

St. Croix County 4-H

**4-H**



April 2021

# COMMUNICATOR

## **YOU CAN HOLD FACE TO FACE 4-H MEETINGS!**

Below are new guidelines for 4-H clubs and groups for April 1—June 1, 2021.

***ALL MEETINGS, EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, CAMPS, ETC still require you to submit a program approval form and get approval from county and/ or state.***

Updated guidelines for summer programming will come out in mid April.

### Indoor Meetings

- Up to 50 total participants or 30% of room occupancy (whichever is lower), podding for groups over 20
- For pods of 20 they can be in same space in large rooms (up to 30% of room occupancy)
- 4 hour time limit

### Outdoor Meetings

- Up to 150 total, podding for groups over 20
- Program plans should state how pods will be separated
- No time limit

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

For examples of approved meetings and events go to <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MhSgsViVIYDpVd47pfQSlcGl9KGlbYUz?usp=sharing>

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

***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.***

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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,

*“Journey of 1,000 steps begins with a single step.” Lao Tzu*

You may have seen this quote before. I know I have. Each time I read it I am reminded of the very simple, yet profound meaning it has.

First, it states a goal – to travel 1,000 steps. For some this may seem like a huge goal. I’m not exactly sure how far 1,000 steps is or how long it would take me to walk them, but I’m sure it would be a fair distance and perhaps take longer than I imagine.

But then the writer shares his strategy of how to reach his goal – by taking a single step. He has a plan. Even though he doesn’t say it, I’m sure that after the first single step, he will continue with another single step, and another, and another until he has reached his goal.

*So what does this have to do with 4-H?*

Well, we’re about in the middle of the 4-H year and hopefully each member and leader has set some goals. (But if you haven’t, it isn’t too late!) Setting the goal is somewhat the pre-step. Say you have a goal, have you started your journey to reach it? Have you taken that first single step?



As you are on your journey, realize that not every step will be easy or that you may not even reach your final destination. But that’s okay! One of my goals as a 4-H member in the flower project was to re-do about 5 overgrown flower areas on our farm. I took the first step of tackling the two easier ones and kept those up. But I never did get to the rest. Did I reach my ultimate goal? No. Was I further than I was at the beginning of the year? Yes.

That’s not only how 4-H goes, but also life. We plan out numerous journeys and set many goals. Many of us don’t reach them all, but we’re further along by just taking that first step.

Continue on your 4-H journey. And remember that each step you take gets you closer to your goal!

As always please feel free to reach out to Eileen or myself if you have concerns or ideas on the St. Croix County 4-H Program.

*Heather Vierling*

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

*Eileen Van Dyk*

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Polk / St. Croix 4-H Coordinator

# CALENDAR

## April

- 1 St. Croix County 2021 Fair Registration Opens
- 2 UW-Extension Furlough Day—OFFICE CLOSED
- 5 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 6 Dairy Judging Practice
- 8 Cloverbuds at Home April Virtual Project Meeting
- 10 Photography Project Meeting—Zoom
- 10 Goat & Sheep Weigh In
- 11 Shooting Sports Committee Meeting
- 12 Registration Deadline for 4-H Drama Games and Readers Theater
- 13 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 13 Pullorum Tester Training Seminar—Zoom
- 15 Registration Deadline for 4-H Giants Challenge
- 17 Swine Ear Tag Pick Up
- 18 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 20 Leaders Association Meeting
- 29 VIP Training (must register by Apr. 15)
- 30 4-H Game Night - Family Feud



## May

- 1 Ambassador Meeting
- 3 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 11 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 18 Leaders Association Meeting
- 21 NW 4-H Golf Classic Golf Registration Due
- 28 4-H Game Night - Emoji Game
- 28 UW-Extension Furlough Day—OFFICE CLOSED
- 31 Holiday—OFFICE CLOSED
- 31 St. Croix County 2021 Fair Registration Closes



## June

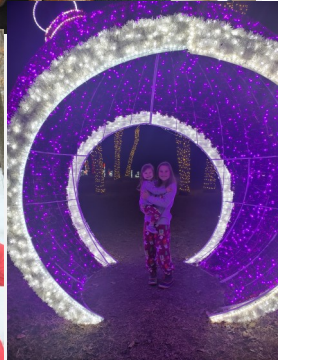
- 5 Horse Project Committee Day Camp
- 7 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 8 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 14 NW 4-H Golf Classic
- 14-16 4-H Outpost Camp
- 15 Leaders Association Meeting
- 17 4-H Clothing Review
- 17-20 Horse Project Overnight Camp
- 21-24 WI 4-H Youth Conference





