



St. Croix County 4-H Communicator



May, 2010

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You know smiles are contagious, right? Have you ever thought about how your actions affect other people? Let's hope you have, because you (that's right, yes, you) can make a big difference in someone's day without even knowing it!

Summer is a busy time of the year...a perfect time to show your best to the community. YOU are a 4-H member, parent, or leader! What a great reason to smile! So while you are out at events this summer and the rest of the year we'd like to encourage you to remember how your actions, big and small, can affect your family, 4-H club members and leaders, and your neighbors.

Do you help others? Do you go out of your way to pick up a piece of trash? Do you respect others in your club, community, country and world? Do you smile and say "Hi" to people you pass on the street? Does your face tell others that no matter how rough your day may be, you are still happy to be alive? Do you try to make other people feel happy too?

Remember, because you are a part of 4-H, you represent 4-H to everyone you meet. Your positive and helpful attitude will demonstrate to others what a great organization 4-H is! And, hopefully, your great attitude will be so contagious that it will get passed on to yet another person.

Summer is coming and it is time to take advantage of all the wonderful 4-H opportunities – a perfect reason to be happy! Remember to be respectful of others and happy – you will see that it can make a difference!

Marie Witzel
4-H Youth Development Agent
St. Croix County

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2011 St. Croix County Fair Dates July 20 – 24, 2011

St. Croix County Fair Association, Inc. has decided to print a two-year fair premium list (fair book). The book you will receive in May 2011 will be for 2011 and 2012. Books will only be mailed to new families in 2012. The next chance to change the fairbook will be 2013, which may be a 2 year book as well. You can also view it online at <http://www.stcroixcofair.com/fair/JuniorFairBook.htm>

Congratulations

Welcome Summer Interns

Howdy ya'll! My name is Emily Johnson although everyone calls me Emma. I am the new 4-H Summer Intern!!

I'm a senior, part one of two and a half, at UW-River Falls. I will be graduating in the fall of 2012. I'm majoring in Agriculture Education and I hail from Reedsburg, WI. Between my parents I learned a lot of the skills that 4-Hers do even though I was not a part of 4-H itself. In school I have learned a lot of leadership skills that have helped me become the person I am today.

A tid bit about myself is that I love animals especially horses and cows. I love fairs, hanging with my family especially my little sister and my four year old niece, doing crafts, building things and being outdoors. I love to work with people of all ages to help them learn and grow. I am looking forward to this summer and I can't wait to meet all of you.

Hello!

My name is Ellen Hawley and I am very excited to serve as the County Fair/Office Intern for this summer. I have been a 4-H member in St. Croix County for the past 13 years and I feel honored to be able to continue my involvement with the St. Croix County 4-H program.

My favorite part about 4-H has been being able to participate in the County Fair every year. I have taken a variety of projects to the fair including sewing, ceramics, jewelry, photography and leather crafting. I have also participated in the clothing revue for a number of years.

Through 4-H I have had the opportunity to go on many trips. I participated in Tour Wisconsin; I attended the 4-H and Youth Conference in Madison; and I attended Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. They were all great experiences and I would recommend them to any 4-H member.

This summer, I hope to help promote 4-H in our communities and get other youth excited about participating in 4-H.

I am currently a sophomore at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota majoring in chemistry. At St. Olaf, I am a member of the track and field team and

the Student Alumni Association. In my free time, I enjoy running, sewing, being outside and spending time with my family.

I can't wait to meet many of you during the County Fair and other 4-H events this summer!

Leader News

Leader's Council Meeting

May 17, 7 pm

Ag Services & Education Center

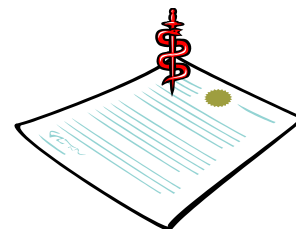
All of the Leader's Council meetings are open meetings. Anyone is invited to attend at any time. Agenda items are due 10 days before the meeting date. If you have any items to discuss with the council, please get your agenda items to Anne Wilbur or Marie. The agendas and minutes are posted on the St. Croix County UW-Extension Youth Development site under Leaders' Council.

Insurance

The Leaders Association decided in 2009 to purchase the American Income Life Accident Insurance for all of our 4-H members. So what does that mean? It means that all enrolled 4-H members are covered for any club, project or county 4-H activities or programs that happen for the next year. If your club normally held a 4-H club trip and purchased accident insurance, they don't need to unless you wanted it for your leaders or non-4-H members that were participating.

