

# 4-H



# COMMUNICATOR

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*Are you a proud 4-H Alumni?  
 Share your 4-H story to show you  
 are 4-Ever Green and help inspire  
 the next generation of leaders.*

## SCAN HERE



*Win cash rewards for your county and  
 be entered into a random prize drawing!*

### **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.

### **News regarding St. Croix County 4-H Educator Sky Holt...**

Sky's last day with St. Croix County 4-H was July 28.

Please reach out to our office staff as needed with 4-H questions and needs.

Laura Hinz, Outreach Support Associate [laura.hinz@wisc.edu](mailto:laura.hinz@wisc.edu)

Anne Wittman, 4-H Program Assistant [awfrank@wisc.edu](mailto:awfrank@wisc.edu)

Kari Weiss, Area 5 Extension Director [kari.weiss@wisc.edu](mailto:kari.weiss@wisc.edu)

More information regarding Sky's replacement will be coming in the coming weeks.

# CALENDAR

## August

- 1 Cloverbud Day Camp
- 1-11 Wisconsin State Fair
- 5 Youth Horse Project Meeting
- 9 Alumni Softball Tournament
- 10 Farm City Day
- 15 4-H Annual Financial Report (AFR) Due
- 19 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 20 Leader's Association Meeting
- 22-Sept 2 Minnesota State Fair



## September

- 2 UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY
- 3 4-H Re-Enrollment Opens in 4-H Online
- 9 Club Award Packet's Due
- 14 Dog Project Rally and Agility Show
- 14 Dog Project Annual Banquet
- 17 Leader's Association Meeting



## October

- 5-6 State Dog Show
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 7 Horse Project Annual Awards Banquet
- 12 State Dog Agility Show
- 15 Leaders Banquet & Annual Meeting



# CLOVERBUD CAMP



Olympics



Tropical Rainforest

# St Croix County Fair



Day Care Day

Over 60 youth from area St. Croix Co Daycares learned about various aspects of the fair including : where milk comes from; participated in a petting zoo; learned about wool and sheep; learned about bees and honey. The youth also participated in safety demos at **Progressive Agriculture Safety Zone**. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make this happen....Brian Kuhl & family, Mary Luckwaldt, Annette Schalla, Zach Rozmiarek (Dunn Co. 4-H Educator), David Thompson & family, The Honey Stand, Payton Freund (SCC AmeriCorps Member). 4-H Youth Volunteers: Jillian, McKenna, AJ & Delila.




# Congratulations!




Recognition was given to the 2024 4-H Scholarship Recipients at the St. Croix County Fair

**Savannah Briese, Roberts Ribbon Reapers**  
St. Croix County 4-H Educational Scholarship

**Savanna Millermon, Sunnyside Shamrocks**  
St. Croix County 4-H Educational Scholarship



Congratulations to St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Council President, Jackie Kumm on receiving the Living Memorial Award!



# CLUB INFORMATION

## 2024-2025 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for our new 4-H year opens **September 3, 2024!**

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

To enroll go to [www.4HOnline.com](http://www.4HOnline.com) and log in to your account. Make sure you hit the submit button when you are finished.



### 4-H Record Books



Please contact your club leader regarding specific instructions for your club's record book requirements. If you are in need of record book pages please go to <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/record-book-pages/> and print them off.

### Pick up your Fair Project

Where you unable to pick up your entered fair project after the completion of the 2024 St. Croix County Fair? No problem!

Please come between 8 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Thursday to the Extension office to pick up your project.



We will hold on to the project a few more weeks!



A message to club leaders: Sage was chosen to attend American Spirit this past June. She is willing to speak to other clubs about the experience. Her presentation board was at the fair, you may have seen it!

Sage at Niagara Falls (Canada side)

Contact the 4-H office if you are interested in having Sage visit your club!



## Food Stand Update/Thank You

Thank you to all that supported or worked at the food stand this year. We had another successful year. We had lots of smiles from kids working!

We could not do it without you! The clubs/committees that worked were Rabbit committee, Lone Pine, Double Good, Bellringers, Riverside, Baldwin Wide Awake, Roberts Ribbon Reapers, Hayestown, Dry Run Go Getters, Rolling Hills, Tri River Voyagers, Glen Hills Climbers, Springbrook, North Country and Sunnyside Shamrocks. Some of these groups worked more than one shift, in order to get the stand filled. Thanks to the clubs that worked longer shifts to help us out.

