4-H Communicator







St. Croix County 4-H **Dairy Judging Team Journey to Scotland**

See below letter regarding the team and its efforts...

We are writing on behalf of the St. Croix County 4-H Dairy Judging Team, a group of four dedicated young women from small town Baldwin, Wisconsin, who have worked tirelessly to achieve national recognition. We are excited to share that, after countless hours of preparation and competition, our team has earned the incredible opportunity to represent the United States at an international dairy judging contest in Scotland.

Our team's journey began with securing third place in the district competition, second place in reasons. At the state competition, we were crowned state champions-first in both reasons and overall team score. Recently, at the national level, we placed third overall and second in reasons, impressing the judges once again, and solidifying our spot to compete on the global stage.

The opportunity to travel to Scotland and compete internationally is a dream come true for our team. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will not only test our skills but also broaden our horizons and expose us to dairy judging at the highest level. However, to make this dream a reality, we need to raise \$33,000 to cover the costs of travel, lodging, and other expenses for the trip.

We would be incredibly grateful for your support in helping us reach this goal. Any contribution, no matter the size, will bring us one step closer to representing Wisconsin and the United States in Scotland. Your generosity will directly impact our team, allowing us talented girls to showcase our skills on an international platform and create memories that will last a lifetime.

If you would like to donate, contributions can be sent to the address noted at the end of this letter. Please make checks payable to the St. Croix Dairy Committee. We are also happy to provide more information about the team, the trip, or how your support will be used.

Thank you for considering our request. With your help, we can proudly represent our community, state, and the 4-H program on the global stage. We look forward to sharing our success with you!

Thank you, on behalf of the St. Croix Dairy Judging Team: Stella Kamm, Sophia Kamm, Lilly Peterson, Makayla Weyer 1710 190th St. New Richmond, WI 54017

See Page 6 regarding a fundraising opportunity on March 8th - the team is looking for silent auctions items! Have a donations? Contact: jkvpete@gmail.com, hweyer3@gmail.com, skamm@bwsd.k12.wi.us



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4-H Pledge "I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, 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.

> St. Croix County **Extension Website**

Calendar

February

- James W Crowley Dairy Leadership Award Due
- 1 Heritage Dairy Heifer Calf Application Due
- **Drill Team Commitment Meeting**
- Youth Horse Project Meeting
- 3 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 7 Clover College Registration Deadline
- Horse Project Quiz Bowl/Hippology info & Kick-Off Meeting 8
- 13 Fair Board Meeting
- 18 Cloverbud @ Home
- 18 Leaders Association Meeting
- 22 Clover College

March

- 3 Youth Horse Project Meeting
- 3 Enrollment Deadline to show at the St. Croix Co. Fair under 4-H
- Dairy Judging Fundraiser Baldwin American Legion
- 18 Cloverbud @ Home
- 18 Leaders Association Meeting

<u>April</u>

- 1 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 1 Fair Entry Opens
- Dog Project Kick-Off Meeting
- Dog Bite Prevention Presentation
- Horse Project Kick Off Meeting
- Dog Project Kick-Off Meeting 6
- Monthly Youth Horse Project Meeting
- 14 Horse Project Kick Off Meeting
- 15 Cloverbuds @ Home
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- 26 Submit DNA Samples Swine Project





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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.

1960 8th Ave. Suite 140

Baldwin, WI 54002 laura.hinz@wisc.edu

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https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu

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Club Information





2025 Clover College

Registration OPEN!

Date: Saturday, February 22 Who: All youth K - 5th grade Location: St. Croix Falls HS Time: 9 am - 2:30 pm Cost: \$20 / youth

Registration Deadline: <u>Feb. 7, 2025</u>
First Come First Serve – sessions fill up quick! No refund for cancellations will be issued after the deadline.

Registration form found on next page or website:

https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/event s/clover-college-2025/

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

HELP NEEDED



CLOVER COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with Clover College 2025. Adult and youth grades 8th grade and up are welcome. Positions include classroom helpers, hall monitors, general help. Lunch provided!

