



COMMUNICATOR

2023-2024 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 1 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 15 to add or delete any projects.

Get the Most out of Your 4-H Newsletter

Each newsletter is filled with opportunities to expand your involvement and knowledge in leadership, community service, and your project areas - so much that it can be overwhelming.

We recommend that:

- ◆ When you receive your 4-H newsletter print it off. Take some time to review it. Use a highlighter for any items that interest you or that you may have questions about.
- ◆ Mark those dates in your family calendar.
- ◆ RSVP and fill out forms for events soon after receiving the newsletter. The longer you wait, the more likely you are to forget.
- ◆ For Leaders: At your club meetings, please announce events that you think will interest your club members.
- ◆ If you misplace your newsletter you can find it posted on the UW - Extension St. Croix County website. <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/> Under the 4-H tab look for "St. Croix County 4-H Newsletters".
- ◆ If you are not receiving a newsletter please contact Laura at the UW-Extension Office.



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4-H Pledge

*"I pledge my HEAD to
clearer thinking,
my HEART to greater
loyalty,
my HANDS to larger
service, and
my HEALTH to better
living, for my club, my
community, my country,
and my world."*

Join us on Facebook

*St. Croix County 4-H &
Extension St Croix County WI*

Office Hours:

*Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm*

Due to community work, trainings and meetings please call ahead to our office to ensure that someone will be here to support your needs. We don't want you to make unwanted or unnecessary trips.

CALENDAR

February

- 3 Sheep & Goat: Lambing & Kidding Clinic
- 4 Dog Project Agility and Rally Training
- 5 Horse Project Monthly Meeting
- 8 Fair Board Meeting
- 11 Dog Project Agility and Rally Training
- 12 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 18 Dog Project Agility and Rally Training
- 20 Cloverbuds @ Home
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- 25 Dog Project Agility and Rally Training
- 29 St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project committee meeting



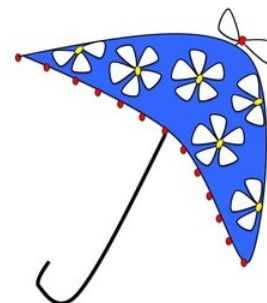
March

- 1 Enrollment Deadline to show at St. Croix Co. Fair under 4-H
- 2 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 3 Dog Project Agility and Rally Training
- 4 Horse Project Monthly Meeting
- 10 4-H Day @ Trollhaugen
- 10 Dog Project Agility and Rally Training
- 11 Unmounted Jumping/Dressage clinic
- 12 Leaders Association Meeting
- 15 4-H Deadline to add/delete projects
- 16 Dog Project Showmanship Seminar
- 17 Dog Project Agility and Rally Training
- 19 Livestock Workshop
- 19 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 24 Dog Project Agility and Rally Training



April

- 1 4 -H Scholarship Applications Due
- 1 Fair Entry Opens
- 1 Horse Project Monthly Meeting
- 4 & 7 Mandatory Dog Project Kick Off Meeting
- 16 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 25 Dog obedience orientation for beginners



CLUB INFORMATION



2024 Clover College Registration OPEN

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024
Who: All youth K - 5th grade
Location: Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI
Time: 9 am - 2:30 pm
Cost: \$20 / youth + optional \$10 lunch

Registration Deadline: Feb. 9, 2024
First Come First Serve – sessions fill up quick! No refund for cancellations will be issued after the deadline.

Registration form found on next page or website: <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-event-calendar-2/>

Attention 4-H High School Seniors 2024!!

St. Croix County 4-H Educational Scholarships are now available! Each year, the SCC 4-H Leaders Association has granted scholarships to graduating seniors who are pursuing a post secondary education. Check out the link below for the details on how to apply for a 2024 4-H Scholarships - Deadline for all applications is **Monday, April 1 at 5pm.**

Visit the Extension Website for more information and the applications: <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships-awards/>

For help with creating cover letters and resumes, applicants should reach out to their club leaders, teachers or parents. There are also sample resumes at: <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships-awards/>



- St. Croix County 4-H Educational Scholarship Application 2024 <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/01/2024-Scholarship-Description-Application-2024.01.30.pdf>
- St. Croix County 4-H TRADE Education Scholarship Application 2024 <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/01/2024-TRADE-Education-Scholarship-Description-Application-2024.01.30.pdf>
- Betty Utecht Forgivable Loan Application 2024 (for the field of nursing) <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/01/2024-Betty-Utecht-Forgivable-Loan-Application-2024.01.30.pdf>
- Kaila Fouks 4-H Memorial Scholarship (pursuing a career in dairy science) <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/01/2024-Scholarship-Description-Application-2024.01.30.pdf>