We would also like to thank several businesses for their donations: A.F.P., AMPI, Culvers, Hiawatha National Bank, Deer Park Fire Dept., SpatanNash and Nilssen's.

If you are interested in joining our committee, please let us know. Send me an email or text to [dstevens.gstevens@gmail.com](mailto:dstevens.gstevens@gmail.com) or 715-684-9696.

All of our hard work goes to help 4-H programs. Some of the things 4-H offers are: camps, scholarships, trips, awards, STEM workshops, Clover College, Foods Day, state fair, and softball, just to name a few! **By helping in the 4-H Food Stand you are helping the 4-H program. You are in a sense giving back to 4-H because 4-H has been giving to you.**

Thank you from the Food Stand Committee:

Mari, Gary, Debbie, Heather and Alpha, Steve, Ashley, Tryn, Garrett, Abigail and Beth



### 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)



### Support St. Croix County 4-H by visiting Joe To Go in Hudson!

**Every Friday in August 10% of all sales plus any daily jar donations will be donated to support St. Croix County 4-H Clubs.**

Please join us and spread the word!



**JOE TO GO**  
ORGANIC ESPRESSO

# National 4-H Week Statewide Service Project

Hello Wisconsin 4-H Club & Group Leaders,

On behalf of the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council, we would like to invite your club to join us in a statewide service project for National 4-H Week!

**National 4-H Week is October 6-12**, and we would like to showcase that week in Wisconsin by encouraging 4-H clubs to participate in a service project around that time. The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council is excited to announce this year's service project theme: "Make and Deliver." As part of this statewide project, you and your club are encouraged to create meaningful service projects to benefit your community.

Community Service is an important part of 4-H clubs and groups. In the 4-H pledge, we pledge our "hands to larger service" and we know that 4-H clubs are carrying out these service projects throughout the year. Our hope is that your club will be able to join this effort and consider a project in the fall to be part of our statewide service project!

With our theme of "Make and Deliver", we want to encourage your club to make a unique impact on your community with a broad spectrum of community service acts, such as:

- Cards
- Blankets and pillows
- Meal Kits
- Knitted items
- Plant trees
- Nursing home visits & games
- Dog Toys & Treats
- Birthday party kits (supplies for party, cake mix kit)
- First aid kits
- Dinner/Snacks (deliver to another organization)
- Repurposed wreaths
- Free Library
- And any other local projects that your club chooses!

Your club is encouraged to work as a team and make these service projects youth led, with youth voice in deciding the project, and with youth leadership in planning and carrying out the project. Once your club has selected a project, please register it at this link: <https://go.wisc.edu/n8v617>. If your club needs help selecting a project or finding reflection ideas, visit this website for more resources: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/community-involvement/service-learning/>

Our goal during National 4-H Week is to share what 4-H is, how it helps in our community, and get more people involved.

We are planning a Zoom meeting to share more about the statewide service project. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m.. A reminder of the Zoom will be sent closer to the event. During the call, we'll discuss the service project, share ways that you can promote your project, and how we'll collect the impact of our projects across the state.

We hope your club will join us for the statewide service project – and we'll also be planning some theme days for the week! Let's Ignite Our Sparks during National 4-H Week 2024!

**IGNITE YOUR SPARK**  
**FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**

Join the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council for a statewide service project

We invite your 4-H club to give back to your community. Start thinking about ways your club can volunteer.

Sign up for Service Projects:

<https://go.wisc.edu/n8v617>

Stay tuned for more National 4-H Week activities

The graphic features a green background with white icons representing various 4-H themes: a gear, a hand holding a heart, a plant, a heart, a hand holding a heart, a gear, a plant, and a hand holding a heart.



# LEADER NEWS

Dear St. Croix County 4-H Leaders,

As you may know Sky has taken the Pepin County Youth Educator position. So where does that leave us? We are reaching out to you with a big ask, we need your input. We have scheduled an important meeting that we need all of our 4-H leaders to attend. This includes project leaders, club leaders, and anyone with a dedication to 4-H.