For your information, we purchased the high risk insurance so horse project, softball and ATV events are covered. If you have questions about the insurance, feel free to contact Marie or check out our coverage online at

<http://americanincomelife.com/4h2.htm>



Softball Coaches Meeting
May 12, 8 pm
Ag Services & Education Center

This is the meeting to review the rules and get the softball schedule. Call Dennis Mitchell at 246-5514, if you have questions about the meeting.

Please remember that all softball coaches must complete the Youth Protection Program which includes attending a new leader orientation. There is a new leader orientation being offered on May 24. See article in this communicator to sign up.

Club

Twelve Months of Giving

The Food Resource Collaborative of St. Croix County is inviting area community organizations to participate in various monthly collections in 2011 to benefit local food pantries and charities. Choose to participate in one month, four months, or all twelve months. All contributions can be collected at your site all month and then dropped off at your local food pantry. If you have any questions about your local pantry, please call Martha Mabis at (715) 684-3301 ext. 5.

May and June: Give "Moolah" to purchase milk coupons for families. Financial contributions will be accepted. Make checks payable to **The Salvation Army**.

Earn \$\$\$\$ at the Fair

4-H Clubs and Committees: You have the opportunity to raise money for your club and the county 4-H Organization.

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders' Association runs the food stand next to the Fair Office during the County Fair. Your group can sign up to work the stand by itself or share the responsibility with another club or committee. Information to sign up for a time and details was included with the club fair entries.

The profits are divided equally between the number of hours that people are working. Your group will earn a portion of the profit per hour generated. The more hours your group covers the stand, the more

you club will earn. A share per hour will go to the Leaders' Association.

The money collected by the Leaders' Assn. will be used to purchase equipment for the food stand and to budget funds for activities/programs in the upcoming year. For more questions and to schedule a work time, please contact Mari Omann at (715) 684-3558 or momann@baldwin-telecom.net

Help is needed from all clubs and committees to make our 4-H Food Stand a success. Shifts are approximately 2-1/2 hours with the first 15 minutes learning from the previous workers and the last 15 minutes teaching the next shift. Thanks for helping!!

New Leader Orientation

May 24; 6:30 pm

Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

All adults in the Wisconsin 4-H Program who work directly with youth on a continuing basis are required to complete the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Protection Policy which includes three steps:

- Complete a volunteer application with permission to conduct a background check
- Attend a New Leader Orientation
- Annually complete the leader enrollment form and sign a volunteer expectation form

Club organizational leaders have all the materials explaining the Youth Protection Policy. If you need the information to register for a New Leader Orientation, you can ask your club leader or access it on the 4-H website under 4-H Leader Resources.

Golfers and 4-H'ers: Striving for the Green

You are invited! The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will hold its 9th Annual Southern Golf Classic on **Monday, June 27, 2011** at Lake Windsor Golf Club (just north of Madison) and the 4th Annual Northern Golf Classic on **Monday, June 13, 2011** at Kilkarney Hills Golf Club in River Falls.

Both golf classics will be 4-player, 18 hole scrambles. So, gather your golfing friends together for one or both events or you can be placed in a team.

The Southern event will begin with a shotgun start at 9:00 am and includes a grilled lunch after your round of golf.

The Northern event will begin with a grilled lunch with a shotgun start at 1:00PM and includes a dinner after your round of golf.

Registration for the Southern Golf Classic will be \$95 per person/\$380 per foursome and includes cart, range balls, team prizes, hole prizes, and meal as described above.

Registration for the Northern Golf Classic will be \$80 per person/\$320 per foursome and includes cart, range balls, team prizes, hole prizes, and meals as described above.

A Silent Auction will also be held at both locations. Silent Auction items may include 4-H artwork, tickets to sporting events, and gift certificates.

If you would like more information about either the Southern or Northern Golf Classic, would like to register your foursome, or would like to contribute a Silent Auction item valued at \$50.00 or more, please contact Donna Faulkner at 608-262-597 or 608-262-1597 or donna.faulkner@uwex.edu.

2011 Renovations for the Generations Raffle Kicked Off

- This year's raffle will again feature meat animal prizes **plus new cash options of up to \$500**
- Raffle sales kits have been distributed to most of the clubs. Please contact Chris Libbey (715) 246-5626 if we missed your club or you need more supplies

Remember that participating clubs get 10% of the sales and all club members selling 10 tickets or more qualify to win one of 12 \$25 Target Gift Cards

June Dairy Month Packets

These packets are made available to 4-H Clubs by the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board. It's loaded with things your club might want to use to promote June Dairy Month. All participating clubs receive a \$35.00 gift certificate for WMMB promotional materials.