Clover College

Saturday, February 24, 2024 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Camp St. Croix, Hudson

Open to all youth grades K-5th

Registration begins at 8:30AM/Sessions at 9:00AM

Registration Fee: \$20.00 / youth + optional \$10.00 lunch



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

2024 Clover College Participant Registration

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Grade _____ Parent (s) name _____

Gender _____ Health Concerns: (allergies.etc.) _____

Emergency contact name _____ Emergency contact telephone _____

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

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

Optional provided lunch or bring a sack lunch. Registration \$20.00 per youth. Lunch \$10.00 per youth.

Amount enclosed: _____ (\$20 or \$30) Check _____ Cash _____ Club Paying: _____

_____ Fee Waiver - please email sky.holt@wisc.edu or call Sky 715-928-9836 with your request.

Registration Deadline: Feb. 9, 2024 No refund for cancellations will be issued after the deadline.

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

Return to: SCC 4-H, Attn: Clover College, 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140, Baldwin WI 54002

Please rank your TOP TEN choices (1 highest to 10 lowest). First-come / first-serve for session choices. All youth will attend 3-5 sessions. Limited participants in each session.

_____ *Acrylic Painting Class (G 3-5)* _____ *Talk'n Dogs (K-5)* _____ *Cricut Crafts (G 3-5)*

_____ *SpringTime in the Woods (K-5)* _____ *Treats for Our Feathered Friends (and us!) (K-5)*

_____ *Leathercraft (K-5)* _____ *Wild Mammals of Wisconsin (K-5)* _____ *Sphero Balls! Fun with Robotics! (K-2)*

_____ *Quilling Basics (K-5)* _____ *Build Your Own Puppet Show (K-5)* _____ *Hula Hoop Rugs (K-5)*

_____ *Woodworking - Tic Tac Toe Board (K-2)* _____ *Woodworking - Book Rest (3-5)*

_____ *Just in "Time" to "Gear" Up! (G 3-5)* _____ *Scrapbooking/Record Book Pages (K-5)* _____ *Bookmark Crafts (K-5)*

_____ *Jade Plant Propagation (K-5)* _____ *Sew a Library Bag (K-5)* _____ *Optical Illusion Drawing (K-5)*

Yes ____ No ____ I am available to help with sessions at Clover College on February 24, 2024:

Name: _____

Clover College: Session Descriptions

Saturday, February 24, 2024 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Acrylic Painting Class (1 hr 55 minutes)

Stephanie Weber

The painting class for youth where I'll instruct on a pre-chosen seasonal painting design, step by step, as they follow along.. Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 20

Talk'n Dogs (55 minutes)

Deb Beyer, Jean Gustafson, Greta Gustafson w/Bert, the show dog

In this class, we will learn about dog breeds and their intended jobs, how dogs "talk" to us and how we should and should not talk to them, and we will practice some dog obedience training exercises with pretend dogs. You will also get to meet a real, live 4-H show dog.

Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15

Cricut Crafts (55 minutes)

Lindsay Spindler

Have you ever wanted to make custom designs for t-shirts, stickers, and more? Come learn more about making your very own, one of a kind, designs using the Cricut machine.

****Youth will need to bring a shirt to do an iron-on design.****

Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 8

SpringTime in the Woods (55 minutes)

Mike Lindley

Teach kids about turkey hunting, shed deer antler hunting and other cool things to see in the woods in the springtime.

Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10

Treats for Our Feathered Friends (and us!) (55 minutes)

****Allergy note: peanut butter will be used in this class**

Molly Ziegler

We will be creating treats for our bird friends by making a pinecone bird feeder. We will also make a treat for us by making bird nest cookies.

Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15

Leathercraft (55 minutes)

Heidi Wagner

Come and learn the art of leather stamping and design and bring home a project for the fair.

Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10

Wild Mammals of Wisconsin (55 minutes)

Deb Beyer

Learn about the wild mammals that live all around us, but we often do not get to see. See and touch wild mammal furs, and meet some live, 4-H project mammals that are related to wild ones.

Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15

Sphero Balls! Fun with Robotics! (55 minutes)

Abby Bateman

Cloverbuds will explore and use ipads connected to Sphero balls. They will work on controlling the Spheros in multiple ways.

