



COMMUNICATOR

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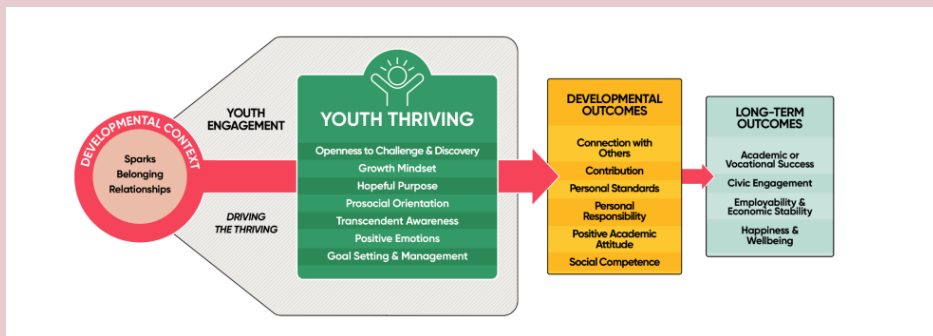


4-H Runs on the
POWER OF

Shout Out an Outstanding 4-H Volunteer!

4-H Volunteers make a difference – and we want to hear from you about the outstanding 4-H volunteers in your local clubs and groups! We’re looking to shine a spotlight on the contributions of 4-H volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week in April. If you want to share a shout out for a fantastic 4-H volunteer, fill out the Google Form here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlr27RvmLyxiN2XGqcw97abp7Lcvaij0imnfd4rXda9NObvwl/viewform> for them to be considered for the 4-H Volunteer Spotlight on social media!

Wisconsin 4-H is Thriving: Connecting Our Programs to the National Thriving Model



Did you know the Science behind 4-H is Positive Youth Development? The 4-H Thriving Model is a theory of change for positive youth development in 4-H. The model illustrates the process of positive youth development in 4-H programs by connecting high quality program settings to the promotion of youth thriving. Watch a short video and access a tip sheet to find out more about how you can promote youth to thrive.

The Positive Youth Development approach is used by 4-H educators to intentionally create high quality programs that support youth to thrive. If you would like to learn more check out this short video that provides a framework for positive youth development. <https://youtu.be/gSLrQAFC-I?si=TwUd7uRsXJCKQW4E> Want to learn more about supporting youth to thrive? Check out this tip sheet on Openness to Challenge and Discovery: Openness to Challenge and Discovery

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:

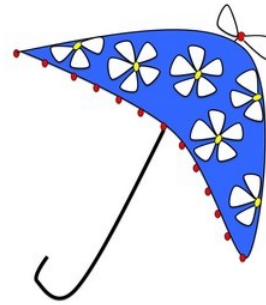
Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

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

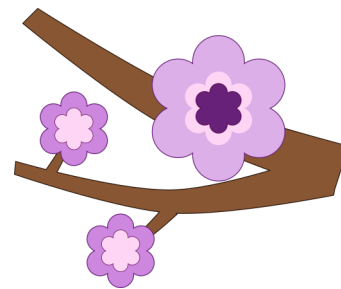
April

- 1 4 -H Scholarship Applications Due
- 1 Fair Entry Opens
- 1 Horse Project Monthly Meeting
- 4 & 7 Mandatory Dog Project Kick Off Meeting
- 7 Marketing Your Livestock Clinic
- 8 Shooting Sports Parent Meeting
- 9 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 9 Dairy Judging Practice
- 13 UWRF & 4-H Ag Day
- 13 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 13 Horse Project Kick Off Meeting
- 13 Beef Workshop
- 16 Leaders Association Meeting
- 16 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 18 Horse Project Kick Off Meeting
- 23 Unmounted Horse Clinic
- 24 Softball Coaches Meeting
- 25 Dog obedience orientation for beginners



May

- 4 Swine Showmanship & Fitting Clinic
- 6 Horse Project Monthly Meeting
- 11 Shooting Sports Practice
- 19 Northwest District Dairy Clinic
- 25 Shooting Sports Practice
- 27 UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY
- 31 Fair Entry Deadline



June

- 3 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 6 STEM Family Night @ Windmill Days
- 10 Annual Northwest 4-H Golf Classic
- 12 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 12-14 4-H Camp/Outpost Camp
- 15 Shooting Sports Practice
- 20 Cloverbud Day Camp
- 29 Shooting Sport Practice