# 4-H Family Challenge

A big thanks to our families who participated in the 4-H Family Challenge. Families participated in four different activities: making Gingerbread houses, service projects, geo caching and a road 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](mailto:heather.vierling@wisc.edu)

## 4-H GIANTS CHALLENGE



Spring is here! It's time to get ready for planting season. Do you plan to have a garden this summer? If so, enter the 4-H Giants challenge. Youth who enroll will be mailed "Giant" seeds for the following crops:

**Pumpkins**  
**Sunflowers**  
**Radishes**  
**Leeks**  
**Watermelons**

At the end of the growing season we will measure your fruits & veggies and determine our winners. Winners will receive prizes.

All youth must be registered by **April 15**. To register go to <https://forms.gle/Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6>

## TRY IT CHALLENGE

Want to explore a few new projects.? Here is your chance to try a new project each week.

For the next 8 weeks we will be exploring a new project each week.

Projects will include:

**Art**  
**STEM**  
**Food & Nutrition**  
**Small Animals**  
**Cake Decorating**  
**Nature Science**  
**Sewing**  
**Horticulture**

Join the fun and explore new projects in 4-H.

Youth who participate in all 8 weeks of activities will receive some great 4-H apparel.

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



# CLUB INFORMATION

## 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:

April 30 - FAMILY FUED  
May 28 - EMOJI GAME

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

### 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](mailto:laura.hinz@wisc.edu)



## ST. CROIX COUNTY PHOTOS NEEDED

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



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

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

## Let's Get Out & Play

It's time to start organizing the 4H Softball Season and get the kids outside to play. If you are interested in playing or coaching this summer, please reach out:

**Dennis Mitchell** 715-781-4833 [dmitch9@icloud.com](mailto:dmitch9@icloud.com)  
**Gina Schneider** 715-965-0782 [ginam929@gmail.com](mailto:ginam929@gmail.com)

Practices will start in May with games to follow in June and July. There is a senior league division (grades 9-12) and a junior league division (grades 4—8). If there is enough interest we will have a novice division (grades K-3).

No minimum meeting requirement!



## St. Croix County Bluebird Conservation Program

It's not too late to get some nest boxes up in April and learn what it takes to help bluebird broods successfully hatch and fledge. Contact Deb Beyer at [deborahbeyer2015@gmail.com](mailto:deborahbeyer2015@gmail.com) or 920.889.0850 for details on an April 10 online program, the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin, connecting with a mentor, and more. Great family project if you have a grassy yard, field or pasture.



## 4-H Drama Games and Readers Theater Get Together!

Hey 4-H Drama fans! We know that this virus thing has been SUPER hard on your creative minds and energy. Pierce County 4-H is inviting you to join in with our new TAAL group (Theater Arts Activity Leaders) who have put together some awesome drama games and readers theater selections.

Here's the scoop:

**WHAT:** Two opportunities, one Zoom and one in-person to get together and do drama games as well as practice a cool readers theater piece. Plus, a readers theater performance night on Zoom!

**FOR WHOM:** 4-H youth and adults in any grade interested in and longing to DO some DRAMA games together and real acting with a readers theater script

**WHERE:** On Zoom and also an in-person session at the Hoffman Park Outdoor Shelter in River Falls (attend one or both)

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 p.m. on Zoom and/or Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Hoffman Park in River Falls from 10-11 a.m. (attend one or both sessions). For those doing the readers theater, your groups will also have a special Zoom performance time set aside on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, curtain is at 7 p.m. sharp!

Please register ahead of time so that we know who to expect, there is no participation fee, we just want to promote 4-H Theater Arts with you, together, for some great learning and dramatic fun! **Register by Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> using your 4-H Online account.** It's listed under Events.



## Young Cooks Recipe Challenge

Open to all youth in grades 1-12

Youth can compete as an individual or as a group.