If your club is interested in receiving a kit, contact the UW-Extension Office.

Youth News/ Opportunities

St. Croix County Show Choir

St. Croix County 4H Show choir welcomes new members and begins rehearsals.

The 2011 4H Show choir will begin rehearsals in May and June for their performances at the county and state fairs. Members include: Camille Budrow, Heidi & Megan Feyereisen, Gabby Henry, Ryan Knapton & Carolyn Morris all of Roberts Ribbon Reapers club; Caleb DeBoer of Forest Timberwolves Club, Avery Lingenfelter from Rolling Hills Club, Stephanie & Sydney Howell, Carlee Wehrmann & Hannah Ramberg all from the Golden Fireballs Club, Kayla Rimer of Pine Lakers and Colton Schmitt of Glen Hills Climbers. Their show will be Disney music old and new. The group will be performing at our fair on Friday and Saturday afternoons. They will also perform at the Polk and Pierce county fairs, the Wisconsin & Minnesota state fairs.

International hosting this summer

We are still in need of many host families for the Japanese/Korean exchange students this summer. Students will be here from July 24 - August 20. Children from a host family are matched with the visitor according to interests. This is a great opportunity for you to learn about our world, and share your world with another young person. Many lasting friendships have been formed over the years. Despite the severe natural disasters affecting their country, these young people are very eager to come to the USA and learn about our customs, being a part of your family for 1 month. The visitor only needs a bed/futon type to sleep on. Please consider being a part of this experience. You may go to the web site www.uwex.edu/ces/4H/onlinepro/international.cfm and/or contact Nancy Burman at music_mommy@hotmail.com or call 715-549-6712 for any questions. Don't miss this!!

Ambassadors

May 7 1:00 - 8:00 pm (Fairgrounds)

May 14 Syttende Mai Parade

We will be cleaning up your float and updating the promotional board at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 7th beginning at 1:00PM. Please plan on staying to work at the Mayfair Event from 4:00 - 8:00PM that day, also. You might want to bring nicer clothes to change in to after painting! The first parade is Woodville on Sat., May 14. All Ambassadors should be there, and any Junior Ambassadors that are available.

4-H Summer Camp

June 27-29, Grades 3 - 4

June 29-July 1, Grades 5 - 6

June 27-29, Grades 7-8 (Outpost)

It's almost camp time!! Great games, campfires, canoeing, swimming, arts/crafts, and nature activities.

The first camp is for members in the 3rd and 4th grade. The second camp is for members in the 5th and 6th grade. The Outpost camp is for 7th and 8th graders. The cost is \$100 for any of the camps and includes everything...food, lodging, insurance, campfire snack, craft supplies, nature supplies like canoes, fishing poles and even transportation.

The registration form was in the April 4-H Communicator or at: <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development-/forms-applications>.

Photography Project News

June 18; 10:00 am

Stevens Park, Woodville

Thank you for coming to the meeting on April 16th and making it a success! Those of you who are able to attend and are working in your books are on the right track. If you have not been able to come to a meeting have your club members that are in photography get together and I will come and share the information with you!

We had an excellent meeting with Mickey Simpson giving a talk about using "Lighting and Imagination" to take photographs. After this we divided into small groups and went over photos brought in by the members and they explained their photos using

photography terminology and rating them in 1-5 order. It was fun to practice "judging" the photos. Thank you so much for the adult helpers in the small group activity. We had two Polk County Judges there, Pam and Chad; and then along with Chad was his wife Stacy and daughter Cat. Mickey Simpson helped as did Theresa Hoffman. It is having all of these wonderful helpers that make this project so fun!!

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, June 18th and we will be meeting at the Stevens Park in Woodville. We wanted to meet in Baldwin, but Woodville is not too far away and the park there will offer lots of photo fun. We will start at 10:00 with a speaker or two and then have a Photo Scavenger Hunt. Parents should be on hand with the younger members as there is a creek and the members will be spread out. We have had a lot of the parents participating at the meetings and this is wonderful. Thank you parents!

Members are also invited to bring pictures with that they may have done already for fair to talk about after the meeting is over. This can be done after each meeting.

I will now be meeting with two more clubs so leaders and photography members please remember to e-mail me at jacobsenfarm@netscape.net and I will be happy to help you with a photography meeting or just answering questions. With our busy schedules it is not always easy to make a County Meeting so I am more than happy to help you and/or your club out!!