CLUB INFORMATION

UWRF and 4-H Ag Day

APRIL 13, 2024
9AM-12PM
GRADES 3 - 6

Mann Valley Farm
129 S. Glover Road
River Falls, WI 54022



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



Youth in grades 3 - 6! Join us for UWRF and 4-H Ag Day

Youth will rotate through 5 informational sessions: pollinators, dairy products, poultry, beef cattle & floriculture. The day will include a tour of Mann Valley Farm. Limited to 45 participants. Register Here:

<https://forms.gle/JoAxzrXpGgVAE5bf8>

4-H SUMMER CAMP:

Registration will open on April 1.
Registration April 1-15, payment due April 20
Cost will be \$140 per camper (basecamp)
\$100 (outpost)

For more info visit:
<https://barron.extension.wisc.edu/4h/4-h-camps/>

Registration:
<https://bpps4hcamp.4honline.com>

Barron, Polk, Pierce, St. Croix

4-H SUMMER CAMP

June 12-14

at Camp Kiwanis

15987 St. Croix Trail N. Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047



3-6 Grade
(Base Camp)

7-8 Grade
(Outpost Camp)



Registration open April 1 through April 15
Limited space available.
Payment Deadline April 20
<https://bpps4hcamp.4honline.com>



Youth Leadership Opportunities

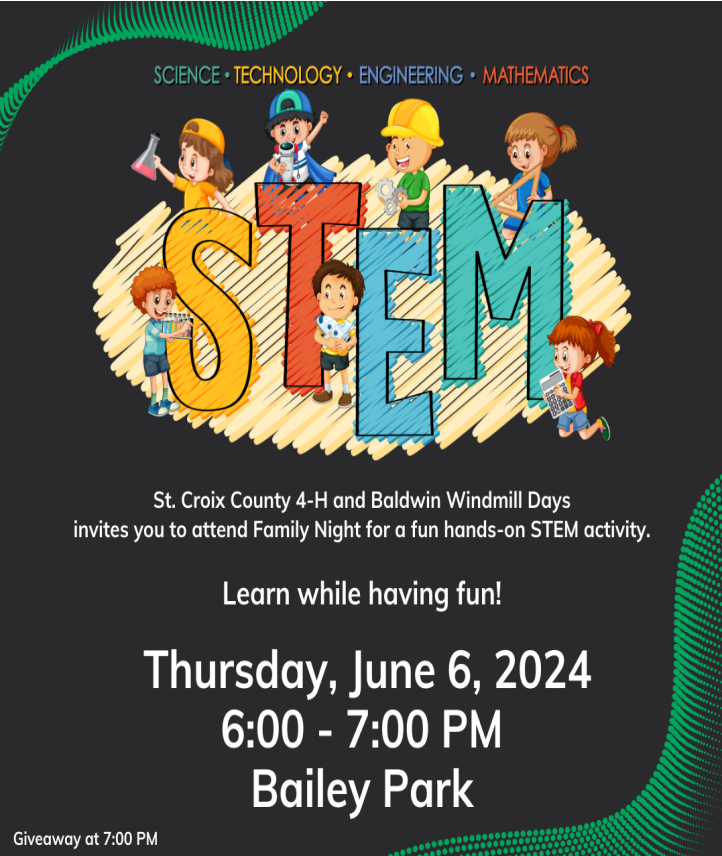
If you are looking for more county youth leadership events here, they are! Youth leadership volunteers (**Grades 7 - 12**) needed! St. Croix County 4-H has several youth leadership opportunities happening this summer. Please sign up through the link below for one or all if you are available. More specifics on the events you sign up for will be emailed to you as event dates get closer.

Opportunities include:

- Windmill Days
- 4-H Golf Tournament
- Cloverbud Day Camp
- Flag Raising & Open Ceremony
- Day Care Day at the Fair
- 4-H Outreach Table
- Clover College

Sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-xwOZmBXoa7Kk2r3JWj744DjpdZecOIHH1GPPnyAzHlyltg/viewform?usp=pp_url



SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATHEMATICS

St. Croix County 4-H and Baldwin Windmill Days invites you to attend Family Night for a fun hands-on STEM activity.

Learn while having fun!