Grades K-2, Class Limit: 10

Quilling Basics (55 minutes)

Michelle Johnson

Choose from 4 different quilled creations: Fish, Hedgehog, Seahorse, or Dragonfly. This quilled creation will be displayed on a canvas background. Canvas will be decorated by the participant using water colors. Grades K-5, Class Limit: 10

Build Your Own Puppet Show (55 minutes)

Bridget Lentz

Make a puppet and practice putting together a story with others.

Grades K-5 Class Limit: 12

Hula Hoop Rugs (1 hr 55 minutes)

Jennie Bazille

Join the fun! Learn to make a small rug using a hula hoop and old t-shirts.

Grades K-5 Class limit: 15

Woodworking - Tic Tac Toe Board (1 hr 55 minutes)

Anne Wittman

Create your own hand crafted tic tac toe board using woodworking tools with a skilled 4-H woodworking expert!

Grades K-2 Class Limit: 8

Woodworking - Book Rest (1 hr 55 minutes)

Anne Wittman

The perfect woodworking project for Book Lovers. Not only do they look attractive sitting on your end table or night stand, but useful too!

Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 8

Just in "Time" to "Gear" Up! (55 minutes)

Rob and Tara Brown

Did you know that not all clocks need batteries! In this hands-on session, students will learn about the power of gears and will assemble a gear clock kit to take home for the Fair! Limited to youth in 3rd-5th grade only.

Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 8

Scrapbooking I Record Book Pages (55 minutes)

Carole Schurtz

Bring in 4-6 of your favorite 4-H photos (4x6) and we will show you how fun it can be to scrapbook them for your record book or just for fun.

Grades K-5 Class Limit: 12

Bookmark Crafts (55 minutes)

Cami Curtis and Ella Curtis

Use your creativity to design a variety of make and take bookmarks. Keep them for yourself or make them to give as gifts.

Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10

Jade Plant Propagation (55 minutes)

Jackie Kumm, Judy Lacy & Kathy Adamek

Youth will learn how to take cuttings to divide and grow their own Jade plant. Jade is a succulent is an indoor plant that you can watch multiply.

Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15

Sew a Library Bag (55 minutes)

Theresa Douglas

You'll sew a lined canvas drawstring bag, practice stitching straight, ironing seam allowances, threading a drawstring, and installing grommets. All bags will be green canvas with options for lining fabric, or you can bring 1/2 yard of the lining fabric of your choice.

Grades K-5 Class Limit: 8

Optical Illusion Drawing (55 minutes)

Becky Olson

This unique drawing technique using shapes, colors & patterns in special ways creates drawings that appear to be lifting off the page. Learn to trick your eyes and brains to see things differently!

Grades K-5. Class Limit: 15

Lone Pine 4-H memorial donation to United Fire & Rescue

Submitted by Mary Luckwaldt, Lone Pine 4-H Club Leader

A newly enjoyed tradition of the Lone Pine 4H Club is a Christmas Auction that takes place at the December Club meeting. After learning about auctioneering, members were able to bid on wrapped gifts in a live auction.

In 2022, the proceeds of the Christmas Auction were given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For 2023, the club went in a different direction. Lone Pine was deeply saddened at the passing of a passionate, enthusiastic 4-H dad, James Shearer, whose children participate in the club. To remember and honor the life of James, Lone Pine donated \$2,106.00 from the auction to another organization James partook in – United Fire and Rescue. Lone Pine is proud to support a hardworking, selfless group and to honor the contributions James made to both organizations.

At their January meeting, Lone Pine invited members of United Fire to receive the donation and speak to the club about their organization. District Chief Gary Newton answered questions pertaining to fire safety and smoke detectors and promised the money donated would assist their organization greatly.

Lone Pine 4-H would once again like to thank United Fire and Rescue for their outstanding contributions and wish them well in their great efforts in serving the community. Additionally, Lone Pine honors the memory and contributions of James Shearer to our club and community.

James – you will never be forgotten!

Finally, Lone Pine wishes to thank James Mentink of Mentink's Auction Service for teaching us about auctioneering and allowing us to practice bidding because in 4-H, we learn by doing!

Photo: James Shearer Memorial – Members of United Fire and Rescue are surrounded by the Lone Pine 4-H Club members and the Shearer Family. At the January meeting, \$2,106.00 was donated by the families of the club to United in remembrance of James Shearer.



Baldwin Wide Awake made tie blankets and donated them to Our Neighbors' Place, a local non-profit organization that provides support, shelter and housing services to Pierce and St. Croix counties.

2024 4-H TRIP PARTICIPANTS

LOCAL Application:

Thinking about taking a trip in 2024? Just a reminder to members attending 4-H trips - the Leaders Association offers trip scholarships for eligible applicants to help cover some of the cost of the trip.

