link will be
sent out 3
days before
we meet

Please mail the registration form and \$5/youth or
\$20/family to

Beth Sippl, 1573 110th Ave, Hammond WI 54015

Registration Deadline: January 9, 2021

Name (first & last):_____

Address:_____

Email:_____

Phone:_____

Grade:_____

LEADER NEWS



4-H LEADER COFFEE TALK

Saturday, January 9, 2021
8:30am—10:30am
UW-Extension Office

Do you need to get out of the house?

Are you in need of adult conversation?

Do you want to share / learn about new 4-H ideas and resources?

Do you want to brainstorm / problem solve with other 4-H leaders?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, join us for 4-H Leader Coffee Talk. Bring a cup of coffee and join in a rich 4-H conversation.

Registration for 4-H Leader Coffee Talk is required. Please register by Jan. 7. To register go to <https://forms.gle/dPeaRuZ9sKJBgi8J9>

If you can't make it in person you are welcome to join virtually.

4-H Leaders Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 19 @ 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/92500499925?pwd=RlRlWemtkOEtiU3ZCZjFSenA1WCtZOT09>

Meeting ID: 925 0049 9925

Passcode: 913862

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The Leaders Association is still seeking nominations for the following leadership positions:

- **President Elect** - This is a 2 year position with the option of serving a 3rd year. This position will head meetings and oversee committees. A mentoring system has been set up to support this position.
- **Treasurer** - This is a 2-3 year position. This position oversees all county 4-H funds, pays bills, deposits income, provide an annual budget, and manages our endowment funds. A mentor system has been set up to support this role.

If you are interested or know of someone who is please contact Amanda Hanson at ahiben@hotmail.com

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 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

January 20 @ 6:00pm

February 22 @ 6:00pm

March 4 @ 7:00pm

(RSVP By: January 11)

(RSVP By: February 12)

(RSVP By: February 22)

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

Horse Project Committee

Horse Project Committee Meeting via Zoom
January 4 @ 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.

Photography Project ~~ January/February 2021

Well we have made it through the Year 2020 and we are now into 2021!!!

It was for sure a different year without having our Fair and so many other things. I am hoping though that you were all still out there taking photos!!!

I am thinking of doing some ZOOM Meetings starting in March. Is anyone interested in this? I think for sure it would be good for the beginners (1st – 3rd years in the project) but I don't want to leave out others that want to learn more!!! So for those of you that have been in the project for 4 years or more, what do you want to learn more about? Talk to your friends and 4-H group members that are in the project and come up with some ideas for me and I will put them together. The email is at the bottom.

So what are your favorite types of pictures to take? Do you like animals, people, landscapes, still life, action, etc. pictures the best? Do you enjoy doing trick photography or manipulative work? There are so many ways that photography touches our lives. I hope that you are all thinking about what type of pictures you want to enter in the 2021 Fair. The judges from the previous summer said that there were very few winter pictures, very few black & white pictures and not many vertical pictures. Keep this in mind when you are out with your camera or phone.

I want to send a Special Thank You to the Members that have been taking part in the Photography Challenges and in the other Challenges that have been set up for you! The best way to learn and get better is to practice!!!!

As always please share your ideas by emailing or on the Facebook Page!!!

Have an amazing day,

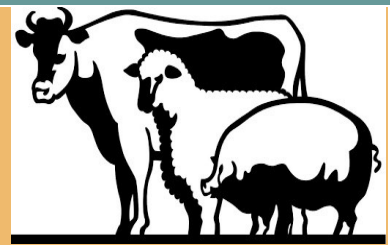
Kay Jacobsen ~
St. Croix County Photography Project Leader
Our email is sccphotographyproject@gmail.com and the Facebook page is SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT (request to join and you will be accepted!).



Livestock Committee Meeting

January 12 @ 7:00pm - Virtual

For meeting information and agendas please contact Paige Saniter at paige.weiske00@gmail.com



Livestock Youth Rules Meeting

The SCLC will host a zoom rules meeting on Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Lori DeBoer at lordeb651@gmail.com so that you can be emailed the link. If you have any questions, please let her know.

YQCA

If you completed the YQCA training in 2020, it will count for the 2021 St. Croix County fair. You will still be required to show proof of this training. If you did not complete the training, please make sure that you do so by July 1, 2021.

VIRTUAL UW-MADISON LIVESTOCK EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP), in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Division of Extension, are excited to offer these LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs for the winter/spring of 2020-2021. These current topics are for youth and adults alike and occur on the 2nd Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by Q&A. You must register in order to receive the connecting information through email.