Thursday, June 6, 2024
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Bailey Park

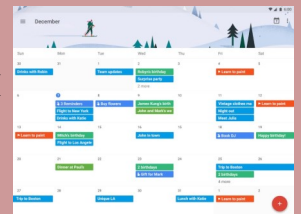
Giveaway at 7:00 PM

stcroix.extension.wisc.edu | 1960 8th Avenue, Baldwin | 715-531-1930

New to the Extension St. Croix County Website 4-H Event Calendar

Check out a new way to stay on top of all 4-H related events in one calendar location. Visit our website to find the calendar: <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/> Click on 4-H and Upcoming 4-H Events & Calendar.

Remember to send things to be added to the calendar to Laura @ laura.hinz@wisc.edu



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/>

SAVE THE DATES

CLOVERBUD

CAMP 2024



JUNE 20, JULY 11, AUGUST 1

TBD Parks in St. Croix County



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

More information and registration coming soon!

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



News from the Sunnyside Shamrocks:

During our March meeting the Sunnyside Shamrocks had the pleasure of touring Topline Equine Veterinary care in Glenwood City, WI. Dr. Jennifer Teigen showed members what is required for an equine first aid kit, how to tell if your horse isn't feeling well, and the parts of the horse. Members got to check the horses pulse, listen to their heartbeat, and measure height and weight in order to administer medications. Thank you Dr. Teigen!!



4-H Hit Me with Your Best Shot Photo Contest



Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photography contest open to youth in grades K-13!



In the "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H photo contest, youth are encouraged to select their best photo and tell the committee why it's special to them.

To learn how it works and submit an entry visit: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/4-h-hit-me-your-best-shot-photo-contest>

2024 Northwest 4-H Golf Classic

Monday, June 10

Kilkarney Hills,
River Falls, WI



ANNUAL NORTHWEST 4-H GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, June 10, 2024

Kilkarney Hills Golf Club
163 Radio Road
River Falls, WI 54022
WWW.KILKARNEYHILLS.COM



This annual charity golf tournament creates resources used to train 4-H youth in leadership and development:

- ~ Scholarships
- ~ STEM and robotic programs
- ~ To reach out to non-4-Hers in Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, and Dunn Counties
- ~ Helps fund Ambassador programs
- ~ Empowers 4-H youth with opportunities to explore new interests, learn new skills, and contribute to their communities

Thanks to your support, 4-H has proven results*:

- ~ Report better grades, higher levels of academic competence, and an elevated level of engagement at school
- ~ Are nearly 2X more likely to go to College
- ~ Are more likely to pursue courses or a career in science, engineering, or computer technology
- ~ Are shown to have had significantly lower drug, alcohol, and cigarette use than their peers

***According to Tufts University Study**

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GOLF REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- 18-Hole Greens Fees
- Golf Cart
- Lunch and Dinner
- Prizes
- Contests

We encourage early paid registration due to limited capacity.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:30 A.M.
Registration
Open Driving Range

11:00 A.M.
Buffet Lunch

12:00 P.M.
Shotgun Start
Putting Contest (During Play)

5:30 P.M.
Buffet Dinner
Program
Silent Auction



Sign up to golf:

- ~ \$100 I am registering to golf as an individual to play in a random foursome
- ~ \$400 I am registering a foursome

Interested in becoming a Sponsor?

- ~ **Head Sponsor \$3,000**
Hole sponsor, signage, print publicity, web banner, and two foursomes
- ~ **Heart Sponsor \$1,000**
Hole sponsor, signage, print publicity, web banner, and foursome
- ~ **Hands Sponsor \$500**
Hole sponsor, signage, recognition, and web banner
- ~ **Health Sponsor \$300**
Hole sponsor, signage, recognition
- ~ **Other Options**
Buffet Dinner \$30
Donate a silent auction, door prize or monetary gift. Item and approximate value: _____

Team Name: _____
 Your Name: _____
 Company/Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Names in Foursome:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please mail check and registration form(s) payable to:
 Pierce County Adult Advisors
 432 West Main Street
 PO Box 69 Ellsworth, WI 54011-0069
 Memo: 4H Golf Classic
RSVP by May 22nd, 2024

LEADER NEWS

Connecting Volunteers: The Heart of 4-H



Monday, April 22nd
Noon - 1:00 p.m. or
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Via Zoom



In honor of Volunteer Appreciation Week, join us for one of two zooms to Connect with Volunteers! Local 4-H programs rely on caring adult volunteers, and we want to celebrate you and build connections! All 4-H volunteers are encouraged to join in an hour-long zoom to network with other 4-H volunteers and enjoy small group discussions to share ideas and learn from others. To register for the zoom, click on one of these links:

April 22nd Noon - 1:00 p.m. - <https://go.wisc.edu/tz4033>

April 22nd 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - <https://go.wisc.edu/3xz625>

We hope this sharing opportunity will provide new ideas and connections across the 4-H program statewide!