Forms can be found **HERE** <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships-awards/>

Deadlines –

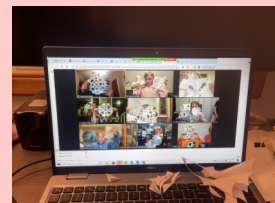
For trips scheduled in February 2024-June 30, 2024, application deadline is no later than **Friday, April 5, 2024** at 5:00pm.

STATEWIDE application:

The 2024 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Educational Experiences Scholarship application is now posted **HERE:** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/statewide-scholarships/>

CLOVERBUDS AT HOME - January

This past month Cloverbuds at Home made snowflakes. The kids had so much fun cutting and creating their very own snowflakes!



4-H Day @ Trollhaugen - Sunday, March 10th 2024

Program Schedule:

Skiing and Snowboarding (Reserve by March 1, 2024)

Arrival - 11:30am arrival (no early arrivals or sales)

Free Beginner Lessons - 12:00pm-1:00pm - Ages 10+

Free Snowsports Merit Badge Test - 2:30pm

Tubing

Arrival 15-30 minutes prior to your tubing time (12pm, 2pm, 4pm starts)

Fees:

Lift Ticket \$22

Rental Package (ski or snowboard - includes helmet) \$20

Tubing Ticket \$18 - 2 hours

How To Register:

Call 715-755-2955 x223 or email rose@trollhaugen.com Clubs must pre-register by

BY MARCH 1st, 2024 (Space is Limited and we may reach our capacity before this date - so please reserve as soon as possible).

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



LEADER NEWS

VOLUNTEER TRAINING REMINDERS!

Just a reminder that according to Wisconsin 4-H policy – “All 4-H programs and activities must be supervised by a staff member or an approved 4-H volunteer, 18 years of age or older, who has completed all the following steps:

Step 1: Enroll in 4-H Online including agreeing to the **Division of Extension Volunteer Behavior Expectations.**

Step 2: Complete Criminal Background Check* (information will be sent via email to all new potential volunteers once a person has enrolled)

Step 3: Complete Volunteer Training Modules:

- **UW Madison Supporting You, Supporting Youth Training:** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/supporting-you-supporting-youth/>
- **UW System Mandated Reporter Training:** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/mandated-reporter-training-for-4-h-volunteers/>
- **Wisconsin 4-H Grow Green Volunteer Orientation:** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/grow-green/>
- **Division of Extension Building Safe Spaces Training:** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/building-safe-spaces/>

Until you have completed the steps, you are not considered an approved 4-H volunteer, and you are not covered by the liability coverage provided to volunteers of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension if an incident or injury occurs while you perform volunteer duties in 4-H.

**St. Croix
County 4-H
Leaders
Association
Meeting**

**March 12 @
7:00pm**

**UW-Extension
Office or via
ZOOM**

**Agenda will be
sent out prior
to the meeting**



REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS FROM ST. CROIX COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

To request reimbursement of an expense your club or committee has incurred - please use this form <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/12/4-H-Request-Reimbursement-Form.pdf> found on the Extension website.

Return to the SCC 4-H Leaders Association

Email: scc4hleaders@gmail.com

Mail: 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140; Baldwin, WI 54002

4-H Volunteer Impact Study – Watch Your Email, You May Be Contacted!

Volunteers - what you do makes a difference and we want to hear from you! Read here for information on how you may be selected to participate in a Volunteer Impact Study this month!

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2024/01/25/4-h-volunteer-impact-study-watch-your-email-you-may-be-contacted/>

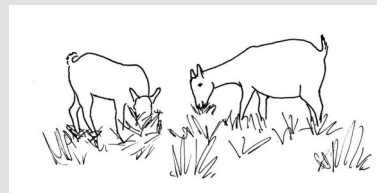
4-H Event Insurance

As you plan out your club calendar take note of those activities that may require additional insurance. This insurance will cover all participants (youth/adult, 4-H and non 4-H). The cost is \$0.30/person/day. Please fill out this form to request insurance: <https://forms.gle/Pk9S1xxmXfHmYtgE8>



Sheep & Goat: Lambing & Kidding Clinic

When: Saturday February 3rd, 2024 10:00 AM
Where: Peterson Hyway Farm
W6621 610th Avenue Ellsworth, WI 54011



Get your sheep or goat clinic done early this year!
Please join us at the Peterson Hyway Farm for a lambing and kidding clinic. Please keep an eye on the communicator, your emails and the Facebook St Croix County Livestock Events Page for updates in case it needs to be rescheduled due to weather.