If there ever was a meeting that required your presence, it's this one. Our clover needs you now more than ever. We will be discussing critical updates and plans that will shape the future of our 4-H program. Your input and participation are vital.

Please join us and help make a difference. **Please meet at 6:30 pm at the Baldwin Extension center on Tuesday August 20th.** Unfortunately, there will not be a zoom option for this meeting.

Thank you for your commitment and support. We ask that you join us to work together to make the best better.

Sincerely,

Jackie Kumm  
St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Council President



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

August 20 @ 6:30 PM

UW-Extension Office

Agenda will be  
sent out prior to  
the meeting



## Annual Charter Financials

In addition to the Charter document, you will need to complete the annual financial paperwork. This needs to be completed and turned into the Extension Office by **August 15**. Please let Laura or Anne know if you have any questions. In addition to these forms you will also need to turn in:

- copies of all bank statements (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)
- copies of check book registers and ledgers (whatever format you keep your books in)
- updated inventory list (if you have any additions from the prior year)
- If you have an annual income over \$20,000 you will also need to turn in your monthly treasurers' reports

## Wisconsin 4-H Annual Charter Application 2024-2025

The 4-H Charter indicates that a 4-H Club or Group is organized in accordance with the objectives of the Wisconsin 4-H program. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension grants 4-H Charters which formally authorizes a Wisconsin 4-H Club or Group to use the 4-H Name and Emblem for educational purposes in accordance with laws and regulations established by Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In addition, the 4-H Charter Application provides:

- Documentation of educational activities of the 4-H Club or Group/Committee needed for liability coverage for 4-H volunteers and members
- Program impact evaluation and educational planning
- Documentation of compliance by 4-H Clubs and Groups with EEO, ADA guidelines, and Civil Rights laws.



Wisconsin 4-H Club and Group Charter Application will be posted September 1 and must be completed online by November 1. Access Charter Application Here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/wisconsin-4-h-annual-charter-application/>

## 2023-2024 4-H Club Award Packets

Club award packets will be sent out to club leaders (via email) soon. If you would like this mailed to you, please contact Laura ASAP. Once you receive the packet, please take a minute to review it, as some of the awards have changed. The awards committee has been working hard to simplify this application process in the hopes that more clubs apply for county awards.

All club award packets are due to Laura (email or snail mail) by September 9. Awards will be ordered and delivered to clubs in October. If you have questions on anything related to the Club Award Packet, please contact Laura, 715-531-1937 or [laura.hinz@wisc.edu](mailto:laura.hinz@wisc.edu)

### 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](mailto:scc4hleaders@gmail.com)  
**Mail:** 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140; Baldwin, WI 54002

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



### Reminder: 4-H Event Insurance

As we are getting ready for our summer events don't forget about additional insurance you may need!

**Special Activities Coverage is to be purchased for parades, swimming, paintball, bicycle activity, roller blading, roller skating, paddle sports, bounce house, zip lines, go-karts, hayrides, etc.**

Reach out if you have an event planned that you are not sure about.

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 a week before your event: <https://forms.gle/Pk9S1xxmXfHmYtgE8>

### **AmeriCorps: Recruiting for 2024-2025**



**AmeriCorps**

Interested in serving with Wisconsin 4-H AmeriCorps? The first step is to sign up. To learn more about how you can serve in your community, or another, submit this form to be sent more information about service opportunities, benefits of service, and the application process. Please fill out the attached link: <https://forms.gle/Bx386bWSQpjmXvVA9>

## 2025-2026 Fair Premium Book Changes

If you are a 4-H committee chairperson and your committee would like to see changes made to the 2025-26 St. Croix County Fair premium book please have your changes to Carole Schurtz or Cindy VanDyk no later than October 20th, 2024.

To make changes you will need to tear the pages out of the old fair premium book or download a copy from the fair website ([www.stcroixcofair.com](http://www.stcroixcofair.com)) and print out then write the changes directly onto the paper page in red ink. Please no word, google, or publisher files. We know this is old school, but it makes finding and making the changes easier for the person putting the book together due to formatting issues. You can then either scan the page as a pdf and email it to [carole@dewittmedia.com](mailto:carole@dewittmedia.com) or mail the hardcopy to Carole Schurtz at PO Box 38 Glenwood City, WI 54013.