State 4-H Plant Science Day

Wednesday, July 6

Wautoma, WI

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

A fun way to learn more about horticulture science! Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography and speaking contests. The cost is \$10.00 which includes all the materials, handouts and lunch. Pre-registration is not required but requested.

For more details or a registration form, please contact Chuck Prissel at 715-485-8600. The registration form should be mailed to: Polk County UW-Extension Office, 100 Polk Plaza, Suite 210, Balsam Lake, WI 54810 by June 17.

Upham Woods Annual Stewardship Day

Saturday, May 14, 11 am - 3 pm

Volunteer with your family to help spruce up Upham Woods for the summer and also protect our natural resources. All volunteers will have a chance to choose service projects to work on such as painting, building, and invasive species removal projects. Many projects are appropriate for small children. We will also have some construction projects and would love to have some adults and older youth who have carpentry skills. A free lunch is provided to all volunteers. Please RSVP to Upham Woods (608-254-6461 or jessica.jens@ces.uwex.edu) to help us plan food and equipment.

Upham Woods has a variety of free community programs planned for 2011. To view a complete list please visit our blog at:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/community-events>

Bullying...Education & Solutions

May 9, 2011 at 6:30-8:00 pm

Phipps Center for the Arts; Hudson

What parents, educators and community members need to know about bullying, cyber bullying and sexting. Youth Action Hudson will be presenting this free event on cyber bullying, sexting, bullycide, prevention, consequences of bullying behavior, recommendations for parents, caregivers and educators and resources followed with a question and answer section.

If you have any questions, contact Youth Action Hudson at 715-386-9803 or www.youthactionhudson.org.

Animal Sciences

Dairy Members

If you are interested in attending the Wisconsin State Fair this year, please call Randy Peterson at (715) 698-2299.

Rabbit, Small Animal, and Guinea Pig Meetings

**All rabbit, small animal, and guinea pig project members are required to attend one meeting to be able to show at the County Fair in July.

May 24th, 7-8pm Fundraiser Meeting (Mandatory)
June 7th, 7-8pm (General Care, Introduction to Showmanship, & Practice time) June 14th, 7-8pm (Diseases & Practice Time) June 21st, 7-8pm (Digestive System & Practice Time) June 28th, 7-8pm (Breed Standards & Practice Time) Fun Show: TBA

Note: Meeting topics are preliminary and may be changed. Call Kayla for location of meetings. If you have any questions, contact:

Kayla Dimler (Rabbit Leader) (715)222-5680 Valerie Meijer (Small Animal and Guinea Pig Leader) (715)246-9682

Pierce County Rabbit & Cavy Show

May 7; 9-10:30 Registrations

B & B Supply (N8143 US Hwy 63
Spring Valley)

Pierce County 4-H rabbit, small animal and poultry projects are hosting this fun show. Each entry is \$2.00 with no limit on the amount of entries. Placement ribbons will be awarded to the top three in each class.

There will be equipment for sale as well as breeders selling animals. A food stand will be available as well as a raffle to participate in. If you have any questions, contact the Extension Office or Andrea at 715-426-0775, or email at anthole@pressenter.com

4-H Dog Trainings

May 5, 12, 19, 26

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

July 7, 14

Greenfield Elementary School, Baldwin



Dog training sessions run every Thursday evening for 11 weeks beginning in May at 7:30 pm. Dogs must have the required shots to participate in the training sessions or at the fair. Shot papers must be turned in by the first training session.

Questions about the St. Croix Co 4-H Dog Project or the vaccinations may be directed to Anne Wilbur (246-2659).

Youth Horse Committee
May 2, 7 pm
Ag Services & Education Center

All meetings are open to anyone who has an interest in the horse program. If you have items for the agenda, please contact Deland Richter at 246.6330

If you would like to volunteer to help with the horse project, please call Deland Richter at 246.6330 to sign up.

**St. Croix County Youth
Horse Information**

Spring is finally here and it's time to get riding!!

Horseless Horse Project Meetings

May 6, 6:30 at St. Croix Training Center
May 13 and 20, 7:00 at Pine Lake Pastures

Horse Project Riding Clinics

Gymkhana Clinic: May 10, 6:30 pm at Fairgrounds

Hunter/Jumper Clinic: May 12, 6:30 pm at Pine Lake Pastures

Gymkhana Clinic: May 14, 9:00 am at Fairgrounds

Hunter/Jumper Clinic: May 19, 6:30 pm at Pine Lake Pastures

Showmanship Clinic: May 21, 3:00 pm at Bradford's in Hammond

Hunter/Jumper Clinic: May 22, 4:00 pm at Pine Lake Pasture

Begin Pleasure Clinic: May 24, 5:00 pm at Fairgrounds

Gymkhana Clinic: May 24, 6:30 pm at Fairgrounds

Non-Riding Clinics (Horse & Horseless are invited)
"First Aid and Colic" May 16, 5:30 at Roberts UCC Church, Roberts

****ALL participants MUST RSVP prior to attending any clinics. ****

See green schedule that was received at the Kick-Off Meetings. Any questions, please email Jody at JLL0411@gmail.com



Camping for Horse Project Members

Two camp sites next to horse barn will be reserved for the committee member only.