Interstate Livestock Show

SAVE THE
DATE FOR
THIS YEAR'S
SHOW! JUNE
22, 2024



Interested in contributing your ideas to the 2024 Interstate Livestock Show? Join our Zoom meeting on **February 20th, 2024 at 7:00 pm**. We are looking for both youth and adult voice to shape this year's show!

Zoom link: <https://go.wisc.edu/x9heu>
Contact Lindsay for more details at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

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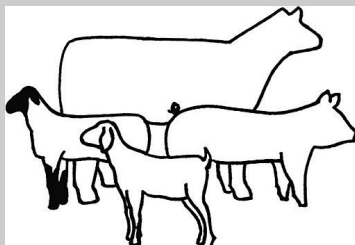
Zoom link: <https://go.wisc.edu/x9heu>

Contact Lindsay Spindler for more details at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu

Livestock Committee News

Final Rules Meeting:

Saturday, March 2 9:30 am
@
UW Madison Extension Office,
Baldwin



Save the Date:

Livestock Workshop

Tuesday, March 19

6:00 pm

@ Baldwin Extension Office

More details to come.

St. Croix County Youth Horse Project

All Horse project parents and youth are welcome and encouraged!

Upcoming 2024 Youth Horse Project Meetings - Ag Center

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

- Monday February 5th
- Monday March 4th
- Monday, March 11th - Unmounted Jumping/Dressage clinic
- Monday April 1st
- Monday May 6st
- Monday June 3rd
- Monday July 1st
- Monday Aug 5th (project recap meeting)
- No Sept meeting
- Monday Oct 7th – 2024 Year-end banquet



Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association

The WI 4-H Horse Association has updated their handbook for the year. Link: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/wisconsin-4-h-horse-association/>

This is where horse loving youth and adult volunteers will find the calendar of events, information about specific state horse activities and rules, and much more.

New starting in 2024 for State 4-H Horse Shows:

- Youth are permitted to share a horse.
- Each exhibitor may show any combination of classes provided the horse is only shown once in a specific class number (horse may not show against itself).



Horse Educational:

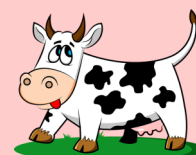
- Did you know that there are a number of horse educational activities that don't require the member to show/have a horse - just a spark for horses?
- There is a horse speaking and demonstration contest, hippology (skill-a-thon), horse quiz bowl, judging, team problem solving, model horse, and areas for the arts such as photography, posters, drawing and painting, and more.
- More information about all of these can be found in the horse handbook.

Also, make sure to check-out the information on their Used Tack Sale - it is one of the biggest fundraisers for the State Horse Association and how the help keep costs for shows and activities at a reasonable rate.

Dairy Committee

Committee Meeting:

Monday, February 12 at 7 pm
@ UW-Extension Office, Baldwin



Dog Project 2024

Upcoming Events! Save the Date!

Questions? Please reach out to dogprojectstcroix@gmail.com or message our Facebook group @St.Croix County 4-H Dog Project Members



February 4, 3-4 pm and running consecutively on Sundays	Agility and Rally Training. This is held indoors at Overdale Kennel, N8694 County Road B, Spring Valley Wi. 54767. There's still time to sign up!!! Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance of (or have attended in previous years) the Bite Prevention Seminar. Completion of Pre Novice (2+ years in project) Dogs must be up to date on vaccines required by the dog project. Special note that all dog project members may attend to observe any practices regardless of years in project, <i>without dogs</i>. This class will run for a consecutive 8 weeks, dates are subject to change. To sign up, email to dogprojectstcroix@gmail.com
February 24	Clover College. Talk'n Dogs – open to all youth grades K-5 Come talk about dogs and learn how dogs talk to us! Learn safety tips with dogs, identify dog breeds and discover jobs that dogs can do for us. Meet a live 4-H show dog and experience what it is like to be in a dog training class with your own pretend dog. Pretend dogs provided! For registration, see Clover College Information in this newsletter.
February 25, 2-3pm	Tricks that Transition! and Attention Development. This is held indoors at Overdale Kennel, N8694 County Road B, Spring Valley Wi. 54767. <i>Youth/Dog teams must have completed Beginner Pre-Novice (in obedience) and should attend as a team. Dogs must be up to date on all vaccines required by the dog project. First year dog project members are welcome to come observe <u>without</u> their dogs. To register, email: dogprojectstcroix@gmail.com</i>
February 29 Thursday, 7 pm	St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project committee meeting. This is a business meeting for the project leaders, held at UWEX 1960 8th Ave. Baldwin, WI. Any parents or youth who want to participate in the planning discussions are welcome.
March 16	Showmanship Seminar. This educational session is open to all dog project members. No dogs please. More details coming soon!
<u>Required</u> - Spring Training Season: April-July	<i>Spring training for the youth/dog teams in obedience is required for all members and is foundational for expanding to additional disciplines. This is preparation for the St. Croix Co. Dog Show.</i>
April 4 & April 7 Times TBD	Mandatory Dog Project Kick Off Meeting. Held at the UWEX, 1960 8th Ave. Baldwin, WI. All dog project members MUST ATTEND ONE of the two dates offered.
April 25th Time TBD	Dog obedience orientation for Beginners ONLY. Times and places TBD.
May 2 nd and running	Dog obedience and showmanship weekly training on Thursday evenings.