Remember all changes are due no later than October 20, 2024. All changes will be taken into consideration by the St. Croix County Fair Board for inclusion in the next book. Changes submitted after that date are NOT guaranteed to be made or considered, this is a hard deadline so that premium books can be distributed in a timely manner.



## 4-H Softball Update:

Alumni 4-H tourney will be **August 9th at 6:00** at Peterson Field and a potluck dinner.

If you have questions call/text 715-965-0782 or email [ginamarie929@yahoo.com](mailto:ginamarie929@yahoo.com)



## St. Croix County Youth Horse Project All Horse project parents and youth are welcome and encouraged!

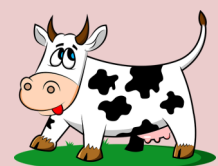
**Upcoming 2024 Youth Horse Project Meetings**  
**- Ag Center**  
**Youth Meeting 7:00 / all project meeting 7:30**

- Monday Aug 5th (project recap meeting)
- No Sept meeting
- Monday Oct 7th – 2024 Year-end banquet



## Dairy Committee Meeting:

Monday, August 19 at 7:00 pm  
@ UW-Extension Office, Baldwin



# DOG PROJECT NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



For more information contact  
[dogprojectstcroix@gmail.com](mailto:dogprojectstcroix@gmail.com)



## 2024 ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR DOG SHOW WAS A PAWSITIVE EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to all the dog project teams on another great county fair show. 30 teams competed in the 2024 obedience and showmanship show. Classes ranged from beginner all the way to the open class. Since April, dog project teams have been meeting weekly, practicing and developing their skills as a dog trainer/handler. Teams were anxious and excited to show off all that they have learned this season at the show.



DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursdays beginning July 25th 6-7 pm	<b>Summer Rally/Agility Practices</b> Practice will continue weekly, Thursday evenings until the show. Must have attended the dog bite prevention seminar and be at the Pre Novice level for rally training or Novice level for agility training. All are welcome to come and watch and learn.	Stark's Training Center 755 150th St. Roberts Wi. 54023
September 14 Morning Time TBD	<b>St. Croix County Dog Project Rally and Agility Show</b> All are welcome to cheer on our 4-H Dog Project Rally and Agility teams.	Overdale Training Event Center S1000 Westland Drive, Spring Valley, WI
September 14 Following the Rally/Agility Show Potluck lunch	<b>Dog Project Annual Banquet</b> Immediately following the agility and rally show. Please plan on attending as we will recap the year, talk about what's ahead and hand out member awards.	Overdale Training Event Center S1000 Westland Drive, Spring Valley, WI
October 5-6	<b>State Dog Obedience, Rally, Showmanship Show</b> Dog project members are invited to compete amongst other members from all over the state.	Jefferson County Fairgrounds Jefferson Wisconsin
October 12	<b>State Dog Agility Show</b> Dog project agility members are able to compete with other members all over the state. <b>The entry deadline is September 1st.</b> For more details, email or talk to a dog project leader.	Oshkosh Wisconsin

# ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR

## Thank You Everyone

As another fair season comes to an end, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the entire St. Croix County community for making the 2024 St. Croix County Fair such a huge success. Special thanks goes to Mother Nature for providing amazing weather conditions that brought people from near and far to experience all we have to offer.

It takes a lot of people working together to coordinate this Great Community Celebration! Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and talents before, during, and after the fair on the grounds and in the buildings, those helping with ticket sales, monitoring buildings, shuttling fairgoer's or just pitching in where needed. You are the key to our ongoing success and heart of the fair because we couldn't do it without you. Thank you to our grounds crew and to our Fair superintendents who put in countless hours planning and pre-paring for this five-day event. Thanks to the exhibitors who put the time and effort into their projects for the fair, hoping their hard work will pay off with that Blue Ribbon.

Thanks to the Glenwood City EMS and Fire Department for providing coverage for all of our needs, along with Chief Klatt and the Glenwood City Police Department and County Law Enforcement for keeping us safe and secure.

Special thanks to Glenwood City Mayor Kent Kletcher, Senator Rob Stafsholt, Representative Gae Magnafici, for helping us kick-off the festivities on Wednesday morning and Lisa Lind for singing the National Anthem, at the opening ceremonies.

