



TELL US ABOUT YOUR 4-H EXPERIENCE!



## 4-H THRIVING SURVEY

4-H members 13 years old and up are encouraged to participate! Watch your email for info on the survey and the survey link! Complete the survey for a chance to win one of several \$25 gift cards!

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### We Want to Know How 4-H Has Helped You Thrive!

In November, Wisconsin 4-H will be encouraging members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey was developed by National 4-H Leaders (<https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/>) and will help Wisconsin 4-H to learn about the quality of our programs. The information will help to show how 4-H helps young people to learn new things, develop leadership skills, manage goals, set high personal standards, create positive academic attitudes, and other skills that lead to long-term success in life.

The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of November. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card. For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model, please visit 4-H Thriving Model – Wisconsin 4-H.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/4-h-foundations/4-h-thriving-model/> Please keep an eye out for messages and more information about this important survey.

#### 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."

#### Office Hours:

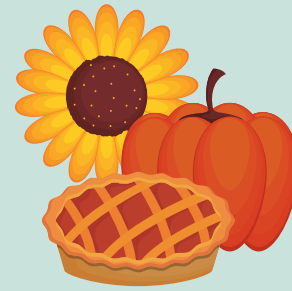
Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

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

## November

- 1 4-H Club and Group Charter Application Deadline
- 1 Re-Enrollment Deadline for 4-H Members
- 2-3 WI 4-H Fall Forum
- 7 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 10 Maytober Sale Ends
- 12 Livestock Rules Meeting & Committee Meeting
- 19-21 UWEX Office Closed - All Extension Conference
- 28-29 UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY
- 29-Dec 3 National 4-H Congress



## December

- 7 Beef Initial Weigh-In
- 10 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 24-25 UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY
- 31 UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY



## January

- 1 UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY
- 14 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 18 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 20 UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY
- 21 Leaders Association Meeting



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The University of Wisconsin Madison, Division of Extension staff in St. Croix County thanks you for collaborating with our many educational endeavors. We appreciate your support and working relationship as we provide educational programs designed to empower the diverse citizens of St. Croix County.




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# Celebration & Thanks



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## National 4-H Week

### 2024 National 4-H Week Displays

**BELLRINGERS 4-H CLUB:** Bellringers did a window display at the Glenwood City Library

**DOUBLE GOOD 4-H CLUB:** Double Good Club made birthday kits to donate to the food pantries in Spring Valley and Baldwin

**DRY RUN GO-GETTERS 4-H CLUB:** Dry Run put up a display at the Baldwin Library

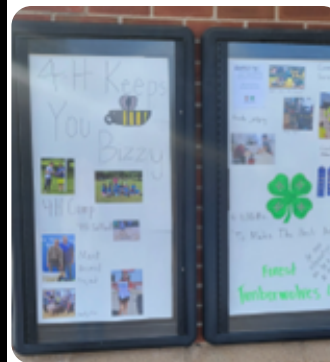
**FOREST TIMBERWOLVES 4-H CLUB:** Forest Timberwolves did a window display at Bizzy Bean Coffee Shop in New Richmond

**NORTH COUNTRY 4-H CLUB:** North Country did a display at Deer Park Library & a 4-H Week Flyer

**ROBERTS RIBBON REAPERS 4-H CLUB:** Roberts Ribbon Reapers did a window display at Roberts Memorial Library and packed over 100 thank you bags for local emergency personal workers

**ROLLING HILLS 4-H CLUB:** Rolling Hills did a window display at Mason Jar Marketing in downtown Hudson

**SPRINGBROOK 4-H CLUB:** Springbrook had two different locations for road signs



A BIG THANK YOU to all the attendees the 2024 4-H Leader's Banquet!



**Key Award:** Johnathan Beyer

**Florence Jensen:** Jillian Mason

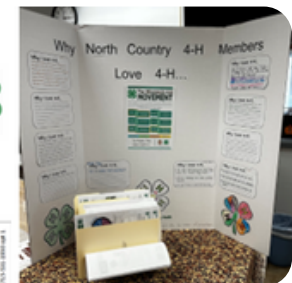
**Helen Holzer:** Evelyn Bakken, Keagan Kuhl, Shelby Meyer, Tessa Wagner

**Farm Bureau:** Lydia Bennett, AJ Lentz

**Outstanding 4-H Graduates:** Johnathan Beyer, Madalyne Booth, Kylie Hellendrung, Jocelyn Kobernick, Grace Mentink, Savannah Millermon, Tatum Timm, David Thompson, Libby Wagner

**Friend of 4-H:** Annette Massie

**Club Leadership Team:** Forest Timberwolves, Roberts Ribbon Reapers



\* Pictures to come in the December 4-H Communicator

# Club Information



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## Netherland Dwarf Rabbit Looking for a NEW HOME!