Dog Project 2024 Upcoming Events! Save the Date!

Questions? Please reach out to dogprojectstcroix@gmail.com or message our Facebook group [@St.Croix County 4-H Dog Project Members](#)



consecutively on Thursday evenings	Times and places TBD.
June 6, 7pm	St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project Committee meeting.
June 27th	Dog Project Fun Show. Time and details TBD.
July 13	Dog Project County Fair Show
<i>Optional - Summer Training Season: Aug.-Oct.</i>	<i>Training continues for those qualified and interested to show at the WI state dog show. Annual project year wrap-up.</i>
Aug./Sept.	Optional agility, rally, obedience, showmanship practices resume to prepare for State 4-H dog show participants. Times and places TBD.
Sept./Oct.	Dog project promotional events at White Pine Berry Farm and Camp St. Croix. Dates and Times TBD.
Oct. 4-6	State 4-H Dog Show
<i>Winter Break: Nov.-Dec.</i>	

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY:

One of St. Croix Counties amazing 4-H volunteers has decided to take a step back from some of their volunteering roles. They have worked hard to support 4-H youth in the **Foods and Nutrition Project** and have left the project ready and waiting for new leadership. Does this sound like it is right in your wheel house, if so please reach out for more information to laura.hinz@wisc.edu or skv.holt@wisc.edu



NEWS TO SHARE??

Do you have news to share in the St. Croix County 4-H Communicator? Write up a short article and we will put it in the next communicator. Share important dates and information for projects and events. Keep everyone informed on the happenings in 4-H!

Send your articles to Laura at laura.hinz@wisc.edu

Introducing the YQCA Newsletter

Stay in the loop with our monthly newsletter where we will provide you with important information, helpful tips, and connections to useful resources.

To read the newsletter and subscribe to receive, visit:

<https://mailchi.mp/f137783a53c3/introducing-the-yqca-newsletter?e=7d42b6de6b>



Food Stand Update

Hello Everyone,

The Food Stand Committee met on Jan.27th. We decided to keep many things the same as last year. We will have the same hours and pay for the clubs. We did not change the menu either. An email will be sent to the leaders of the club so you can sign up when you are ready. I know it is early, but it is nice to get this step done. My email is dstevens.gstevens@gmail.com and the phone number is 715-684-9696 if you have questions or want to sign up. (or if you want to join our committee)

Wish us luck for another successful year!

Debbie and the Food Stand Committee



SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS:

St. Croix County Shooting Sports Exhibitors,

The dates to lock in for the four practices starting at **9 AM** include **May 11th & 25th and June 15th & 29th**. Remember that to be eligible to compete and have a recorded score, two practices must be completed prior to the competition date. **July 13th is the official competition date**, as in years past and instructor schedules permitting, we will allow exhibitors to compete on the last practice day assuming they have met their requirements. As always we are very fortunate to be able to hold these specialized events at the Willow River Rod and Gun Club (1041 WI-64, New Richmond, WI 54017).

Parents Meeting to sign up for TBD in April.

Thank You,
Questions Call Shawn Weyer at (715) 977-0184



4-H Volleyball

2nd through 4th grade 4-H kids were able to grow their volleyball skills and have fun playing on 2 Sunday nights in January at Clear Lake High School. Everyone did a great job!



ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR

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Fair Board Meetings. Generally held the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting for the Fair Board will be February 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office. The Annual meeting with the election of Directors (nominees welcome!) and Officers will be followed by the monthly business meeting.

Did you know? In just a little over FIVE months, the best days of the summer will be here as we celebrate “All Roads Lead to the Fair” July 17-21. 100’s of exhibits are always the showcase of the County Fair and we are excited to see what exhibitors will bring to the fair this year. A reminder that online entry will begin April 1 and close May 31.