To our many vendors who showcased their wares and to the concessionaires for all the delicious fair food options. A special thanks to the New Richmond Powerlifters who did an amazing job handling the huge crowds looking for a place to park.

A very big THANK YOU goes to all our sponsors for their donations and support! These partnerships help to enhance the fair experience for everyone who comes to the fair. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and do not go unnoticed!

A heartfelt thank you to our outgoing Fairest of the Fair Amalia Draxler and her court, Elana Reimer attendant, and Juniors Natalie Shypulski and Allision Rhine for doing an amazing job representing St. Croix County this past year. A huge welcome to our new Fairest of the Fair Sophia Kamm and Junior Kylee Lyons. We are certain you will have a great year making lots of wonderful memories.

A special thanks goes out to all the fair committees, board members (and their families) for making "All Roads Lead to the Fair" a great success. Thank you Fair Family!

## ~ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR BOARD

### WHAT THEME DO YOU WANT?

The St. Croix County Fair Board is looking for suggestions for fair themes and slogans for the 2025 and 2026 St. Croix County Fairs. If you or someone you know has a good idea we encourage you to share them with us. Ideas may be submitted to us through our Facebook page: [facebook.com/stcroixfair](https://www.facebook.com/stcroixfair) via Facebook Messenger, email: [stcroixcfair@gmail.com](mailto:stcroixcfair@gmail.com), or share with any fair board member.

The winning theme and slogan will receive a St. Croix County Fair gift package.  
**Deadline for entries is September 1, 2024.** We look forward to hearing your ideas.



# FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

## Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

### News:

1. Its official, the 2024 Maytober Sale will again be hosted as an online auction by Smith Auctions, the close date is November 13th at 6p.m. A special thank you to **Jody Close, Smith Auctions!**
2. Wanted – 4-H clubs who can use some extra financial support for their projects, see details below.
3. We have launched two 50:50 Raffles – see details below.

**Maytober Donations & Bidding information:** Maytober is truly a “soup to nuts” auction conducted by Smith Auctions with the seller’s fee donated – if it sells for a \$1.00 Friends receives a \$1.00. We need help on two fronts: 1. Donations of literally anything that has value & 2. Willing bidders. To register to bid, simply go to the Smith Auctions web site and follow the instructions. If you have anything to donate, please contact Chris Libbey (651) 247-0395 or Terry Mitchell (715) 619-0442. Donations of used ag equipment are great; for large items, we are also open to consignment. **Proceeds will be used towards the Tiffany Creek Shelter.**

**Club Development Grants:** Friends has a budget of \$1,000 to support Club Development Grants. Grants can be used for literally any project that helps the clubs thrive; service projects to recreation. We are accepting applications through the end of September. Our goal is to help enrich programming for the 2023-2024 Club Year. Contact Steve Smart at [desscs51@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:desscs51@baldwin-telecom.net) to receive an application.

### Raffle Details:

- 50:50 Cash Raffle #1
- Limited to 100 chances
- \$100/chance
- One prize of up of \$5,000 , if all 100 chances are sold

- 50:50 Cash Raffle #2
- Limited to 100 chances
- \$20/chance
- One prize of up of \$1,000 , if all 100 chances are sold
- **Sold out - thank you!!**

- Drawings to be August 17 at 8:45 p.m. at the Saturday night performance of the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo – admission gate open at 8:30 & drawing in the Tiffany Creek Pavilion at 8:45. Ticket sales are being handled by the Friends Board **Call (651) 247-0395 for direction to your nearest Board Member**

We need to continue to be creative in our fund raising efforts. 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

**See you at the Rodeo!**



## IGNITE YOUR SPARK FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



Join the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council for a statewide service project

We invite your 4-H club to give back to your community. Start thinking about ways your club can volunteer.

Sign up for Service Projects:



<https://go.wisc.edu/n8v617>



Stay tuned for more National 4-H Week activities



### 59th Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Expo

September 13-15, 2024

Wisconsin State Fair Park; West Allis, WI



The State 4-H Horse Expo is an annual event for all youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program and draws hundreds of youth and horses. Youth participate in a wide variety of educational project and riding competitions focused on horse experience. Educational projects include arts, creative writing, model horse, horse judging, and drawing – and more. More information found here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-horse-expo/>

### Give Now To Support St. Croix County 4-H

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



### 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](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org) to connect with OUR county

### National 4-H Week Statewide Service Project

October 6-12

On behalf of the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council, we would like to invite your club to join us in a statewide service project for National 4-H Week!