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

St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

April 16 @ 6:30 PM

UW-Extension Office or via ZOOM

Agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting



4-H Fundraising

Check out this guide to 4-H Fundraising:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/08/4HFundraising.pdf>

Information Highlights include:

- Purpose of Fund Raising
- Guidelines for Fund Raising
- Raffles
- Use of the 4-H Name and Emblem in Fund Raising



Reminder: 4-H Event Insurance

If you participate in any activities such as sledding, snowboarding, downhill skiing, downhill winter sports you must request additional insurance in advance! 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>



Shooting Sports Adult Leader Certification Training Workshops



Requirements for Attending an Adult Certification Workshop

- Volunteers planning to be shooting sports 4-H leaders and current 4-H leaders may attend.
- Those completing a certification workshop with pending 4-H leader status must not instruct 4-H youth until 4-H leader status is approved in the county.

2024 East Central Workshop, New Franken, WI

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2024

Time: 8 am- 5 pm

Location: New Franken Sportsmen's Club, 281 N. New Franken Rd., New Franken, WI 54229

Disciplines: Archery, Air Rifle/Rifle, and Shotgun

Registration Information: Registration deadline is April 3, 2024. Register here: <https://forms.gle/zg4KEw8njCeNgWzG7>

After registration deadline contact Doug Thompson for late registration information: Douglas.thompson@wisc.edu

2024 West Central Workshop, Eau Claire, WI

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Time: 8 AM – 5 PM

Location: Westgate Sportsman Club, 4909 Sportsman Dr S, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Disciplines: Archery, Air Rifle/Rifle, Muzzleloader, and Shotgun

Registration Information: Registration deadline is May 1, 2024. Register Here: <https://forms.gle/nHFACwqDtYGABVhK7>

After registration deadline contact Doug Thompson for late registration information: Douglas.thompson@wisc.edu

2024 Central Workshop, Marshfield, WI

Date: September 14, 2024

Time: 8AM – 5PM

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

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

Registration Information: Registration deadline is September 11, 2024. Register here: <https://forms.gle/2vx9EMboksmliSqG7>

Complete Registration Details: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

PLEASE NOTE: 4-H Leaders Association will reimburse you for shooting sports certification fees after completion of the class if interested

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



Livestock Committee News

- **Marketing Your Livestock Clinic**

Have you ever wondered how you could better market your livestock project? Are you looking for tips on promoting your animal (live, products, meat, etc.)?

Sunday, April 7th at 1:00 pm (Cylon Rolling Acres 1956 240th St., Deer Park)

Must RSVP to Lori DeBoer at lordeb651@gmail.com by April 5th to attend; multi-species clinic.

- **Livestock Rules Meeting**

April 13, 2024 9 am - 10:30 am @ UW Madison Extension Office

- **Beef Project Workshop**

April 13, 2024 @ 10:30 @ UW Madison Extension Office

- **Swine Showmanship & Fitting Clinic**

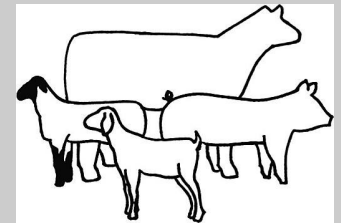
Saturday, May 4th with a time to be determined (Baldwin-Woodville High School).

Further information will be provided to swine exhibitors as soon as final details are verified; swine clinic only.

Next Livestock Committee Meeting:

April 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm

@ UW Madison Extension Office - Baldwin



DOG PROJECT NEWS:

Dog Project Mandatory Kick Off Meetings @ UWEX office 1960 8th Ave. Baldwin

All youth signed up for the dog project must attend one meeting in order to participate in obedience training.

April 4th @ 6:30

or

April 7th @ 3:00

April 25th First obedience practice for BEGINNERS only.