Help Wanted. Do you know someone who loves plants and flowers? The Fair Board is looking for a Grounds Flower and Plant Supervisor, someone to take on the job of Grounds Beautification with numerous container displays that enhance the buildings and grounds.

Open Class Department Superintendents are needed for:

Flowers & Houseplants

Clothing

Natural Sciences

Woodworking

For **Junior Fair** Departments, a Fair Coordinator/ Superintendent is needed for ALL departments and the two Youth Exhibit Buildings.

During the fair, Volunteers are needed to help with all exhibit areas, but especially to monitor the Youth Exhibit Buildings. Please consider donating some of your time to help promote these areas.

Please contact Gail Maier for more information at stcroixcofair@gmail.com.



Premium Checks

Premium checks were issued in October. If you haven't cashed your check, it is now void. To be issued a new check you will have to come to a fair board meeting either in February or March, present your uncashed check and request a new check from the treasurer. Contact Gail Maier about meeting times and places for these months. mmaiergail@aol.com



FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

News:

1. 2024 is off to a great start with grants from St. Croix Electric Cooperative, 3M Employee Match and very nice memorial donation totaling \$11,500 – all to be used towards the Tiffany Creek Pavilion!
2. Additionally, as we exceeded our 2023 stretch goal of raising \$50,000 towards the Tiffany Creek Pavilion we are carrying a nice cushion into 2024
3. Friends next Board Meeting is February 8th at 5p.m. at the Ag Center, in Baldwin. All are welcome – if you are interested in assisting with our fund raising projects, we would love to have you join us. This is the same evening as the Annual Fair Association meeting which starts at 7 p.m.

Great news:

1. The Tiffany Creek Shelter is right on track thanks to the hard work of the committee led by Dean LeMay. At this writing the foundation is complete and the sewer are complete. The modular building manufactured by Huffcutt is scheduled to be completed and set in place during February.
2. Our relationship with Jody Close, Smith Auctions remains strong – a big thank you to Jody for his continued support!

Looking ahead to 2024, we anticipate a record setting year due to the universal appeal of up to date, ADA compliant shower and toilet facilities coupled with a storm resistant building. Based on FEMA standards of 5 square feet per individual, the building will provide storm protection for 200 plus people, a big plus for those staying overnight on the Fairgrounds.

Please keep tuned as Friends works through our fund raising plans for 2024. Please feel free to contact Friends' Board Members with your suggestions – all ideas are welcome. We also welcome new members to our team – if interested, contact Chris Libbey at (651) 247-0395



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL 4-H!

Did you know that monies can be directly donated to our St. Croix County 4-H Program. Through the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation you can donate directly to Support St. Croix County 4-H. Share this information with any and all 4-H Supporters! Go to the Extension St. Croix County Website: <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-resources/>



You can help grow 4-H

Nearly 150,000 Wisconsin youth are learning and growing through the wide variety of 4-H programs that receive funding from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. Go to our county support page to learn more about 4-H in the county and how you can get involved.

100% of the funds donated through our county web page goes to support our county 4-H program.

You can make a difference!

Visit www.Wis4HFoundation.org to connect with OUR county

2024 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now open for induction into the 2024 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame! The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame is established to recognize 4-H volunteers, financial supporters, staff, and pioneers who made major contributions to the 4-H movement at the local, state, and national levels. Give some thought to who you would like to honor and talk to others to get the ball rolling in your county! You will find the nomination form at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-hall-of-fame/>. Review the criteria on the website for more details on requirements. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 1, 2024.

Laureates will be notified by late March if they have been selected for induction in the 2024 class. Thank you for your help in finding those special 4-H people to receive this honor!

WISCONSIN 4-H HALL OF FAME



Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Higher Education Scholarship Opportunities

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2024. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals. Continue reading to learn more about how to apply for a scholarship!

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2023/12/01/wisconsin-4-h-foundation-higher-education-scholarship-opportunities/>

Applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email **by Friday, March 1, 2024, 5:00 pm.**



Three special Zoom sessions will take place on Thursdays, 6-7 PM, in April and May.

Don't miss out, register here: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/.../SV_cNoCSdwZd1PuPMa

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and the UW-Madison Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic are sponsoring this distance learning series.