See Fair Premium List for campground signup sheet. Horse trailers with campers are allowed. Camping Fees apply and both electric and non-electric sites are available.

Breeding Livestock Committee

May 2, 7:00 pm
Ag Services & Education Center

All meetings are open to anyone who is interested in the program. Please feel welcome to attend at any time. If you have any questions about the breeding livestock program, please feel welcome to contact Sue Mason, 265-4006 or Susie_4h@yahoo.com.

Additional MAQA Trainings

The Polk County Extension program will be hosting 2 MAQA trainings. They will be held on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 pm at the Government Center in Balsam Lake and Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 pm at the 4-H building at the Polk County fairgrounds. Pre-registration is required. Please call 715-485-8600 to pre-register. Please make sure to get confirmation that you attended the meeting.

Dust "Em Off Jr. Livestock Show

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats

June 3 & 4

St. Croix County Fairgrounds

Classes will include showmanship, prospects, and breeding stock. There will also be judging contests and skill-a-thons with points going towards the Master Stockman Award.

Hubbard Feeds will be sponsoring a fitting and showmanship clinic on June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. for all levels of showing abilities. More information will be posted at: www.stcroixbreedingstock.com

Meat Animal Committee Meeting

May 10, 7:30 pm

Ag Services & Education Center

All of the Meat Animal Committee meetings are open meetings. You are welcome to attend anytime. Please call Tom Grandt (246-6114) to get items on the agenda



Meat Animal Project Members

To be eligible for the auction, each member needs to:

- Sign the contract found in the rules and return the form to the Meat Animal Committee
- Attend three educational clinics, with two being the specie you are enrolled in.

COOL for Youth Exhibitors Country of Origin Labeling

Basic premise of COOL: this is a government USDA rule that provides consumers with information of where their food originated. This is a rule that the livestock, and other food industries have wanted for years. It is another step to protect the American food supply, and give choices to consumers.

Producers (youth exhibitors) need to provide documentation of the origin of their project animal. This rule is still under development, therefore the forms and rules were available at the 2010 MASA meeting in April. (**Remember**, if you purchased your animals from Minnesota, you need to bring along the import data that is required by DATCP.)

For more information on COOL visit:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/>

Interstate Livestock Show

June 17-18

Polk Co Fair Grounds, St. Croix Falls

June 17th will be a show camp with fitting, grooming judging, and quiz bowl practice. Camp starts at 10 a.m.

June 18th show at 9:15 a.m. with quiz bowl, judging contest and livestock show.

This is a fun and educational experience for youth of all ages. Wanted experienced youth to help younger participants it would be a chance to pay it forward.

For more information, contact Charlene Strabel at (715) 349-5935 or strabel@sirentel.net or Steve Kruse at (763) 689-3756 or kruseherefords@msn.com

Meat Animal Project Members

Check out the animal science youth livestock website at

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/index.cfm>

There is a lot of information to assist you in the project, especially with the forms that are needed for COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) for Youth Exhibitors which need to be completed now that you have purchased your animal. There is also a listing of MAQA training in the area if you missed the one here in St. Croix County. As always if you have more questions, let me know at marie.witzel@ces.uwex.edu or calling the UW-Extension Office.

Area Animal Science Day

We have 2 locations for Area Animal Science Day this year that are about the same distance. They are:

June 30 - Monroe Co -Monroe Co Fairgrounds - Tomah - SW Area

Events Offered: Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Dairy Showmanship Contest, Dairy Poster Competition, Meat Animal Evaluation, Horse Judging, Hippology, and Horse Poster Contest. A Poultry Workshop will also be available.

July 1 - Clark Co - Clark Co Fairgrounds - Neillsville - NW Area

Events Offered: Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Dairy Showmanship Contest, Dairy Poster Competition, Meat Animal Evaluation, Horse Judging, Hippology, and Horse Poster Contest. Dog Project Learning Stations will also be included.

Please call or email Marie to let me know which location you are planning to attend and what animal project or complete the form at the end of the Communicator and return to the Extension Office.