Learn more here:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2024/07/23/national-4-h-week-statewide-service-project/>

Let's Ignite Our Sparks during National 4-H Week 2024!



## Summer Academy 2024 Recap

In June, youth from across Wisconsin gathered at the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus for the annual Summer Academy event, hosted by UW-Madison Extension's Positive Youth Development Institute and 4-H.

At Summer Academy, youth had the opportunity to build and learn skills to reach goals and plan for the future. Youth participants explored careers, college, and other topics of interest through interactive workshops. They developed positive connections with other youth and adults through small and large group activities.

Youth participants chose one of 6 college/career track options to explore: agriculture, expressive arts, health, baking, transportation, or biological sciences. Tracks were led by faculty and staff at both UW-Madison and Madison Area Technical College.

Youth participants engaged in goal setting and visualization activities to help them make plans for their future. Youth leadership was also front and center, with our Wisconsin Leadership Council youth leading small groups and supporting participants throughout the experience.

There was, of course, lots of time for fun, too. Some of the most popular event elements were the Makerspace evening, recreation options hosted by Outdoor UW on Lake Mendota, team trivia, a dance, and the Art Team Art Show + Drama Company performance. All of these special events made for a very memorable week.

Summer Academy focuses on youth from 8th-11th grades. It helps youth hone their skills as leaders and take a deeper look into their post-secondary journey. For more information, please visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>

### 4-H and The Expressive Arts

**Check out this article to learn about the Arts and Opportunities at the State Level**

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2024/07/16/4-h-and-the-expressive-arts-check-out-this-article-to-learn-about-the-arts-and-opportunities-at-the-state-level/>

Follow this link to learn:

- What are the Expressive Arts?
- 4-H and The Expressive Arts
- Wisconsin State Arts Teams
- Arts Leadership Team Members Needed





# OTHER NEWS



## St. Croix County Farm City Day

**Saturday, August 10, 2024, 10 am – 2 pm**  
**FREE Lunch Served**



**Neu-View Acres  
Neumann Family**

Parking Located at:  
**2149 County Line Ave  
New Richmond, WI**

**Everyone Welcome!**

Service Animals Welcome

Check us out at:

[www.sccfarmcityday.com](http://www.sccfarmcityday.com)

or on 

### Directions:

From Stillwater / Somerset: Take HWY 35 North to the Somerset / Osceola Exit. Turn left and take Business 64 / HWY 35 into Somerset. Turn left to continue taking HWY 35 North out of Somerset. Continue on HWY 35 until reaching County Line Ave. Turn Right (East) onto Polk / St. Croix County Line Ave. Continue heading East on County Line Ave approx. 3.5 miles.

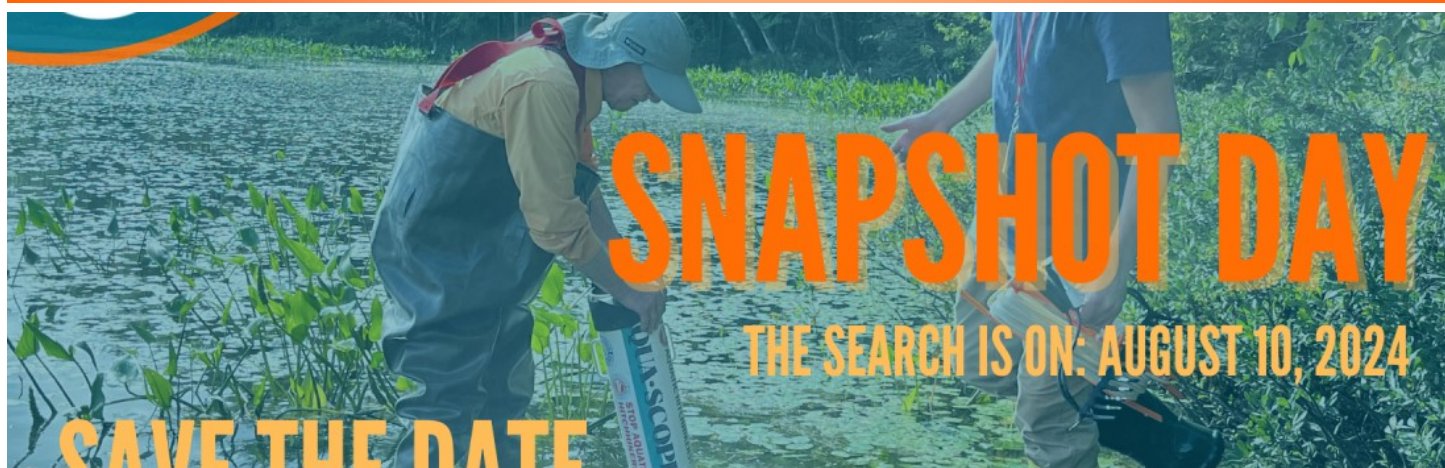
From Osceola: Take HWY 35 South to County Line Ave. Turn left (East) onto Polk / St. Croix County Line Ave. Continue heading East on County Line Ave approx. 3.5 miles.