When: Saturday, February 22, 2025 (volunteers would report by 8:00 am until 2:30 pm

Where: St. Croix Falls High School, St. Croix Falls, WI Sign up here: https://forms.gle/HhpnLDUCSURN6qem6



Clover College

Name: _

Saturday, February 22, 2025, 9:00AM - 2:30PM St. Croix Falls High School 740 Maple Dr, St. Croix Falls, WI Open to all youth grades K-5th Registration begins at 8:30AM / Sessions at 9:00AM

Registration Fee: \$20.00 / youth





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Address	ressTelephone		
Grade Parent (s) name			
Gender Health Concerns: (aller	gies,etc.)		
Emergency contact name	Emergency contact t	relephone	
I am currently a 4-H member: Yes			
require an accommodation for a disabi	lity to participate in this program:Y	es No	
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Glass Etching (K-5)	Henna Art (K-5)	Hula Hoop Rugs (K-5)	
Laser Engraving Basics (K-5)	Light Up Your Art! Paper	Making Gummy Candies	
	Circuits for Kids (K-5)	(K-5)	
Making Tracks to Your Wild Side (K-5)	Paper Quilt/Iris Folding Card Making (K-5)	Planting a Propagated Houseplant (K-5)	
Puppet Workshop (K-5)	Scrapbooking (K-5)	Sewing - Pillow (K-2)	
Sewing - Soup Bowl Holder	Spring Time in the Woods	Stained Glass Candle Jars	
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Succulent Garden (K-5)	Talk 'n Dogs (K-5)	Woodworking -	
		Make Your Own Napkin Holder (K-2)	
		Serving Tray (G 3-5)	

Clover College: Session Descriptions

Saturday, February 22, 2025 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Barn Quilts for Beginners (55 minutes)

Debbie Petzel

Have you ever wanted to create a beautiful barn quilt of your own? Join us as we learn some basic tips to creating a barn quilt and leave with a mini version to take home. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Build a Wooden Hydraulic Table Lift (55 minutes)

Matthew Logering

Learn the basics of hydraulics by constructing a wooden table lift using syringes, tubing, and wood. Participants will explore how hydraulic systems work and create a functional lift capable of raising and lowering a small platform. This hands-on project will demonstrate the power of fluid pressure and mechanical design in a practical application. *Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 10*

Cake Decorating for Beginners (55 minutes)

Sarah & Trish Carlson

Youth will see and learn cake decorating skills by piping lines and other shapes. Then, decorating some cookies to show off their new skills! *Grades K-5 Class Limit*: 10

Cardinal In Winter Painting Workshop (55 minutes)

Becky Olson

Learn how to create a Cardinal resting on a branch & paint its bright red color against a snowy background. *Grades 1-3 Class Limit: 12*

Enamel Jewelry (55 minutes)

Becky Olson

Join in the fun of creating your own jewelry! We will learn the technique of enameling. We will create our enameled metal and then add jewelry findings to create a piece of art that you can wear home. Grades 4-5 Class Limit: 15

Eye Spy (55 minutes)

Chad Lutsey

Learn age-appropriate photography tips, tricks, and Golden Rules to begin your journey into the wonderful world of the 4-H Photography Project. Please bring a camera if you have one. Not needed to participate. If you have a favorite picture you would like to share, please bring that along as well. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Glass Etching (55 minutes)

Jeanne and Jena Alling

Create a 4-H and/or winter themed design from provided designs for a chemical glass etched project. You help prep the design for etching, put it on your glass item(s), and watch the chemical be applied for a permanent design to appear. Designs and glass items will be provided. *Grades K-5 Class Limit:* 15

Henna Art (55 minutes)

Cami Curtis / Ella Curtis

Participants will learn about the art of henna. Design and create a henna project. Everyone will receive a tube of henna so they can bring their art to life at home. Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10

Hula Hoop Rugs (1 hr 55 min)

Jennie Bazille

Join the fun! Learn to make a small rug using a hula hoop and old t-shirts. Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15

Laser Engraving Basics (55 minutes)

Payton Freund

Learn the basics of transforming wood and acrylic into a unique art masterpiece. In this hand-on workshop youth with learn about using a laser engraving machine and go home with their own creation. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 8*

<u>Light Up Your Art! Paper Circuits for Kids</u> (55 minutes)

Tyler Bohan

Students will learn how to create their own working light-up cards or pictures using simple materials like copper tape, LED lights, and batteries. Each student will choose from 2-3 fun designs and bring their creations to life with lights that glow. Youth will develop a basic understanding of electricity & circuits. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Making Gummy Candies (55 minutes)

Krissa Splittstoesser

Come learn how to make gummy candies--worms, bears, dinosaurs, and more! You'll be able to make your very own gummy candies. We'll have at least one dye-free option and will be using gelatin to make the gummies. Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10