For more detailed information of each presentation and to register for any or all of the events, please go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh>. On this webpage you can also complete an educational verification form and turn it into your county fair and or livestock committee to verify your participation. These activities can serve as “county educational requirements”.

January 14 - Roaming the Rumen

February 11 - Feeding & caring for Swine without Ractopamine

March 11 - Lamb Live & Carcass Evaluation; Lamb Culinary products

April 8 - Artificial Intelligence in Animal Sciences using sensors and cameras

May 13 - Meat Science Cookery

For more information visit <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh> or contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW- Madison Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@wisc.edu.

For more information go to the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program.

Website - <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/>

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1mPVKo63rmBr5s3kFyvX9g>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsinyouthlivestock/>

Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/wiyouthlvstk/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/wiyouthlvstk>



Farm Ready Research Webinars

Farm Ready Research is Extension's agriculture winter webinar meeting series for farmers and ag professionals. Join the webinars to learn the most up-to-date information on topics from dairy and livestock production to farm management resources. Sessions begin December 2020 and run through April 2021. Review the program topics and descriptions, and register at: <https://extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/farm-ready-research/>

January 5, 1 PM, Badger Dairy Insight: Feeding for Profits – nutrient digestibility and milk components

○ Discussions by Luiz Ferraretto, Assistant professor on how to optimize the concentration and digestibility of starch to improve lactation performance, Matt Lippert, Agriculture Extension Educator on can you change feed components depending on the milk check, and Ashley Olson, Agriculture Extension Educator on how alternative forages can be dairy cow feed.

January 8, 11 AM, Farm Management Friday: Navigating Your Farm Business through 2021

○ This webinar will feature Extension specialists discussing economic factors and considerations for the best path forward for your business while navigating an uncertain future. Panel speakers: Mark Stephenson, UW Center for Dairy Profitability, Kevin Bernhardt, Extension Farm Management Specialist/UW-Platteville Professor, and moderator Katie Wantoch, Dunn County Extension Ag Educator.

January 12, 1 PM, Badger Dairy Insight: Preparing for an Emergency

○ The sound of sirens echoing through the rural countryside, whether in response to an accident, fire, or a natural disaster, brings warning of potential loss to individuals or businesses involved. When an emergency happens, response time is essential. Preparing for An Emergency will cover actions steps you can take for different types of emergencies, Things that will help first responders, creating your emergency team, and help develop business continuity.

January 12, 7 PM, Beef: An Update on Mineral and Vitamin Needs for Beef Cattle

○ Presented by Dr. Stephanie Hansen, Iowa State University. Mineral & vitamin nutrition is critical to the health and performance of beef cattle. Several supplement options exist, but they come at a cost. This session will cover the newest developments in mineral & vitamin nutrition recommendations and how to balance in your feeding program.

January 15, 11 AM, Farm Management Friday: In it for the long haul – Cash flow during a crisis

○ Planning your cash flow is essential, and challenging during uncertain times of the ongoing covid19 crisis. Kevin Bernhardt, Extension Farm Management Specialist/UW River Falls Professor and Heather Schlessner, Marathon County Extension Ag Educator will discuss important cash flow analysis considerations, concerns and tools to help.

FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

Friends hope that all of you have had the best Holiday Season possible and extends best wishes for a better 2021 as we collectively view 2020 in the rearview mirror.

As we reflect on the Friends' 2020 year, we are truly amazed and gratified by results. Early in the year, we could not envision how we would meet our commitment of being able to cover this year's principle and interest for the Multispecies Livestock Barn. Thanks to the support and generosity of many, we finished strong - commodity drive, donations, raffles and most of all, the morphed Maytober. A big thank you to all who helped make our success a reality!

Looking ahead to 2021, I believe that we will need to continue to be creative in our fund raising efforts. The great news is the continued commitment of Jody Close, Smith Auctions, to continue hosting online auctions for our benefit..

Please keep tuned as Friends works through our fund raising plan for 2021. Please feel free to contact Friends' Board Members with your suggestions – all ideas are welcome.