4-H Animal Projects Subject to Premises ID Rules

Even if it's only one horse or one chicken, 4-H members who raise and show livestock are subject to the rules about "premise registration." The Wisconsin Premises Registration Act requires anyone who keeps, houses, or co-mingles livestock to register their premises effective November 1, 2005. Those premises currently licensed by the Department must register as part of their annual license renewal date.

Premises registration is not aimed solely at traditional large scale agriculture. A premise may house many animals or a single animal. It doesn't matter if the animals are for sale or not. If they house any of the listed species they are included:

Livestock as defined by the WI Premises Registration Act Rules includes:

- Bovine (bison, cattle)
- Equine (horses, donkey, mules)
- Goats
- Poultry (chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea fowl, and squab)
- Captive game birds (pheasants, quail, wild turkeys, migratory wild fowl, pigeons, and exotic birds)
- Sheep
- Swine (other than wild hogs but including pot belly pigs)
- Farm raised deer (elk, moose, caribou, reindeer, and the subfamily musk deer)
- Camelids (llamas, alpacas)
- Ratites (rheas, ostriches, emu, cassowary, kiwi)
- Fish (aquaculture farm)

Rabbits, mink, dogs and cats are not included in the WI Premises Registration Act.

How do I register?

There are 4 ways to register a premises:

Go to <http://www.wiid.org> and click on the link for WLIC Premises Registration

Call WLIC at 1-888-808-1910 to request a registration form.

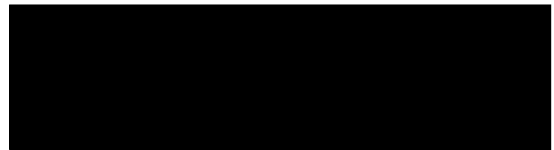
With your permission, a WLIC Agent may register on your behalf. For a list of WLIC Agents, visit <http://www.wiid.org>

Visit your county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to pick up information and a premises registration form. Or, use an FSA computer to register.

Please remember to include your premise ID number on your fair entry form.

Outstanding Dairy Member Application due with County Fair Entries by June 10

Each year the Dairy Committee selects one member to receive the Outstanding Dairy Member Award. The member selected receives a plaque and a \$100 cash award. The plaque is presented at the County Fair and the \$100 check is presented at the 4-H Leaders' Banquet in the Fall. Contact the UW-Extension Office for an application for the Outstanding Dairy Member Award. Please remember, a member may only receive the award once in their 4-H career.

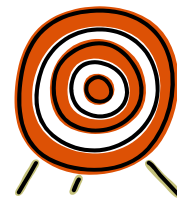


Shooting Sports Training Sessions

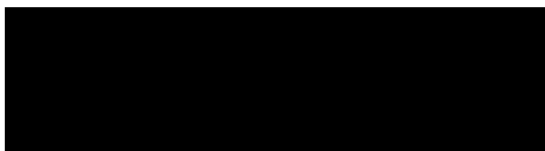
- Sat., May 14 - Willow River Rod & Gun Club
- Sat., May 28 - Willow River Rod & Gun Club
- Sat., June 18 - Willow River Rod & Gun Club
- Sat. July 9 - Competitive Shoot

The Willow River Rod & Gun Club is located on Hwy 64, 2 miles West of New Richmond or 6.5 miles East of Somerset. The address is 1041 Hwy 64, watch for the 4-H Shooting Sports signs.

If you have any questions please contact Dan or Megan Frye, 688-6779 mlfrye@baldwin-telecom.net or Dave Smith, 684-2966 lomac@scecn.net



Club Leaders will collect the Fair Entries and return to the UWEX Office by June 10. Check with your club leader for the due date



2011 St. Croix County Fair Theme July 20 - 24, 2011

The theme for the 2011 St. Croix County Fair is "Party in the Barn".



St. Croix County Fair Dates and Entry Times

The St. Croix County Fair dates are July 20—24.

Jr. Fair exhibits will be entered on Wednesday, July 20, 11 am - 7:30 pm. Conference judging will take place from 12:00 p.m.—7:30 pm.

Open Class exhibits will be entered on Wednesday, July 20 from 4—8:30 pm and Thursday, July 22, 8-11 am. All exhibits must be in place by 11:30 am.

How do I enter the St. Croix County Fair?

Signing up to exhibit at the St. Croix County Fair is different than enrolling in 4-H. The County Fair is an event you can participate in because you are in 4-H. To exhibit at the County Fair, you must turn in a completed entry form by the deadline.