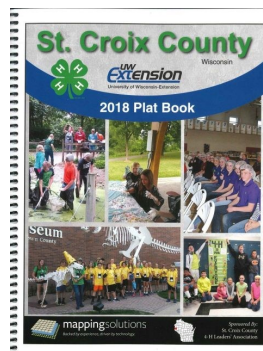


Here is what you need to do:

- 1.) Read all the rules at <https://www.fightbac.org/young-cooks-recipe-challenge/>
- 2.) Create an original **healthy lunch** recipe for either school or home created by you or your team (no desserts).
- 3.) The recipe must have at least **two different ingredients** from this list below (*example: 1 fruit plus 1 vegetable, 1 protein plus 1 grain, etc.*):
  - a. Fruit
  - b. Vegetable
  - c. Whole grain such as oatmeal, brown rice, whole wheat bread, whole grain pasta, etc.
  - d. Lean protein like beans, fish, lean meats, nuts, etc.
- 4.) **Most importantly**, your recipe must include food safety instructions from the [Safe Recipe Style Guide](https://www.saferecipeguide.org/guide/). <https://www.saferecipeguide.org/guide/> This reminds anyone making your recipe to wash their hands, cook their food to safe temperatures, or other important steps!
- 5.) Take a photograph
- 6.) Upload your photo and recipe.

## St. Croix County 4-H 2021 Plat Book

Attention 4-H Families and Friends!! The 2021 St. Croix County Plat Book will be published soon! We encourage you to purchase one when they are available to support St. Croix County 4-H. **Thank you for your support!**



## Report Deadly Road Crossings For Frogs, Salamanders, Snakes & Lizards To Help Prevent Future Roadkills

Any day now, Wisconsin frogs and salamanders will be moving from overwintering locations to their breeding ponds, often crossing roads in very high numbers on rainy spring nights.

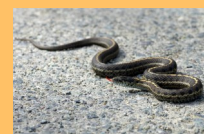
Help the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources save these amphibians by reporting roads where you see them crossing or dead on the road. This information can identify important crossings so we can help mitigate the impacts of road mortality on these species, as well as on snakes and lizards that like to bask on warm roadways during cold days.

Learn more about Wisconsin reptiles and amphibians here:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/herps.asp>

**"REPORT A CROSSING LOCATION HERE":**

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/376fdb89dac942079b179ce6d17efce5>





## **2021 4-H Scholarships / Forgivable Loan / Key Award Applications**

**IMPORTANT – Applicants need to also include an unofficial transcript with their application.**

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 Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. Selection is based on an evaluation of the candidate's total 4-H record (membership, projects, activities, leadership, personal development and county 4-H and community involvement).

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 uploaded no later than Friday, April 9, 2021 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/>

### **St. Croix County 4-H Dairy Member Scholarship** **Sponsored by the Schultz Family**

Who is eligible for this award? High school seniors planning to continue their education in any agriculture related field. (Four year college, two year program, vocational or other). Applicant must have been a St. Croix County 4-H dairy member in good standing for a minimum of 3 years and have a minimum of a 3.0 High School GPA.

Please contact Mary Luckwaldt, [luckwaldt123@yahoo.com](mailto:luckwaldt123@yahoo.com) for complete information and the application.



Must complete the application, provide two letters of recommendation from non-family members and provide a personal resume. To Mary by 11:59 pm on **May 1, 2021. PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE EXTENSION!**

# LEADER NEWS

## 2020-2021 St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Board Members

President - Amanda Hanson (Double Good)

President Elect - Brian Kuhl  
(Hudson Trail Blazers)

Past President - Mary Luckwaldt (Lone Pine)

Secretary - Molly Ziegler (Forest Timberwolves)

Treasurer - Bridget Lentz (Rolling Hills)

Adult Director - Tara Brown (Rolling Hills)

Youth Director - Elizabeth Perry  
(Tri—River Voyagers)

## 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Tuesday, April 20 @ 7pm

### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/92106429273?pwd=cWJaQlBWVmIyZldBTEZGUS8wY0RLQT09>

**Call In:** US: +1 312-626-6799

**Meeting ID:** 921 0642 9273

**Meeting Password:** 676298



If you have items you would like placed on the agenda contact Amanda Hanson

[ahiben@hotmail.com](mailto:ahiben@hotmail.com)

# 4-H LEADERS



## LAST TRAINING UNTIL FALL

### 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](mailto:heather.vierling@wisc.edu)

April 29 @ 6:30pm

(RSVP By: April 15)

### **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  
April 5 @ 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.