St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo Scholarship

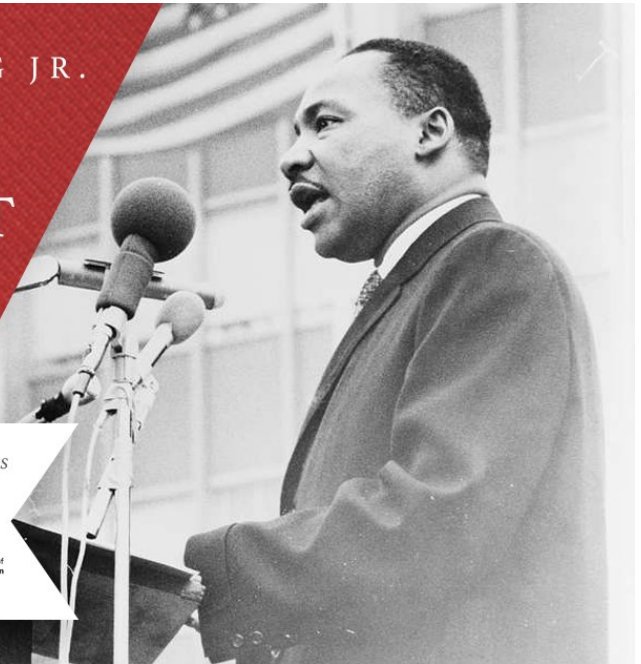
Did you know the PRCA Rodeo committee offers a scholarship to a graduating Senior in our area? If you would like more information or an application, please contact Lori DeBoer at lordeb651@gmail.com.



The Winter Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest is right around the corner. Check out the 18 different classes and find your favorite three entries. You will compete in your own grade division. See registration forms in the December 2020 TRACKS Newsletter <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/whepwi4h/files/2020/12/TRACKS-December-Newsletter-2020.pdf> Mail in your registration form with fees and you will receive a contest submission form. After receiving the submission form by email, follow the instructions and email the completed form to us. All registration forms are due by February 15. Good Luck.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
VIRTUAL
 COLLEGE SUMMIT
 10AM-12PM
 Saturday, January 16

REGISTER: www.facebook.com/mycollegestation/events
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National 4-H Summit Series <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>

2021 Healthy Living Summit

Online, February 11 - 14, 2021 - **Registration Opens Soon**

At the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living, high school students develop the knowledge and skills to address issues surrounding nutrition, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. Working alongside professionals in family consumer science and healthy living, students will create action plans they can implement in their communities to teach other youth about what they have learned.

2021 Agri-Science Summit

Online, March 5-7, 2021 - **Registration Opens Soon**

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

WI 4-H Foundation Celebrate Arts Contest & Auction – (OPEN to ALL Enrolled 4-H Members K-13th Grades) Deadline January 1, 2021

There is STILL time to enter the 2020 WI 4-H Foundation Celebrate the Arts Contest. It is open to **ALL** currently enrolled Wisconsin 4-H members, with cash prizes totaling nearly \$1,000. **The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically.** Although the contest is virtual, **the winning art, selected to be in the arts auction, from each category and the Best of Show, must be delivered to the nearest 4-H Office or the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. These items will become the property of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and will not be returned.**

The contest is broken into eight categories: 1- Drawing Using Any Medium, 2-Painting, 3-Pottery, Ceramics or Clay, 4-Photography, 5-Paper, 6-Fabric, Yarn or Fiber, 7-Wood and 8-Any Other Media. For full contest details and to enter check out <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/celebrate-the-arts/>.

A winner will be chosen in each category with a Best of Show Award given to one entry chosen by the judging committee. Category winners will receive a \$100 cash award. The Best of Show Entry will receive an additional \$150 cash award. Winners will be notified by email by January 20. A complete winner's list, as well as photos of the winning entries, will be on the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Website by January 15, 2021.



WI 4-H State Art Team Applications – DUE January 15, 2021 (Youth 9-13 Grades Eligible to Apply)

We are excited to announce that applications for the 2021 WI 4-H State Art Teams are now open! The teams include Drama Company, Art Team, and Communications Team. Each of the teams provide unique opportunities for youth leaders to further develop their leadership skills, engage with others from around the state and explore the arts in new and meaningful ways with the support of positive and caring adults.

This year's State Art Teams will be virtual!! After a year of learning and growth and a successful State Team Week in 2020, we are already planning new ways to engage, share and grow together virtually in 2021. Youth interested in applying, must be available for our Virtual Spring Planning Weekend, April 9-11, 2021 and for our Virtual State Team Week, June 14-18, 2021. We do understand that virtual is not for everyone AND our team is committed to ensuring that IF team members open their hearts and minds, they WILL have an incredibly positive and impactful experience.

Applications for the State Arts Teams are now open in 4HOnline through January 15th, 2021. Each application has different requirements. Please review the information on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-arts-teams/>, including the introduction letter and position descriptions. These provide more information on the applications and what is expected of applicants.

Feel free to reach out to [Amber Rehberg](#) or [Justin Lieck](#) with any questions. You can also find the State Arts Team Director Contact Information on the position description pages.

If you LOVE the arts and have a desire to continue developing your artistic talents and leadership skills... consider applying TODAY!!

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