All entry forms are handed out and collected by your 4-H club leader. Your 4-H club leader will probably hand out entry forms for the fair at your next 4-H club meeting. The Fair Premium List, which includes all the information you will need to complete your entry, is mailed directly to each new 4-H family or can be found at www.stcroixcofair.com or www.stcroixcounty4-h.org

A completed entry form includes a Department, a Class, & Lot number.

The Department is the subject area. There are 29 different Departments in the Junior Fair. Here are some examples: Department 1 is Dairy; Department 14 is Plant and Soil Science; Department 17 is Exploring and Cloverbuds.

Within each Department, there are classes. Within each Class, there are Lot numbers. The Lot Number is a specific entry within a class.

Departments which are conference judged (almost all of the non-livestock departments), the Lot Number simply says "Exhibit made by Member". The beauty of conference judging is that we don't need to know what you are going to bring, only how many items you will bring. If you are going to bring 3 exhibits, simply write:

- Lot 1—Exhibit made by member
- Lot 2—Exhibit made by member
- Lot 3—Exhibit made by member



4-H Club Scrapbook Entry Entry Form due by July 8

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders' Council approved a 4-H Club Scrapbook Entry to the County Fair. Here are the criteria the Council has developed:

- Include only information from the current year in the scrapbook - Fair to Fair time frame.
- The scrapbook will be conference judged in the Youth Leadership Dept. on Thursday during conference judging time. A minimum of two youth from the club should be present for judging.
- There are no specifics on size or number of pages so do what works best for your club so that it is easy to add to your club's historian book after the fair.
- There are no specifics on what to include in your scrapbook - could be pictures, journaling, newspaper articles. What to include is only limited to your imagination!

Here are the other details about the Club Scrapbook entry:

- Entry forms for Club Scrapbooks must be turned into the UWEX Office by July 10

- 4-H Leaders' Council will provide cash prizes in the following amounts:
 - 1st place = \$30.00
 - 2nd place = \$25.00
 - 3rd place = \$20.00
- All other participating clubs will receive \$10.00
- Club Scrapbooks will be kept for display at the 4-H Leaders' Recognition Banquet
- Cash prizes will be presented at the 4-H Leaders' Recognition Banquet

The entry form for the 4-H Club Scrapbook can be found at the end of this newsletter or on the county 4-H web site.

Flower Barrels for the Fairgrounds

Each year, the flower barrels help make the fairgrounds look beautiful! What a great community service project!

It appears that the clubs that displayed the flower barrels at the fair last year, kept the barrels. I hope your club will fill them up with flowers again this year and bring them to the fairgrounds before the fair. If your club has one of the barrels and is not going to use it, please return it to the UWEX office. If your club needs a barrel, give the office a call.

If you would like to return the barrel to the UWEX office this fall, just clean it out and bring it in!

Promote the Fair Contest

Entries due June 17

Signs must be in place by June 17 and remain up through July 25.

All 4-H Clubs, FFA, FHA, and other organized youth groups in St. Croix County are invited to participate in the Promote the Fair Contest. Signs promoting the fair can be put up in any prominent indoor/outdoor location in your area.

Prizes: 1st Place- \$100, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$50,

Every road sign/road display will receive \$50 (up to 2 per organization) and every poster will receive \$15 per organization.

Any material can be used for the sign so be creative! The sign can be any size. Use bright colors and large print (light colored back ground works best). The sign must be easily seen by the public and must be in a prominent location (intersections, lot corners, town

entrances, building walls, etc.).

The sign must include the following information:

St Croix County Fair
Glenwood City, WI
July 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

Exact directions to the location of your display can be sent, emailed or phoned in by June 17 to Gail Maier, 1015 80th Ave, Roberts, WI 54023; 715-749-3442 mmaiergail@aol.com

You Can Help Promote the Fair!

Do you know that word of mouth is the best way to get someone to try something new? Do you have friends or neighbors that have never attended the St. Croix County Fair? Do you have new neighbors that don't even know about 4-H or the County Fair? Why not make a special effort to stop by, visit about 4-H and the fair and invite them to attend!

It would be great to have more people exposed to the wonderful fair we have. It's a fabulous place to bring the entire family and spend the day. Please do invite your neighbors to join us July 20 - 24 at the St. Croix County Fair.

Camping at the Fair

See Fair Premium List for campground signup sheet. Or find it online at http://www.stcroixcofair.com/fair/fair_book.htm Camping fees apply and both electric and non-electric sites are available.