Hi there! We are looking to rehome our Netherland dwarf Dopey (after the dwarf in Snow White and didn't know if some 4h families would want to have him?) He is fixed and taken care of. He is two years old. He stays in my daughter's room but she has just gotten so busy and will be graduating in two years and knows she won't be around to take care of him so thought rehoming him now would be best. He was bred for showing we were told but we have not taken him to the fair as we couldn't do 4h this year due to school sports. He is a bit anxious and does let us hold him and take care of him but always seems to be a bit nervous. We are hoping someone would love to take him and give him all the love he needs and has patience with him. If you know of anyone that would be great, thank you!

Please contact Laura at the Extension office for contact information to the rabbit owner. [laura.hinz@wisc.edu](mailto:laura.hinz@wisc.edu)

## RE-ENROLL IN 4-H TODAY!

Enrollment for our new 4-H year IS OPEN!  
Current members please enroll by Nov. 1 to ensure you continue to receive 4-H communications

- 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.



FEELING  
creative?



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers who would like to lead a workshop at the 2025 Clover College.

Workshops can center around a favorite hobby, project, or interest. Our aim is to offer youth a diverse range of project workshops, allowing them to leave with several completed fair exhibits.

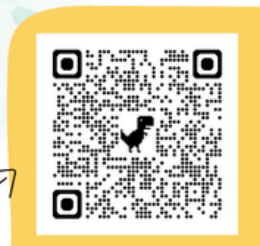
Participants will be in grades K-5, and workshops can last either 55 minutes or 1 hour and 55 minutes.

Clover College will take place Saturday,  
February 22nd at the Amery High  
School



Register  
Now

<https://go.wisc.edu/95pmzu>



**AmeriCorps**

## AmeriCorps: Recruiting for 2025

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>

Register for the Cultural Baking Series held at 6:30PM on Dec 5, 12, & 19 via zoom. We will learn new baking techniques, try new-to-us ingredients, and explore our cultural connection to food. This series is recommended for those in 4th grade and up.

Families will receive a recipe book and ingredient list by e-mail.

Registration closes Nov 14 at 11:59PM

There is no fee for this program. Your family will need to purchase ingredients and supplies.

We will be making:

Black Bean Brownies

Schokoladenplätzchen

Portuguese Custard Tarts

[Cultural Baking Series Registration](#)

# Cultural Baking Series

## Dec 5, 12, & 19

### Grades: 4th and up

This virtual series explores new baking techniques and ingredients while in your own kitchen.

**REGISTRATION CLOSES at  
11:59PM NOVEMBER 14, 2024**



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## 2024-2025 4-H TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Thinking about taking a trip in 2024-2025? 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 Fall 2024-January 31, 2025, application deadline is no later than Friday, November 11, 2024 at 5:00pm.
- For trips scheduled in February 2025-June 30, 2025, application deadline is no later than Friday, April 7, 2025 at 5:00pm.

Find the 2024-25 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet HERE:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/10/2024-25-Program-Booklet-compressed.pdf>

## PREMIUM CHECKS

The checks will be given to you by your leader. Please cash ASAP as the check will be void after December 23, 2024. If you misplace the check or forget and do not get it cashed by then, you will have to come to the Fairboard meeting in February and explain to the Fairboard why you failed to cash the check in a timely manner. It will then be up to the board if they will issue you a new check or if you will forfeit your premium.

If you have a dispute with the amount of the check, please contact Cindy Van Dyk at 715.246.5486 or [cindyvandyk1976@gmail.com](mailto:cindyvandyk1976@gmail.com) to resolve the issue. You will need to provide proof why you believe it is incorrect.