YQCA-Notice new 2024 Fair Requirement

All animals except: Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Mice, Mink, Opossums, Dogs and Cats

At the Feb. 8th SC Fair Board meeting, it was decided that **all youth MUST complete the YQCA process by 11:59pm on July 1, 2024 in order to exhibit an animal at the SC Fair (Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Mice, Mink, Opossums, Dogs and Cats DO NOT need to complete the YQCA process to exhibit at the SC Fair).**

Please have youth print their YQCA certificate and give to the superintendent of the Department they are exhibiting the animal in. If there are any questions about YQCA requirements for exhibiting at the St. Croix County Fair please contact the SC Fair Board.



BEEF PROJECT

2024

APRIL 13TH

BALDWIN EXTENSION OFFICE 1960 8th Ave Baldwin WI 54002

10:30

Following
Rules
Meeting

HOW TO FEED YOUR BEEF PROJECT

Tips & Tricks to get your animal to peak performance!

GET YOUR ANIMAL READY FOR FAIR

How to prepare your animal for the fair!

DOOR PRIZES

FUN CONTESTS

FAIR PAPERWORK??

We will run through what forms need to be filled out. Who you need to give your paperwork to.

WHAT THING DO I NEED TO DO AT THE FAIR?

We will walk you through all the things you need to do to have a successful and fun experience with your project at the fair!

SNACKS



MORE INFO:

KELLI: 715-760-2348

PAIGE: 715-641-1046

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).

St. Croix Shooting Sports will hold a **parent's meeting** on **April 8th at 6:30 PM** located at the Extension Office 1960 8th Avenue, Suite 140, Baldwin, WI 54002. This meeting is mandatory, prior to the first practice May 11th, for parents/ guardians with exhibitors who wish to participate in the St. Croix County 4H Shooting Sports Program. It is essential that we review and sign documents, identify the number of exhibitors for each discipline, collect participation fees (\$10 per discipline per exhibitor), and meet the needs as best we can for whoever wants to participate. If you cannot attend, you will be required to coordinate a separate meeting with Shawn Weyer (715-977-0184) at a date and time that works for both parties.

I am excited for a new year and the opportunity for the program to grow stronger than before and continue to provide this experience.



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 April 1st
- April 13th- Kick off Meeting- Forest Town Hall- Arrival time: 8:30am, starting at 9:00am
- April 18th- Kick off Meeting- Star Prairie Town Hall- Arrival time: 6:30pm, starting at 7:00pm
- April 23rd - Unmounted Horse Clinic
- Monday May 6st
- June 1 – Day of clinics
- Monday June 3rd
- June 21-23 – Weekend camp
- Monday July 1st
- Monday Aug 5th (project recap meeting)
- No Sept meeting
- Monday Oct 7th – 2024 Year-end banquet



Softball Coaches Meeting
Wednesday, April 24th 6:30 pm
UW Extension Office, Baldwin



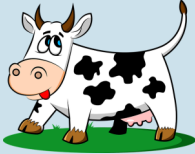
It's time to start organizing the 4-H Softball Season and get the kids outside to play. If you are interested in coaching this summer, please reach out and attend this meeting.

Gina Schneider 715-965-0782 ginamarie929@yahoo.com

Dairy Committee

Committee Meeting:

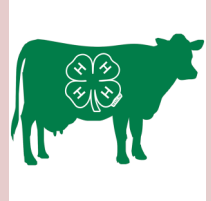
Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 pm
@ UW-Extension Office, Baldwin



Attention all 4-H Members interested in Dairy Judging!

Our first Dairy Judging Practice:

Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 pm
Nova Holsteins
1710 190th Street, New Richmond, WI



This years contest will be on June 18th in Shawano County. Families should let Ellis Frank know if their members can attend this contest within the first few weeks of practice.



Update on Illness in Dairy Cattle from DATCP

An illness has been reported in dairy cows in Texas, Kansas, and New Mexico. Affected cows presented with decreased milk production, decreased feed consumption, and reduced rumen motility. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are investigating these cases.