'KETCHING' UP WITH TOMATOES


Project Box Kit




THE TOMATO STORY

-  Jump into tomato history and folklore
-  Tell your best tomato jokes while learning how to plant seeds on Zoom

COOKING WITH TOMATOES

-  Try several different international recipes and learn how different countries cook with tomatoes--several will be taught on the Zoom

WORKING WITH TOMATOES

-  Explore an exciting career path with Plant Disease Diagnostician, Dr. Brian Hudelson, who loves hunting down the nasties that make plants sick. He enjoys it so much, he even writes plant disease limericks and designs building block kits of actual plant diseases! We will build one together using LEGO® pieces!

About

3-6th graders in any county will have an opportunity to learn both independently with the box's interactive lessons and together as a community, online and on Zooms. Zooms will be announced at a later date, but will be Thursdays at 6:00 PM.

Register Here:



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Mark your calendars for the upcoming 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest on March 2nd at UW-Green Bay! We hope you join us for a day full of fun, learning and competition!

Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Bowl -
March 2, 2024
Location: UW-Green Bay STEM
Innovation Building, 2019
Technology Way, Green Bay,
WI 54311

Registration Deadline: **February 21, 2024**

Registration and rule information: More information on how to register along with other participation and contest information is available in The Dairy Bowl Contest Rules

document located on the informational website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/dairy-quiz-bowl/>

STATE 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL CONTEST

MARCH 2, 2024

UW GREEN BAY CAMPUS

**SEE POST FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND HOW TO
REGISTER**



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WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Dates

**SHAWANO COUNTY
JUNE 18TH**

**GREEN COUNTY
JUNE 20TH**



**WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR
FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION**



OTHER NEWS



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Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing



Attention Private Applicator:

What you need to know in 2024!

1. Order your training manual.
2. Sign up for one of the county wide watch parties.
3. Training begins at 9:00 AM followed by an open book test.

Visit the Wisconsin Pesticide Applicator website to order your manual and sign up:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/pat/private-applicators/> or scan the QR code below!



3 Locations

February 5th, 9:00 AM

Pierce County
432 W Main St.
Courthouse Annex
Ellsworth, WI 54011

February 15th, 9:00 AM

Barron County
330 E Monroe Ave.
Room 110
Barron, WI 54812

February 27th, 9:00 AM

St. Croix County
1960 8th Ave.
Baldwin, WI 54002

\$10 charge for class
at registration

Questions?

Contact Becky Brathal at
becky.brathal@wisc.edu or
651-302-6520

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Hudson Home and Garden Club 2024 Grant Request Application

The Hudson Home and Garden Club is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote interest in gardening, to encourage beautification of the home and garden through programs, community service, special projects, and the sharing of knowledge, and to aid in the conservation of natural resources.

The Club offers grants up to \$500 to support projects of local residents, community-based organizations, non-profits, and educational projects to enhance the community and which promote the purposes of the organization.

Grants are awarded twice per year with **deadlines for applications being March 1 and September 15** of each year. If you are interested in a grant, please complete the following application and mail to:

Deanne Degraff
Hudson Home and Garden Club
713 Glenna Dr
Hudson, WI 54016
Or email to Deanne at: dpdegraff@gmail.com

All project requests will be reviewed by the board. Applicants will be notified of decisions by March 30th and October 1st.

Project Title:

Total Amount Requested:

Contact Information:

Name:

Name of organization associated with this project (if applicable):

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Location of the project:

Describe the purpose of the project for which you are requesting funds; who will the project benefit and what will be accomplished? What impact do you hope to make with this project? How does this project support the purposes of the Hudson Home and Garden Club?

Describe how this project promotes and/or benefits youth in the local community:

Please list an estimated timeline including start and completion dates of the project. Note that grant money must be used within 6 months of the award.

How will results be shared with the Hudson Home and Garden Club? (A report or presentation that includes what was accomplished, how funds were used, who benefitted and expected future benefits is required.)

Costs:

Please provide an itemized list of materials/resources needed, the cost for each and sources for materials and/or labor. Note that grants may be funded in full, partially, or may not be funded based on monies available and content of project. Are funds from other sources going to be used for this project? _____ yes _____ no

Item	Quantity	Cost per Item	Total Cost

Please attach other information that may help us understand the nature of your project.

Office use only:

Date submitted:

Decision:

Date responded:

Date of report:

UW– Madison, Division of Extension Non Discrimination

Periodically, UW-Madison takes steps to ensure that our partners know and understand our policy of non-discrimination. This is to remind or notify you that the University of Wisconsin Madison, Division of Extension does not discriminate in the treatment of individuals in the admission or access to its programs and activities, in the provision of services, or in employments.

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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.

St. Croix County 4-H

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