Sunnyside Shamrock's Meeting  
Reported By: Michael Clark, Sunnyside Shamrocks Reporter

Sunnyside Shamrocks 4-H meeting last month on September 15th, we planned our year and voted in the officers. This year we are going to be doing a lot of FUN things; like in November we are making Christmas ornaments. In December we are caroling, making cookies and we have a corn auction. January we have speech night. February we are planning to make tie blankets and cards for cancer patients. March we are planning a game night. April we are planning to make chemo bags and going to a Feed My Starving Children program. May we are plan to do ditch cleanup. June we intend on having no meeting so we can work on the fair sign and projects. July we are planning on sharing our projects for the fair with each other. In August we are having a picnic and turn in our record books.

The next month is our awards night at the Glenwood City community center on the 20th at 5:30 PM. New members welcome.

Our new officers are:

Left to right top row

Gracie (president), Sadie (vice president), Baylie (treasurer), Michael (reporter)

Left to right bottom row

Skylar (historian), Caleb (secretary), Addie (historian)



### Roberts Ribbon Reapers Service Project

We were able to deliver our service project appreciation bags to the Roberts-Warren fire department this evening and get a picture with the members that were there. I also brought the bags to the Roberts police department, but there were no officers available to get a picture with. The village clerk will make sure they get them to the officers.

Pictured is Levi and Delila Johnson with members of the fire department.



Clover College 2025

Saturday, February 22

Amery High School

Grades K - 5

### Recycle Your Fair Ribbons

Have too many fair ribbons, don't want to keep them around collecting dust? You can donate your ribbons back to the fair to reuse in coming year. Just drop off at the Extension office!



### 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)





## 2024-2025 St. Croix County 4-H Leaders and Contact Info

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Riverside	Tammy Frank	Tfrank@coreproducts.com
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Rolling Hills	Bridget Lentz	pblentz5@gmail.com
Rustic Renegades	Michelle McNamara	michelle.mac737@gmail.com
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Springbrook	Jackie Kumm	jackiekumm@edinarealty.com
Sunnyside Shamrocks	Debbie Stevens	dstevens.gstevens@gmail.com
Tri River Voyagers	Becky Olson	bolson@somerset.k12.wi.us
Willow River Eagles	Gina Schneider	ginamarie929@yahoo.com

### Reminder: 4-H Event Insurance

As you plan out your club calendar take note of those activities that may require additional insurance.

Event that require additional insurance include:  Horseback Riding  Mountain Biking  Shooting Sports  Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding  Go-Karts  Bounce House or Moonwalk  Challenge Course or Zip Line  Fun Run/Walks  Tractors  Roadside Clean-Up  Sledding/Tobogganing/Tubing  ATVs or UTVs  Waterfront: Paddle Sports  Waterfront: Swimming

Reach out if you have an event planned that you are not sure about. NOT approved 4-H activities include: Paintball, Laser Tag, and the use of Trampolines

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>



### 2024-2025 4-H Leaders Association Board Members

President: Shelby Krupa  
 President Elect: TBA  
 Past President: Jackie Kumm  
 Secretary: Molly Ziegler  
 Treasurer: Bridget Lentz  
 Adult Director: Lori DeBoer  
 Youth Director: Tenley Hesselink  
 Fair Representative: Sarah Erickson