Making Tracks to your Wild Side (55 minutes)

Stacey Lutsey

You will have the opportunity to decorate a towel with your favorite animal tracks while learning fun facts about ecology, the environment, and the wildlife around you. Please feel free to bring a LIGHT-colored cotton T-Shirt if you would rather wear your creation instead. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Paper Quilt/Iris Folding Card Making (55 minutes)

Michelle Johnson and Beth Sippl

Create a piece of quilt art using paper. Secondly, create a card using the Iris Folding Method. *Grades K-5 Class Limit:* 15

Planting a Propagated Houseplant (55 minutes

Katie Lauterbach

Each participant will get a pot, add drainage rocks, soil & pick out a house plant or succulent to add to the soil. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15*

Puppet Workshop (55 minutes)

Bridget Lentz

Come make a puppet and put on a short puppet show. Grades K-5 Class Limit: 12

Scrapbooking (55 minutes)

Carole Schurtz

Bring 4-6 of your favorite 4-H photos (4 \times 6) and we will show you how fun it can be to scrapbook them for your record book or just for fun. *Grades K-5 Class limit:* 12

Sewing - Pillow (55 minutes)

Jessica Robinson

A simple sewing project where youth will make a pillow from old button down shirts. *Grades K-2 Class Limit: 12*

Sewing - Soup Bowl Holder (55 minutes)

Jessica Robinson

A sewing project for the older youth. They will make a soup bowl holder. Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 12

Spring Time in the Woods (55 minutes)

Mike Lindley

We will learn about being outside in the woods in the spring. We will also make a turkey call and learn about animals. Grades K-5 Class Limit: 12

Stained Glass Candle Jars (55 minutes)

Natalie and Sarah Chartrand

Glass jars made to look like stained glass with tissue paper, to be used as a vase or candle holder. *Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 10*

Succulent Garden (55 minutes)

Elizabeth Hesselink

Youth will plant succulents into various containers to create a one-of-a-kind creation. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 12*

Talk'n Dogs (55 minutes)

Deb Beyer, Jean Gustafson, Greta Gustafson w/Bert the Show Dog

In this class, we will learn about dog breeds and their intended jobs. How dogs "talk" to us and how we should and should not talk to them. We will practice some dog obedience training exercises with pretend dogs. You will also meet a real, live 4-H show dog. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15*

Woodworking - Make Your Own Napkin Holder (1 hr 55 min)

Anne Wittman

Woodworking class for young beginners to make a napkin holder. Grades K-2 Class Limit: 8

Woodworking - Serving Tray (1 hr 55 min)

Anne Wittman

Woodworking for older beginners to make a serving tray with handles. Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 8





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 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





Looking for a summer "job" to earn money and build your resume?















4-H Day @ Trollhaugen - Sunday, March 9th 2025

Program Schedule:

Skiing and Snowboarding (Reserve by March 1, 2025) Arrival - 11:30am arrival (no early arrivals or sales) Free Beginner Lessons - 12:00pm-1:00pm - Ages 10+

Free Snowsports Merit Badge Test - 2:30pm

Tubing (Reserve by March 1, 2025)

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

Fees:

Lift Ticket \$22

Rental Package (ski or snowboard - includes helmet) \$21

Tubing Ticket \$18 - 2 hours

How To Register:

Call 715-755-2955 x223 or email <u>rose@trollhaugen.com</u> Clubs must preregister by

BY MARCH 1st, 2025 (Space is Limited and we may reach our capacity before this date - so please reserve as soon as possible).

Visit the website for more information: <a href="https://trollhaugen.com/scout-and-4-https://trollhaug



January Cloverbud at Home

Everyone did a great job demonstrating their skills in making Marshmallow and Toothpick Towers.
They started with 2-dimensionals shapes and moved on to 3-dimensional shapes such as cubes and tetrahedrons.

4-H Food Fest 2025

On Saturday, January 25 youth from throughout our county participated in 4-H Food Fest. They spent the day with hands on learning in areas of cake decorating, making noodles from scratch, cheese making and more!





The **Lone Pine 4-H Club**, at its December meeting, held a Christmas fundraiser. Members brought a gift and those were auctioned off with the proceeds going to a local charity. This year the members voted to donate the auction money to the Baldwin Community Food Pantry. A total of \$1956.00 was raised from the Lone Pine families for the benefit of this local food pantry.