Yesterday, USDA APHIS announced that tests collected from two dairy farms in Kansas and two dairy farms in Texas have tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Per their press release, "**At this stage, there is no concern about the safety of the commercial milk supply or that this circumstance poses a risk to consumer health.**" Read the full release: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/news/sa_by_date/sa-2024/hpai-cattle

At this time, **Wisconsin has not made any changes to import requirements for cattle from Texas, Kansas, or New Mexico in response to these cases.** Current import rules for cattle can be found on the DATCP: Cattle & Bison Movement webpage: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx It is important to check requirements prior to importing animals from any state, as requirements can change. Requirements such as official identification and certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs) help ensure all cattle entering Wisconsin are healthy prior to import. Tuberculosis testing is required for cattle imported from Texas and Michigan. The DATCP Division of Animal Health encourages producers to practice good biosecurity, including isolating new additions to the herd for at least 7 - 10 days. Further information on biosecurity practices can be found on the DATCP: Basic Biosecurity webpage: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/BasicBiosecurity.aspx

If producers notice unusual clinical signs in their cattle, they are encouraged to work with their herd veterinarian. To report herds with unexplained symptoms, **veterinarians should contact DATCP at (608) 224-4872** (business hours) or (800) 943-0003 (after hours and weekends).

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Division of Animal Health
<https://datcp.wi.gov>

Exciting news! The Northwest District will be hosting a clinic on May 19th from 10:30am to 2pm in New Richmond, WI! All youth are welcome. The topics of showmanship, judging, and fitting will be covered. Lunch will be provided.

Please rsvp at <https://forms.gle/NLb1ZqZ64HjnEMRB9> by May 10th!



Northwest District Dairy Clinic

Join us for a fun-filled day learning about Showmanship, Dairy Judging, and Fitting! All youth are welcome.

Showmanship: Maddy & Aspen

Judging: Ellis Frank

Fitting: Paul Grulke

Sunday, May 19th

10:30am to 2pm

Bring clippers and extension cords,
please RSVP at the link above!

Lunch will be provided.



RSVP by May 10th!

**Location: Nova Holsteins
1710 190th Street
New Richmond, WI**

Hosted by WJHA
Northwest District JACs
and St. Croix County
Junior Holstein Association

ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR

Fair Board Meetings. Generally held the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting for the Fair Board will be April 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office. Everyone welcome.

Did you know? In just a little over THREE months, the best days of the summer will be here as we celebrate “All Roads Lead to the Fair” July 17-21. Now is the time to start thinking about what exhibits you will bring to the fair this year. A reminder that online entry will begin April 1 and close May 31.

Help Wanted. We are still 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**

For **Junior Fair** Departments, a Fair Coordinator/Superintendent is needed for ALL departments and the two Youth Exhibit Buildings. Would you be available to help with set up and arranging these exhibit areas?

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.



FAIR ENTRY IS *NOW OPEN* FOR ENTERING THE FAIR

To exhibit at the 2024 St. Croix County Fair, entry is April 1st - May 31st. There will be **NO** additions after May 31st. The only exception to this rule is for an animal illness, which you will have to clear with your species Department Head. If you are entering an animal and you don't enter Showmanship or Carcass Evaluation at this time you will not be able to participate in these areas. Enter on <https://stcroixcofair.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19594> using your 4-H online information.

Be sure to enter all your exhibits and finish the whole family before you press the submit button. Once you submit you can no longer add exhibits for anyone in your family. When you submit you will receive an email stating that you have entered the fair. After your exhibits are accepted you will receive a second email that lists all the exhibits for your family.

Please print this list on the second email, so you will remember what you have entered. Also forward this email to your club leader so they know you have entered the fair and they can keep track of all their club members.

If you have any questions call or email Cindy Van Dyk, 715.246.5486 or cindyvandyk1976@gmail.com

Your leader is also a good source of information.



March 13, 2024

NEWS RELEASE

ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW

St. Croix County Fair Premium Books are now available to pick up! Whether you bake, sew, build, or grow entering an exhibit at a county fair is an exciting process that is open to all. The St. Croix County Fair offers 18 open class departments ranging from Antiques to Rabbits and Woodworking as well as 30 Youth departments that include Livestock, Flowers, and Photography. Held annually in Glenwood City, this year's St. Croix County Fair will be July 17-21. To enter your exhibit in the St. Croix County Fair, visit our website at www.stcroixcofair.com and click on the Quick Links "Open Class Fair Book" or "Jr. Fair Book". Online St. Croix County Fair entry opens on April 1, 2024 and closes at midnight May 31, 2024, no exceptions. Be sure to read the rules and descriptions carefully for every entry.

Fair books will be available at the following county businesses that are assisting the St. Croix County Fair as pickup locations:

New Richmond: Farm & Home, and the Government Center

Hudson: St. Croix County Government Center

Baldwin: Extension Office / Ag. Center and Gregerson's Ace Hardware

Glenwood City: Tribune Press Reporter and Hiawatha National Bank

ALL St. Croix County libraries should have books available to pick-up and will keep a few books as reference materials. As in the past, the entire St. Croix County Fair Premium Book and all forms are also available online at www.stcroixcofair.com.