Hello Horse Project Members,

### **Important Dates**

March 22	Zoom Question/Answer Meeting hosted By Committee Members @ 7pm
March 29	New member Kick-off meeting at the Extension office in Baldwin @ 7pm
March 31	4-H Enrollment Deadline and 4-H Project Change Deadline
April 1	St. Croix County 2021 Fair Registration Opens
April 5	Horse Project Committee meetings (Youth @7pm and Board @ 7:30-All members are welcome)
May 1	Horse Project Fees and Paperwork Due
May 3	Horse Project Committee meetings
May 31	SCC Fair Registration Closes
June 5	Day Camp
June 17-20	Overnight Camp
July 14-18	St. Croix County Fair

### **Quiz Bowl**

Practices have started on. We are currently planning to switch to practicing **Saturdays at 10am** (first Saturday meeting will be March 27). We are hoping to meet in person soon. For more information on Quiz Bowl contact [stcroixcountyhorseproject@gmail.com](mailto:stcroixcountyhorseproject@gmail.com).

### **Coggins**

We need copies of everyone's Coggins. Please email to [stcroixcountyhorseproject@gmail.com](mailto:stcroixcountyhorseproject@gmail.com). We will need them before you can attend any clinics or camps.

### **Payments**

- Cash
- Check (made out to SCCYHP and mailed to Abby Stark at 755 150th St. Roberts, WI 54023 Venmo @ 'St. Croix County Youth Horse Project')

### **Camps/shirts**

Camp registration forms and t-shirt order forms will be sent out in a separate email in the near future.

### **Misc.**

- The Stalling box on the Member Information form isn't fillable. Please indicate stalling needs on the Quick Reference Guide receipt.
- Our Clinic Schedule will be sent out in a separate email soon.
- Please be sure contact information is up to date: if youth members would like to have their emails added to the distribution list, we can add them in!

Sincerely,  
St. Croix County Youth Horse Project Committee



## **Certified Pullorum Tester Training Seminar for Poultry**

A virtual pullorum tester training seminar will be presented via Zoom on **April 13, 2021**, from **6-7:30 p.m.** by DATCP's Division of Animal Health.



This seminar is for people who would like to become a certified pullorum tester for poultry in Wisconsin. Certified testers can test their own or others' poultry so that flocks can qualify for the National Poultry Improvement Program (NPIP), Wisconsin Tested Flock Program, or for individual testing requirements. Certified testers must be at least 18 years old, and they must adhere to NPIP and Wisconsin Tested Flock program standards. They do not need to be veterinarians or veterinary technicians. The seminar will explain the requirements for the poultry testing programs and demonstrate how to test for poultry diseases – salmonella pullorum and mycoplasma gallisepticum.

**Pre-registration is required.** Please contact Margie Proost by **April 8, 2021**, to register at (608) 224-4877 or by email at [margaret.proost@wisconsin.gov](mailto:margaret.proost@wisconsin.gov).

After you have registered, you will be emailed the Zoom link to attend the training.

There is a \$25 fee for the five-year certification. A form will be supplied that must be mailed with your payment within two weeks after attending the seminar.

### **Goat/Sheep Weigh In—April 10**

The Goat/Sheep weigh in will be held on Saturday, April 10th from 9:00-11:00. The event will be held at the St. Croix County Fairgrounds. Please drive up to the scale house. We will be following COVID guidelines. You will be responsible for unloading your animals. We will be practicing social distancing. Masks will be required.

### **Photography Project ~ April 2021**

Spring has Sprung!!! I don't know if there will be any more snow at the time of writing this for this year but for now Spring is here!!!

I am setting up a ZOOM Meeting for the 1st and 2nd year Photography Project Members to take place on **Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 am!** The 3rd year members are invite to attend also if you feel you have questions. We will talk about the 5 Basics to Photography and Fair Presentation. We will go over judging too!!

Please have your camera and a couple of photos that you have taken printed out (it's fine if they are on paper). They should be either a 4 x 6 or a 5 x 7. Hope to see you then!! I will post the link to the ZOOM call next week! For those of you that have been in the project for 3 years or more, what do you want to learn more about? Let me know some ideas and I will also plan a ZOOM meeting for you! I want to know what you want to learn more about!