The Farm City Day parking entrance will be off from County Line Ave. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

### Events:

- Guided Farm Tours
- Petting Barnyard
- Exhibits and Displays
- Farm Machinery Display
- Family Event
- On Farm Lunch





## Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day 2024

Search Wisconsin's waters for invasive species on August 10th! Snapshot Day is a statewide effort to protect Wisconsin's streams, lakes, and wetlands by monitoring designated sites for invasive plants and animals that may threaten the state's wildlife and water Ecosystems.

### EVENT DETAILS:

Saturday, August 10th 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Volunteers will search for invasive species at critical monitoring sites. Any potential invasive species will be verified and cataloged with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to help tailor species removal and conservation plans accordingly. This event requires no prior experience and training is provided. Snapshot Day is free and open to volunteers of all ages, but is recommended for ages 8 and up. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

### REGISTRATION:

Register and see all event details at: [www.wateractionvolunteers.org/events/](http://www.wateractionvolunteers.org/events/). Advance registration is requested to help Site Leaders build monitoring plans, but will remain open until August 9th.

## For Fathers By Fathers – Fatherhood Conference

The Fathers In Focus Conference, a groundbreaking event dedicated to empowering fathers and promoting positive fatherhood practices, is set to take place on October 11, 2024, at the Monona Terrace in Madison, Wisconsin. This full-day conference aims to inspire, educate, and support fathers in their vital roles within families and communities.

### Event Highlights:

Date: October 11, 2024

Location: Monona Terrace, Madison, Wisconsin

Time: 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Learn More: [https://](https://parent-ing.extension.wisc.edu/fathers-in-focus/)

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CONFERENCE 2024

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The University of Wisconsin – River Falls invites your organization to participate in the community section of our fall **Involvement Fair**! This event will replace the previously hosted City and Sustainability Sampler event and will merge that event with the Involvement Fair.

The Involvement Fair will be held on **Tuesday, September 3rd from 5:00-7:00 pm** in the Knowles Fieldhouse inside the Falcon Center. The community section of the event is an opportunity for local businesses and organizations to showcase their products, services, and volunteer opportunities.

The Involvement Fair draw is hundreds of students and is a great opportunity for you to meet the campus community, including new and returning students. We invite you to have a display table at this event – we will provide each groups with one six foot table and 2 chairs.

You can register for the event here [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf\\_dUiszCIDtqn1ts5YxPZ7kkmGN4Wg8B6fzj98tPzbLw4Frg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_dUiszCIDtqn1ts5YxPZ7kkmGN4Wg8B6fzj98tPzbLw4Frg/viewform) at no charge. The deadline to register is Wednesday, August 14th. You will be responsible for covering the cost of parking at the Falcon Center which is \$1 per hour. Additionally, you will be responsible for transporting all of your display items into the building. We will send all registered groups an email with more details closer to the event.

If you so choose, we encourage eco-friendly giveaways and prizes, samples, coupons, etc. Please note that due to campus policy, the promotion of alcohol is strictly prohibited including, but not limited to, coupons or other promotions. We also do not allow selling of items at this event.

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