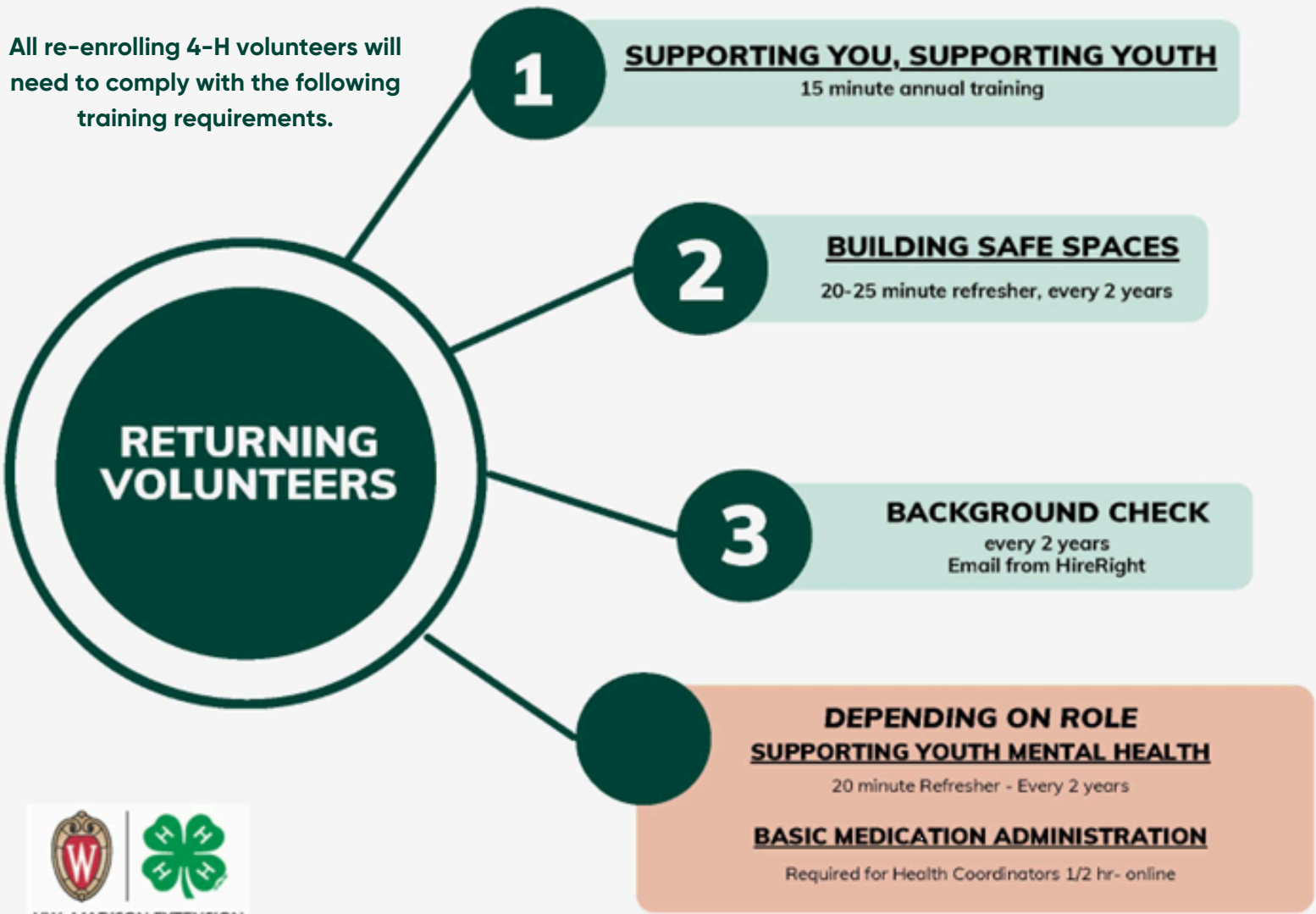
The 4-H Charter indicates that a 4-H Club or Group is organized in accordance with the objectives of the Wisconsin 4-H program. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension grants 4-H Charters which formally authorizes a Wisconsin 4-H Club or Group to use the 4-H Name and Emblem for educational 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/>



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# 4-H Committees



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## Livestock Committee News:

### Rules Meetings:

Tuesday, November 12 @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 10 @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 14 @ 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 18 @ 9:00 am

All at UW Extension Office, Baldwin



Tuesday, November 12 - Committee Meeting to follow rules meeting at 7:00 pm

## 4-H Volleyball Opportunities

Where: Clear Lake High School Gym

Who: Grades 3-5 (Low net from 6:00 - 7:00);

Grades 6-8 and 9-13 (regular net from 6:00 - 8:00)