The St. Croix County Fair requests that St. Croix County 4-H families to use the same Premium Books that they received last year from their general club leaders as there were a limited number of books printed.

As in previous years, Dunn, Polk, and Pierce residents are eligible to exhibit in the Open Class Division at the 2024 St. Croix County Fair. For questions, please contact the St. Croix County Fair at stcroixcofair@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stcroixfair> to private message us.

For additional Fair related information, visit the St. Croix County Fair web site at www.stcroixcofair.com, <https://www.facebook.com/stcroixfair> or email us at stcroixcofair@gmail.com. Come to the Fair with your exhibit and put yourself in the center of the fun. Let's celebrate because "All Roads Lead to the Fair" July 17-21! We hope to see you there!



FRIENDS OF THE FAIR



Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

Great news:

1. The Tiffany Creek Shelter was set in place, Thursday, March 21st!! A big shout out to Dean LeMay and the building committee for this great accomplishment!!
2. Friends had several pieces of equipment in the March 25 Smith Sales Auction. Bidding was lively and resulting in \$1631 being raised towards funding the Tiffany Creek Shelter. Thank you Jody Close for your continued support!

News:

1. Mark your calendars, Friends will again be partnering with the Fair and the Rodeo to participate in the Hudson Chamber of Commerce's Community Expo. The event takes place Sunday, May 5th at the Hudson High School from 11 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. It would be great to have some 4-H youth participate. If interested, please contact Chris Libbey (651) 247-0395.
2. We have a Ford 800 tractor with an industrial loader that has been donated. We are looking for some parts – specifically the intake/exhaust manifold and useable rear tires (10-13.6X28). If you have or know of someone that might be willing to donate these parts, please have them contact Terry Mitchell (715) 619-0442

Looking ahead to 2024, we anticipate a record setting year due to the universal appeal of an up to date, ADA compliant shower and toilet facility coupled with a storm resistant construction. Based on FEMA standards of 5 square feet per individual, the Tiffany Creek Shelter 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 planning 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

Photos of the new Tiffany Creek Shelter. Images from the Glenwood City Press.



2024 Summer Academy

Event: Summer Academy
Grades: 8-11
Location: UW-Madison
Dates: Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27, 2024
Registration: Registration opened March 1, 2024 via 4honline
Cost: The Summer Academy experience fee is \$450. Bussing will be offered again in 2024 and will cost \$50 round-trip regardless of pick-up/drop-off location. **NO CHARGE FOR ST. CROIX COUNTY 4-H'ers. St. Croix Leaders Council has full scholarships available. No application necessary. Please sign up and pay as usual, you will be reimbursed for the cost form the Leaders Council.**

For more information, please visit go.wisc.edu/4HSummerAcademy ... We can't wait to see you in Madison!

SAVE THE DATE
FOR
**SUMMER
ACADEMY**

June 24-27, 2024
UW-Madison's Campus
OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 8-11
WITH LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
FOR 11TH GRADE +

**REGISTRATION OPENS
Mar 1st, 2024**

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The graphic features a bright yellow and orange background with a sunburst pattern. It includes three polaroid-style photos of students: one in a green shirt pointing, one in a white apron in a kitchen, and a group of students posing. The text is in white and green, with a green button for registration information. Logos for UW-Madison and 4-H are at the bottom.



SAVE THE DATE!

2024 WISCONSIN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUMMIT

EMPOWERING VOICES: INNOVATIVE AND INCLUSIVE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE



DATE
July 11, 2024



LOCATION
Madison State College Truax Campus
1701 Wright Street, Madison, WI 53704
Truax Building, Room D1630

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:



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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

Give Now To Support St. Croix County 4-H

<https://wis4hfoundation.org/st-croix-county-4-h/>

OTHER NEWS



DUE APRIL 15, 2024

2024 Essay Contest

"WISCONSIN AGRICULTURE IS FRUIT-FULL"



**WISCONSIN 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS
CREATE AN ORIGINAL ESSAY FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN!**

Explore what makes Wisconsin's sweetest agriculture fruit-full for our state's history, economy, and future. Prizes awarded at county, district and state levels.