4-H is so much more than just the Fair and it is one of the best learning experiences for everyone involved! Keep on working on your projects and have fun!

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

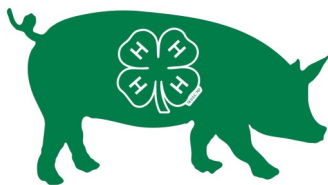
Have an amazing day, Kay Jacobsen ~ St. Croix County Photography Project Leader

Our email is [sccphotographyproject@gmail.com](mailto:sccphotographyproject@gmail.com) and the Facebook page is SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT (request to join and you will be accepted!).



### Livestock Committee Meeting

Our next meeting for the St. Croix County Livestock Committee will be held at the St. Croix County Fairgrounds on **Tuesday April 13th, 2021 at 7:00pm**. We will be holding our meeting in the new Livestock Barn. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring and wear a mask to ensure everyone's safety. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please feel free to contact Paige Saniter at [paige.weiske00@gmail.com](mailto:paige.weiske00@gmail.com).



### Livestock Rules Meeting

There will be one more Livestock Rules Meetings. The meeting will be held virtually on **Sunday, April 18th at 7:00 pm**.

Please contact Lori DeBoer at [lordeb651@gmail.com](mailto:lordeb651@gmail.com) for link information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Thanks. Lori



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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".

**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](mailto: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>



## **Dog Obedience Project Members**

To those of you who have signed up for the dog project and plan to show or participate in dog obedience or showmanship, the St. Croix County Dog Obedience Committee would like to welcome you!

We are currently working on plans for this year's training and keeping up with the current guidelines for holding in-person classes.

Please watch your email in April for more information about our mandatory informational meeting and other important documents. We hope to be able to start in-person training classes in May 2021 if possible.

Please monitor your email for more information as we look forward to seeing you all in person this year!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Valerie Meijer. [vmeijer1985@gmail.com](mailto:vmeijer1985@gmail.com)

Thank you,

St. Croix 4-H Dog Project Obedience Committee



## **Dog Agility Program**

Dog project member who train at the novice obedience level or higher are eligible to train for agility and rally. Weekly outdoor practices will be starting as the weather warms. Contact Johnathan Beyer at [rex060106@gmail.com](mailto:rex060106@gmail.com) or Deb Beyer at [deborahbeyer2015@gmail.com](mailto:deborahbeyer2015@gmail.com) or 920.889.0850 if you are interested.



## **CALLING ALL DAIRY JUDGES!**

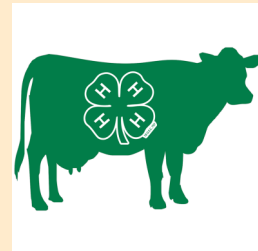
Dairy judging practice will start on **Tuesday, April 6, 7:00 PM** at

NOVA Holsteins, Lance and Ryan Kamm Farm, 1710 190<sup>th</sup> St., New Richmond.

Participants will need to pre-register by email to Mary Luckwaldt at [luckwaldt123@yahoo.com](mailto:luckwaldt123@yahoo.com). Please indicate if you are a new dairy judge, a junior team member or a senior members.

All 4-H members are welcome to participate in dairy judging.

Participants will be required to wear a mask.





# ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR

## SAVE THE DATE!



Plans are underway for the 2021 St. Croix County Fair! More information will follow in the coming months, but rest assured, there will definitely be a Fair this year. So stay tuned and start getting your exhibits ready!

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the County Fair (judging, entertainment, grandstand, parking, commercial vendors, etc.) If you or your family have a few hours to spare your help is appreciated. To volunteer contact Gail Maier, Fair Board President

[mmaiergail@aol.com](mailto:mmaiergail@aol.com)



## Fair Superintendents Needed

The St. Croix County Fair Board is seeking adults who are interested in serving as a 2021 Fair Superintendent. Superintendents are needed for all departments of youth judging including Animal and Non Animal.

If you are interested in serving please complete the application on the next page and return it to the fair board by **April 31, 2021**. If you completed an application in 2020 you do not need to complete a new one.

If you have questions please contact Gail Maier, Fair Board President [mmaiergail@aol.com](mailto:mmaiergail@aol.com)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE!! SOCIALIZATION!! CREATIVITY!!