GIRLS and BOYS



### Schedule:

November 10th OPEN to all clubs/4-H members in St. Croix and Polk County

November 17th Beaver Brook, Dry Run, Willow River clubs

November 24th Little Falls, Forest, Willow River clubs

December 1st Beaver Brook, Little Falls, Forest, Willow River clubs

December 8th OPEN to all clubs/4-H members in St. Croix and Polk County

December 15th Dry Run, Willow River clubs

Any questions, give me a call at 715-965-0782 - Gina Schneider

## Dairy Committee Meeting:

Thursday, November 7th  
at 7:00 pm

UW-Extension Office,  
Baldwin



## ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS...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)



## 2024-2025 St. Croix County 4-H Committee Contacts

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Email</u>
4-H Leaders Association	Shelby Krupa	shelby.krupa@gmail.com
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Dairy Committee	Lance Kamm Mary Luckwaldt	lkamm33@gmail.com luckwaldt123@yahoo.com
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Livestock Committee	Cindy Croes	ccroes88@gmail.com
Shooting Sports Committee	Shawn Weyer	weyershawn25@gmail.com
Small Animal Committee (Rabbits/Cavies)	Val Meijer	vmeijer1985@gmail.com
Softball Committee	Gina Schneider	ginamarie929@yahoo.com

### COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

We're in need of several project and committee leaders aimed at enhancing our 4-H programs and activities! We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help lead these projects/committees and bring fresh ideas to our 4-H community.

Available (but not limited) 4-H Committee and Project Areas:

1. Foods & Nutrition Project
2. STEM Project
3. Ambassadors
4. Woodworking Project
5. Sewing/Quilting Project
6. Photography Project

Why Volunteer?

- Gain leadership experience
- Make a positive impact in our community
- Have fun and meet new friends!



If you're interested in volunteering for one of these committees, please contact Eileen [eileen.vandyk@wisc.edu](mailto:eileen.vandyk@wisc.edu) or Laura [laura.hinz@wisc.edu](mailto:laura.hinz@wisc.edu).

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to making our 4-H program thrive!

## Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

### News:

1. Maytober is here; Now is the time to bid!! There are ~ 150 lots, with more continuing to come in. Items will be available for inspection starting November 1st with the close date November 13th at 6p.m. A special thank you to Jody Close, Smith Auctions!
2. Great news, we recently received our second 2024 grant of \$1,000 from the St. Croix Electric Cooperative!!
3. Despite low commodity prices, the corn drive looks like it will finish at \$4,000 raised!!! A big thank you to Terry Mitchell for driving the solicitation and hauling of the corn.
4. Wanted – 4-H clubs who can use some extra financial support for their projects, 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 of \$25 or more & 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 higher value items, we are also open to consignment. Proceeds will be used towards the Tiffany Creek Shelter. (Note: we accept donations all year and will run them in the appropriate sale.)

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 November. Our goal is to help enrich programming for the 20234-2025 Club Year. Contact Steve Smart at [desscs51@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:desscs51@baldwin-telecom.net) to receive an application.

### How you can help:

1. Look for items to donate/consign that we can sell through Smith Sales and sign up to bid
2. Participate in your company volunteer matches. For example, 3M active/retiree employees giving 25 hours of volunteer service to a qualifying non-profit (Friends) earn a \$500 matching grant from 3M (The 3M grants includes 4-H Club leadership, Project committees, Fair & Rodeo)
3. Use social media to promote our fundraising efforts – the impact can be huge!
4. Interested in being part of a successful fund raising organization? Consider becoming a Friends board member – see contact # below.

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



# 2024 Maytober Sale

Charity sales conducted courtesy of  
Smith Auctions Online Auction Company

Presented by The Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds in cooperation with  
the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo & St. Croix County Fair, Inc.



## Help us fund the Tiffany Creek Shelter ADA Compliant Toilets & Showers

*2024 Sales:*

**Exclusive Maytober event closes Wednesday, November 13th**  
*Featured - Entertainment/Services/Food/Dining*

Watch for donated items listed throughout the year.

*Ag/Equine/Sporting Goods/Antiques/Collectibles/Household*

**Register to bid & view auction bills:**

**Go to [www.smith-auctions.com](http://www.smith-auctions.com)**

Auction notes:

- Search Key: fscf
- Minimum bid is \$10
- No reserves
- Items may be viewed 3 weeks prior to close at Smith Auctions, 2231 Hwy 12, Baldwin
- **All sales subject to Smith Auction's "Terms & Conditions"** - To avoid service charges, winning bids must be settled in 2 business days post sale unless alternate arrangements are made with Smith Auction Company.
- Check Friends website [www.stcroixcofair.com/may-fair](http://www.stcroixcofair.com/may-fair) & Facebook page for more details

*Special thanks to the generosity of Jody Close, President, Smith Auction Company,  
for hosting our Maytober event!*

## Something for Everyone!

**All donations & proceeds to go towards capital improvements.**

For Information & Updated Auction Bill visit [www.smith-auctions.com](http://www.smith-auctions.com).