The **Sunnyside Shamrocks 4-H club** got together to go caroling at Glenhaven and other local community homes. We took a collect of items for Ronald McDonald's house. Then we all met at Holy Cross in Glenwood to have our yearly corn auction. What's a corn auction? Everyone who carolled and is a member of the club got 25 corn kernels. There was a table of toys, soda, candy, items that we were able to bid on. We use our kernels of corn to bid on these items just like a real auction. The Grinch came to visit us and gave



us "reindeer food" and "snowman poop" so we enjoyed dinner together and hot chocolate. Thank you to the Grinch for taking them out of your schedule to visit us and thank you to Holy Cross for letting us use your space.



Baldwin Wide Awake collected supplies to distribute goodie baskets to community workers to thank them for all of the hard work they do. We were able to donate baskets to Baldwin Post Office, Baldwin Public Works Snow Plow Drivers, Baldwin Police Officers, and St. Croix County Plow Drivers.

Thanks for all of your service to our community.



At the January meeting 2 members of the **Roberts Ribbon Reapers** shared a demonstration with the club to show their spark. Eva Dyb demonstrated how to make salt art and also talked about how to dye the salt if you wanted different colors. Savannah Briese demonstrated sign language and talked about why it is important to her. She taught the club how to sign the alphabet as well as how to count to 10. There were also guest speakers talking about police detective work and photography.











Leader News



St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Tuesday, February 18 @ 6:30 pm

UW-Extension Office

Agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.



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

Hello 4-H Club/Project Leaders!

The **St. Croix County 4-H Scholarship Committee** is in need of additional members.

Responsibilities include reviewing application materials (cover letter, resume, project list, essay, letter of recommendation), contributing to discussion on candidate selection, and assisting with recipient selection.

*Please note that you may not contribute a letter of recommendation to a youth's application materials if you are on the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarships offered for 2025-2026 academic year include:

- St. Croix County 4-H Educational Scholarship
- St. Croix County 4-H Trade Education Scholarship
- Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan (nursing students)

Timeline:

April 1st - Applications due Month of April - Application review and recipient selection May 1st - Recipient notification mailed

Please indicate your interest in joining this committee by March 1st.

Feel free to reach out to Nicole with any questions regarding responsibilities, commitment, and more! nicole.cash@wisc.edu or 715-531-1938



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

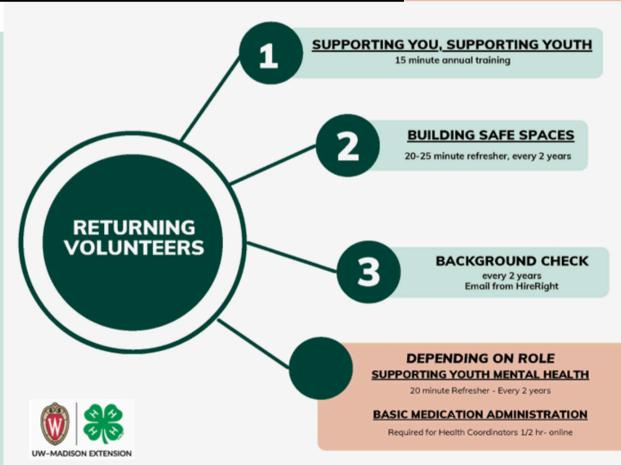




The Living Memorial Award is meant for an individual who puts a lot of time and effort into the County Fair to make it a success each year. Non 4-H Leaders as well as 4-H Leaders are eligible. To nominate an individual, complete the Living Memorial **Award Nomination and** submit to the UW-Extension Office by April 1, 2025.

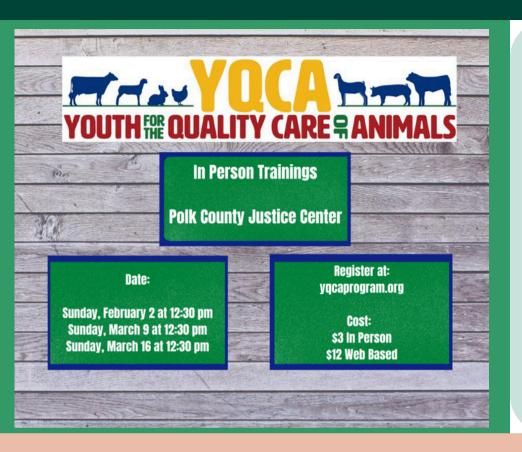
Nomination Form Found Here

Emails went out this past week to all volunteers who have trainings to complete. These must be completed and your enrollment approved before working with any youth in an volunteer capacity. All enrolling 4-H volunteers will need to comply with the training requirements. **THANK YOU!**