**Promote the Fair Contest**  
Entries due June 27, 2021



All 4-H Clubs, FFA, FHA and other organized youth groups in St. Croix County are invited to participate in the Promote the Fair Sign Contest. This is a great opportunity for major Community Service as well as an outlet to showcase and display creative talents while spreading the word about the St. Croix County Fair! Signs promoting the fair may be put up in any prominent indoor/outdoor location in the County. Be sure to get property owners permission!

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Place -\$125, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$100, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$75. Every road sign/road display will receive \$50 (up to two per organization), and posters will receive \$15 (one per organization), although each organization may put up an unlimited number of posters.

Signs must be in place no later than end of day, Sunday, June 27, 2021 and remain up through July 18, 2021.

Any material may be used for the road sign, so be creative! The sign can be any size, keeping in mind bright colors and large print have the best visibility. The sign must be easily seen by the public as they are passing by (most often in a vehicle at moderate speed) and must be in a prominent location (intersections, lot corners, town entrances, building walls, etc.).

The Rules are simple:

1. The display must include **ALL** of the following words:

**St. Croix County Fair; Glenwood City, WI; and Dates of the Fair.**

2. Be in a prominent location
3. Any type of material or size
4. Be easily seen by the public.

Along with the Name of your club or organization, contact person with phone number, email, and exact direction to the location of your display must be sent, emailed or phoned in by June 27, 2021 to Cindy Croes Olson, [ccroes88@gmail.com](mailto:ccroes88@gmail.com); 651-470-1581.



## **2021 St. Croix County Fair Superintendent Application**

Due: April 31<sup>st</sup> to Gail Maier, Fair Board President [mmaiergail@aol.com](mailto:mmaiergail@aol.com)

For further information you can also contact  
[heather.vierling@wisc.edu](mailto:heather.vierling@wisc.edu) and/or [jackiekumm@edinarealty.com](mailto:jackiekumm@edinarealty.com)

**\*\*Must be 21 years old to apply\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you as a youth or an adult exhibited at any Fair in this project/department area? Y N

☐ Exhibited \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Volunteered previous, if so where/when? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Do you have entry intake experience? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ What kind of exhibit experience do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever served as a Fair Superintend before? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what department: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been charged on a felony or misdemeanor charge? \_\_\_\_\_

Convicted Y N If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been through the 4-H Certified Leader Training? (VIP) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any conflicts during July 7<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 2021 that we should be aware of? (If yes please state them) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list a reference we can contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

**Hot news: We are again participating in St. Croix Valley Give Big, April 27, 2021. Give Big is a great opportunity to make a difference with donations, large or small, to local charities – including Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds. The great news, we already have two anonymous donors who will each match donations up to a total of \$1,000!! Watch the Friends Face Book page and the weekly Email Blast for additional details – or go to the St. Croix Valley Give Big web site**

Give Big notes:

- All donations, large or small are welcome
- Donations can either be made through the St. Croix Valley Give Big website using your credit card or directly to Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds
- Donations made by credit card will be assessed a service charge
- Donations sent directly to Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds should be made by check and sent to Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 306, New Richmond, WI 54017. Please write Give Big on the memo line.
- Promote our Give Big campaign through your social media – your support can have a big impact
- **Help us exceed our challenge matches of \$2,000.**

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

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

**2021 Tax Notes (Be sure and consult with your tax/investment professionals for details)**

- All taxpayers taking the standard deduction are also entitled to make a \$300 charitable donation (\$600 for a couple filing jointly) to a qualified 501C3 charity such as Friends.
- Tax payers required to take a RMD (required minimum distribution) from their IRA can reduce their tax liability by having a charitable donation made directly from the IRA.