**FULL CONTEST DETAILS, RULES, AND RESOURCES AT
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"WISCONSIN AGRICULTURE IS FRUIT-FULL"

CONTEST OVERVIEW

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation - Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest is an annual essay contest that challenges students to research and write an informative essay. The contest prompt explores Wisconsin history, geography, and economics through the lens of Wisconsin Agriculture. The contest supports Wisconsin academic standards including English Language Arts and Social Studies.

PRIZES

NEW THIS YEAR top 4th and 5th grade essays will be recognized at the district and state levels. District Winners receive commemorative medal and prize pack. State Winners receive additional commemorative plaque and prize awarded at a special ceremony with Wisconsin's Secretary of Agriculture.

RULES

- Contest is open to Wisconsin 4th and 5th grade students.
- Contest is limited to one essay entry per student.
- Maximum essay length is *400 words for grade 4, and *500 words for grade 5.
- Essays must be typed or handwritten in INK.
- Entries must include at least 3 documented references to support essay.
- All entries must be submitted by **April 15, 2024.
- All entries must include the Required Entry Information.
- Awards will be presented to top essays in each grade level at the county, district and state level.

* Maximum word lengths DO NOT include bibliography, captions or works cited.

**Entries may be submitted online or mailed directly to county essay coordinator.

RESOURCES

The essay contest gleans the annual theme from the 2024 Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom Book of the Year, *I Love Strawberries!*, by Shannon Anderson. This picture book is a fun way to introduce and engage students in the essay contest. More resources, lessons, and writing tools are available online.

Full contest details, rules, and resources at bit.ly/wiagessaycontest

Hastings Area Earth Day Birding Festival



*Carpenter Nature Center Minnesota Campus
12805 St. Croix Trail South, Hastings, MN 55033*

Saturday, April 20 | 7:00am—5:00pm



**\$5.00 per person OR
\$15.00 with box lunch**

Advanced registration required for box lunch

Register online at
tiny.cc/bird-fest-24 or
call CNC at (651)437-4359

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION
PREFERRED**

But walk-in registrations on festival day
are welcome

- KEYNOTE ADDRESS TBA •
- BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATIONS •
- LIVE RAPTOR PRESENTATION • KIDS BUILD-A-BIRDFEEDER WORKSHOP •

- GUIDED BIRDING FIELD TRIPS •

Field trip registration is first come, first served

FEATURING THE POPULAR FREE YOUTH BIRDING COMPETITION

PRIZES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS | ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOMED

For information about competition age divisions, count circles, and count periods,
visit carpenternaturecenter.org

Pre-registration is required. Register by visiting tiny.cc/birding-comp-24
or email jennifer@carpenternaturecenter.org

2024 Birding Festival

The event is a day full of great activities for all ages, and of particular interest to young people interested in birds and birdwatching is our Youth Birding Competition. The event is open to youth of all ages K - 12.

We encourage 4-H Clubs to form teams to participate. It has always been a fun event.

For more information and to register visit:

<https://carpenternaturecenter.org/plan-your-visit/annual-events/birding-festival/#tab-id-1>



THANK YOU
TO OUR EVENT
PARTNERS!





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR 4-H PARENT-KID-CLUB

Life is messy, and we're always cleaning up messes. What if there was a chance to just make a mess and....leave it? What if we could play in the mud, get paint in our hair and throw glitter?!?

Calling All Volunteers - Needed May 1 and 3!

At our inaugural Y Mess Fest, we're inviting racers to make a mess on our 2-mile obstacle course at the beautiful YMCA Camp DayCroix in Hudson, WI. We've got plans for mud, bubbles, goop and glitter. Maybe a chance to leave a pile of clothes instead of cleaning it up, or paint with your hands. Who knows what messes we'll create!

We'll rely on an amazing lineup of volunteers to help with building and setting up obstacles, marking our course, and bringing fun and joy during our race. You'll keep racers on course, having fun, and ensuring their safety. Then, we'll look for that same energy to help us tear down the course and pack it up for our next adventure!

It will take a mighty crew to pull off this much fun! We'll have custom swag and refreshments for all volunteers, plus you'll get to be an integral part of an incredibly fun event. Got high schoolers who need to fulfill volunteer or service hours? Got a work team looking for some team-building time? This is the perfect event for that!

Can you join us at this giant messapalooza!

Volunteer Here: https://volunteer.ymcanorth.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=136756

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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.

St. Croix County 4-H

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