4-H Committees





<u>Dairy Committee</u> Meeting

Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm UW-Extension Office, Baldwin Conference Room 136



WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS Save the Dates

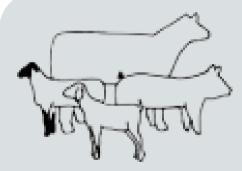
PIERCE COUNTY JUNE 13TH

CALUMET COUNTY JUNE 30TH



WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION





Check out the St.
Croix County
Livestock Event Page
on Facebook for all
the upcoming events.

<u>Facebook Page</u> <u>Found Here</u>

Horse Project News

<u>Upcoming 2025 Youth Horse Project Meetings - Ag Center</u> Youth Meeting 7:00 / all project meeting 7:30

- Monday February 3rd
- Monday March 3rd
- Monday April 7th
- Monday May 5th
- Monday June 2nd
- Monday July 7th
- Monday Aug 4th



Special Events - Ag Center unless otherwise noted

- February 3rd- Drill team commitment meeting 6:30 pm
- February 8th-Quiz Bowl / Hippology info and kick-off meeting
- April 5th- Kick off Meeting- Arrival time: 8:30 am arrival, starting at 9:00 am
- April 14th- Kick off Meeting-Arrival time: 6:30 pm arrival, starting at 7:00pm
- June 7th 8:00 am Day Camp St. Croix County FairGrounds
- June 20 22nd Weekend Camp St. Croix County FairGrounds
- Monday Oct 6th, 6:00 pm Annual year end banquet and annual meeting

If you have any questions on the St. Croix County Youth Horse Project, please email <u>stcroixcountyhorseproject@gmail.com</u>

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
- 3. Ambassadors

5. Sewing/Quilting Project

2. STEM Project

- 4. Woodworking 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 Nicole Cash, 4-H Program Educator <u>nicole.cash@wisc.edu</u>

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



St. Croix Co. Fair



2025 will be a great year! Save the dates of July 16-20 for a fabulous five days of fun, food, and family time as we celebrate 115 years of memories at the St. Croix County Fair. We are excited about some changes along with new contests and events that will take place at the Fair this year! Stay tuned for more information. It's also time to start thinking about what you will exhibit this year. Fair Entry will be open April 1 through May 31.



Other Fair Board News

The Fair Board usually meets the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be February 13, 7:00 pm at the Extension Office in Baldwin. It is the Annual meeting and <u>everyone</u> is welcome. The February business meeting along with election of Officers will take place immediately following the annual meeting and the election of Fair Board Directors.

Friends of the Fair



As we reflect on the Friends' 2024 year, we are truly amazed and gratified by the results . Thanks to the support and generosity of many, we finished strong – commodity drive, donations, raffles and most of all, the Maytober. A big thank you to all who helped make a reality of our stretch goal – covering the annual principal and interest payment for the Tiffany Creek Shelter. We came close and with help from the

St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo – we made it! We also continued with Club Development Grants and partial funding of the Heritage Calf Project. Speaking of Club Development Grants, the New Richmond Area Community Fund just awarded us \$1500 towards club grants going forward into 2025!

Looking ahead to 2025, we will need to continue to be creative in our fund raising efforts. The great news is the continued commitment of Jody Close, Smith Auctions, to continue hosting online auctions for our benefit..

Please keep tuned as Friends works through our fund raising plan for 2025. 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

fairgrounds

WI 4-H News





Scholarship Opportunity

Calling all Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development graduates! Scholarship applications are NOW OPEN! * The #WI4HFoundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding #WI4H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2025. All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2025. You'll want to get your application in early. Find application requirements and guidelines at https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/



ATTENTION! YQCA Scholarship Applications Now Open!

About the Scholarships

YQCA is excited to launch a new scholarship program for certified youth, ranging from high school seniors to age 21, pursuing an agriculture degree or trade.

We will provide a total of \$30,000 in scholarships to selected youth in 2025! Individual scholarships will be awarded in the following amounts:

One recipient - \$10,000 Two recipients - \$5,000 Four recipients - \$2,500

Apply <u>HERE</u>

Scholarship applications are open from January 1st – February 17th. Recipients will be announced in May.

Please reach out to help@yqcaprogram.org with any questions.