## Young People's Art Exhibit

The Young People's Art Exhibit (YPAE) is open to all students in grades six through 12 who are currently enrolled in public, private, parochial or home schooled in Wisconsin. Entries may include painting, drawing, computer-generated art, printmaking, design, sculpture, fabric craft, jewelry, photography and ceramic. All art must be the original work of the student. Important dates for this competition:

- Entry Deadline and Drop-Off Date: April 19, 2021
- Judging: April 21, 2021

For more information go to <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/young-peoples-art-exhibit/>



## Wisconsin State Fair Culinary Contest



Do you love baking and cooking for fun or as part of a hobby? Then enter your best recipes in the Culinary Competitions at the State Fair! There are **30 separate categories** to enter! Important dates for this competition: Entry Deadline: June 3, 2021

For more information go to <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/culinary/>

## Agriculture's Brighter Side Video Contest

Here is an opportunity for anybody, whether you're on a farm or in the city, to create up to a 3-minute video to celebrate "Agriculture's Brighter Side" showing how you utilize products produced by hard-working farmers or highlighting the agriculture industry. The contest begins April 1 and entries can be submitted through April 30th. Visitors to the website (general public, friends, family, etc.) will then vote for their favorite videos until May 9.



Alforex Seeds is planning to run this contest every other month throughout the year. Check out <https://agriculturesbrighterside.com/> for more details to share out this information.



## Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations Needed

We need your help in nominating prospective honorees for induction into the 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. Give some thought to who you would like to honor and talk to others to get the ball rolling in your county! Review the criteria and enlist any help you may need in writing up a nomination or talk to your agent and set out on your own. The deadline for receiving nominations is May 20, 2021. For more information go to <https://blogs.extension.wisc.edu/programcomms/files/2021/03/2021-WI-HOF-Nomination-Form.pdf>

## 2021 Wisconsin State Fair Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarship

For eligibility requirements and procedure go to: <https://www.gbrla.com/scholarship/scholarship-information>

All applicants must complete and submit a Blue-Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation scholarship application online to be submitted no later than **Thursday, April 15, 2021.**



## 2nd Annual Wisconsin 4-H Service Learning Project Plarn Mats Project

**What is plarn?** It's "plastic yarn." Youth cut plastic shopping bags into loops. They knot those loops together to make plastic yarn. One youth or volunteer crochets the plarn into a mat. Reusing plastic bags helps the environment. Donated mats support individuals who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

**Who can be part of the project?** Everyone. From Kindergarten to adulthood, anyone can help. There are five project steps. Youth can help collect and sort bags, cut plastic loops, knot plarn together. They can even crochet the plarn into a mat. Youth leaders play an important role in identifying where to donate plarn or mats, leading discussions, and organizing the project.

**What will the youth learn?** Youth learn about homelessness through the project, going beyond stereotypes we see on television. The Explore More section encourages youth to do research and get involved. Then, they can share what they learn with others. Information and resources are included to support youth participants who know someone or are experiencing homelessness themselves.

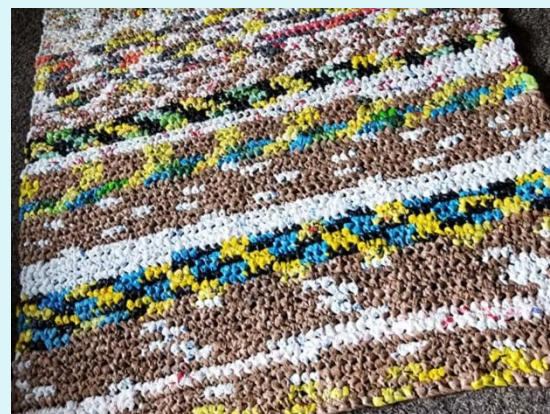
**How do I find out more?** Visit the 4-H website at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/plarn-mats/>. Then click the buttons for more:

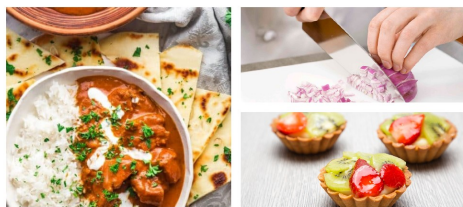
- "Access the Plarn Mats Activity Plan" –Get an email copy of the plan plus additional resources (short survey required).
- "Cutting Loops Video" and "Making Plarn Video" – Watch the how-to videos from Lily, youth leader and lead author.
- "Project Donation Survey" – Share your group's donations with Wisconsin 4-H.

**Get Involved:** Watch the [\*Virtual Learning Community Calendar\*](#) for chances to learn more about this project. Sessions will be led by co-authors:

- Rachel Hart-Brinson, Eau Claire 4-H Program Coordinator
- Andrea Rippley, Jackson/Trempealeau Counties 4-H Program Coordinator
- Lily S., Eau Claire County 4-H Youth Leader

**Let's work together to make a big difference in 2021!!**





## JOIN A VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS TEEN EATS

Super-size your cooking skills with a focus on fresh taste and international flair. This 6 lesson course will have you loving foods and flavors you've never experienced.