Terry Mitchell 715-619-0442 • Chris Libbey 651-247-0395

## American Spirit

### Registration for 2025 4-H American Spirit will open November 10, 2024

In order to register you will need to log into and have an approved profile/enrollment in <https://v2.4honline.com/> and follow the attached directions.

### About American Spirit East – June 20-29, 2025

Experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada – Youth-led content throughout the experience – Increase knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred – Dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of the foundation of our nation.

### The Program has the Following Objectives for its Participants:

- Increase knowledge and understanding of America's heritage
- Build awareness of the many steps taken to gain U.S. independence and freedom
- Further develop skills in leadership and personal expression of values
- Increase awareness of self in relationship to others
- Share what was learned with others in your club and county

### Highlighted Location(s):

- Nappanee, Indiana
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- New York City, New York
- Boston, Massachusetts
- Lexington/Concord, Massachusetts
- Gloucester, Massachusetts
- Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada (A passport will be needed!)



### Participant Eligibility:

- All youth grades 9-10
- Pre-Registration in 4-HOnline 2.0 is open starting November 10-November 30, 2024. Youth and their parent/guardian must complete the online registration together; it includes questions for the youth participant to answer!
- Each experience is limited to 45 youth, decisions about who is selected to travel are based on the following factors: first-come-first-serve registrants, # of youth per experience, full rooms by identified gender, ages of youth traveling together, eligibility to participate in future years.
- Estimated Cost of Experience = \$2,900 estimate (final cost will be confirmed before participation confirmation.)

Questions? Contact Amber Rehberg at 715-820-0810 or [amber.rehberg@wisc.edu](mailto:amber.rehberg@wisc.edu).

## CEDAR CREST ICE CREAM 4-H FLAVOR CREATION CONTEST



### CONTEST RULES:

Who: All 4-H Clubs in the State of Wisconsin are eligible.

What: Wisconsin 4-H clubs are invited to collaborate to imagine a delicious new ice cream flavor, and come up with an interesting flavor name. Each club may submit up to five entries.

When: Entries must be submitted to Cedar Crest Ice Cream no later than November 15, 2024, via online entry form or email.

Flavor Judges are looking for:

- Fun, unique flavor names
- Innovative, irresistible flavor combinations
- Up to 3 inclusions (ie: candy pieces, swirls)

We like interesting flavor names and innovative and irresistible combinations!

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## Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame

### About the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame

The genesis for our Hall of Fame began with discussions about how UW–Madison Division of Extension 4-H Youth Development should celebrate our Centennial in 2014. Three broad themes came out of initial planning: we need to capitalize on this opportunity for the future; take pride in our accomplishments; and celebrate our past.



This 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. The candidates represent 4-H in the broadest sense – they may be 4-H volunteers, financial supporters, UW–Madison Division of Extension professionals, or staff employees who had an impact on the lives of children, their community, or state through significant contributions of time, energy, or financial resource to 4-H and its members. The names of some are very recognizable, as sites and buildings bear their names. Others, while not broadly known, have transformed the lives of children and families with whom they've worked and the communities in which they've lived. The Hall of Fame preserves Wisconsin's 4-H history and development while increasing awareness of the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program.

100 Hall of Fame laureates were inducted in 2014 to coincide with the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Centennial Celebration. Moving forward, yearly nominations will be taken to select up to 10 honorees each year to keep the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame growing.

Nomination forms are available at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-hall-of-fame/>.

### From 4-H to the Olympics: Lauren O'Connor's Story of Courage & Determination

Through dedication, countless hours of hard work, and unwavering commitment, Lauren O'Connor's journey led her from showing animals in her Green County 4-H Club to earning a spot on the US Women's Olympic Rowing team at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics.

Inspired by her father's experience growing up on a farm, Lauren's parents hoped that raising and showing animals in 4-H would teach Lauren and her brother the value of responsibility. When Lauren looks back on her time in 4-H, she speaks with admiration, crediting the program for boosting her confidence, particularly in situations where she felt out of her element or needed to present herself more professionally.

Read more about [Lauren O'Connor HERE](#)