☐ basic ☒ intermediate ☐ advanced



**GRADES 9-13**  
**APRIL 8-MAY 13, 2021,**  
**4:30-5:30 PM**  
**6 week series - via Zoom**  
\*basic cooking skills recommended

To Register [4H Calendar](#) or  
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/calendar/>

Questions? [simon.holly@countyofdane.com](mailto:simon.holly@countyofdane.com)

## Virtual Cooking Class TEEN EATS

Interested in a cooking class that goes beyond the basics? Super-size your cooking skills with a focus on fresh taste and international flair. This 6 lesson course will have you loving foods and flavors you've never experienced.

We will send welcome notes via email to participants as they register. They will have access to our course outline (syllabus) via Google folder, learn when they will receive Zoom link, and they'll have contact info, accessibility numbers, etc.

- Open to High school age students
- Limited to 20 participants
- April 8—May 13

Registration now open in 4HOnline.

Register today for the new **#FunwithForensics** virtual mini-camp! Open to youth in grades 6 through grade 13.

Join us to participate in some great hands-on activities and learn about the real world of forensic science. Learn more and see session descriptions by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/ForensicScienceFun>

Register through 4-H Online by April 5.



## 4-H FUN with FORENSICS

**FORENSICS**  
Examining the  
evidence

A 5-part short series intro to Forensic Science  
Thursdays, April 8-May 6 at 6 PM via Zoom



## That's Not What I Meant



Come learn from Emily and Megan how to have hard conversations. Everyone gets nervous sometimes, leaving a conversation wishing we would have said or done things differently. Let's learn more about ourselves and boost our emotional intelligence so we feel more confident in our abilities. This is geared to **youth in grades 6-9**, but anyone older can join. In fact, we'll have some opportunities for youth to invite their loved ones, too.

We will explore our self-awareness, body and nonverbal language, reflection and listening (to ourselves and others), mental health, and intergenerational communication in a REALLY informal and safe environment.

Emily Crook, La Crosse County Youth Educator, has a background in youth development and listening. She knows how to keep it real and celebrate our inner beauty.

Megan Suehring, Shawano County Youth Educator, has a background in youth development too and youth mental health. She knows how to be positive and embrace the chaos.

Join us Tuesdays, April 20 – May 25 from 8:00-9:00 pm for a chat that will raise your points in emotional intelligence. **Register now through 4HOnline!**



# OTHER NEWS



## JOB CORPS INFORMATION

### CAREERS BEGIN HERE!

#### ABOUT JOB CORPS

The nation's largest FREE residential career training program for young adults ages 16-24.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor. It began in 1964. More than 2 million people have completed training.

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Age 16-24
- U.S. Citizen, Legal Resident or Authorized To Work In U.S.
- Meet Low Income Requirements
- No Pending Court Cases
- Not Currently on Parole or Probation
- No Fines Over \$500 (i.e. Court, traffic, parking, truancy)
- Motivated and Committed

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

—Eleanor Roosevelt



#### BENEFITS

- Self-paced program
- Free housing, education and vocational training
- Free basic healthcare, dentistry and vision
- Free meals & snacks
- Free driver's education
- Free tutoring
- \$25 biweekly allowance (taxes are deducted)
- Off on major holidays
- Recreational activities (on and off center)
- Career assistance after finishing
- Up to \$1200 graduation bonus
- Transportation is provided
- Advanced training, if eligible
- Preparation for military
- Gain life & work skills
- Positively change life
- Gain multi-cultural awareness
- Obtain technical skills
- Become independent

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#### BLACKWELL TRADES

- Brick Masonry
- Carpentry
- Construction Craft Laborer
- Welding
- Wildland Fire Fighting Program (secondary trade)

\* The Wildland Fire Fighting program is not a trade by itself. It is in addition to one of the 4 trades offered.

**Books, worksheets, testing material and specialized safety equipment are provided at no cost.**

#### MILWAUKEE TRADES

- Cement Masonry
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Material Handling
- Manufacturing Technology
- Medical Office Administrative Assistant
- Welding

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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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