Food Stand Help Needed

The 4-H Food Stand Committee needs help. If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee, terrific!!! If you could only help during the fair, by being in charge part of the time or working with another person in charge, we would greatly appreciate the help. With the fair being one day longer, and everyone wanting to watch "their kids" being judged, it is harder to meet everyone's schedules and still have fun. Please consider helping us out.

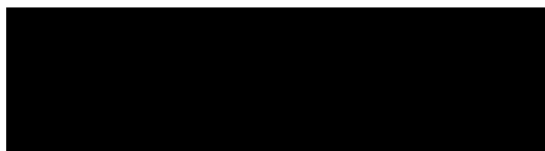
In case you hadn't noticed in the last newsletter, it was stated that the 4-H Food Stand Committee needs

volunteers to help man the stand during the fair. While we have received some calls offering to help, we still need more help. There are 8 shifts that need filling: Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 pm; Friday from 7 to 10 am, 10 am to 1:30 pm, 1:30 to 4:30 and 4:30 to 7:30 pm; Saturday we need help from 4:30 to 7:30pm; and Sunday we need help from 3:30 to 6:30pm.

We do want to thank the Ambassadors, Golden Fireballs, Forrest Timberwolves, Llama organization, Lone Pine, Riverside, Rolling Hills, Sunnyside Shamrocks, and Valley Victors for volunteering already.

(Mari's e-mail is momann@baldwin-telecom.net phone 715 684-3558).

4-H Food Stand Committee: Dean & Jodi, Gary & Deb, Phyllis, and Mari



May Fair Event & Sale
Saturday May 7th; 4-9 pm
Fair Grounds - Commercial Building

Get involved

- Each 4-H Club is invited to create "Theme Baskets" for sale in the silent auction. Pick your theme and load the basket with \$50 worth of merchandise. The baskets will be judged and the top baskets run through the live auction. Cash prizes will be given for the top 3 baskets.
- New for this year: Talent Explosion Acts will be invited to perform. The performances will be judged and prizes of \$100, \$75 & \$50 awarded. Currently, we have 3 acts signed up. Contact Rosemary Donahoe for details (715) 684-9060.
- Help us out with auction donations for the silent & live auctions – all items are gratefully accepted.
- Bring your family for an evening of fun

- Catered dinner by Ruth Hurtgen – Free will offering
- Exciting live auction
- Talent Explosion Acts
- Live music
- Spin the wheel raffle
- Beautiful flower baskets for your mother
- Contacts
 - Rosemary Donahoe (715) 684-9060
 - Terry Mitchell (715) 246-5502
 - Chris Libbey (715) 246-5626

Get updates at:

<http://www.stcroixcountyfairplex.com>

Mark your calendars:

May 7th: 2nd Annual May Fair Event & Sale – fun for the entire family – all proceeds go for the Dairy Barn

June 17 & 18: St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo – fun for the entire family, special events for young buckaroos. New this year – AHBA Sheep Herding Trials all day Saturday June 18th. Details & discount tickets <http://www.gorodeo.org>

The St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo is coming to the Fairplex
Friday June 17 (Military Night)
Saturday June 18 (Family Night)



The 2011 St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo is coming – mark your calendars for Father's Day Weekend, Friday June 17th and Saturday June 18th. More details in the June Communicator.

Area Animal Science Day Sign Up

Due June 1

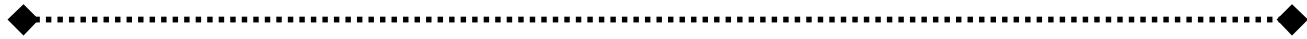
Name _____ Club _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Location _____ (Monroe Co – Tomah **OR** Clark Co – Neillsville)

Area of Interest _____ Dairy Judging _____ Dairy Posters
 _____ Livestock Judging _____ Meats Evaluation
 _____ Horse Judging _____ Hippology
 _____ Horse Posters _____ Poultry
 _____ Cavies & Pocket Pals



4-H Club Scrapbook Entry Registration

Due July 8

Club Name _____ Contact Person _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7:00 pm—Horse Committee (Baldwin) 7:00 pm—Breeding Stock (Baldwin)	3	4	5 7:30 pm—Dog Training (Greenfield)	6 6:30 pm – Horseless Horse (Training Center)	7 4:00 pm—May Fair (Fairgrounds)
8	9 6:30 pm—Bullying Education (Hudson)	10 6:30 pm – Gymkhana Clinic (Fairgrounds) 7:30 pm—Meat Animal Committee (Baldwin)	11 7:00 pm—MAQA Training (Balsam Lake)	12 6:30 pm – Hunter/Jumper (Pine Lake Pastures) 7:30 pm—Dog Training (Greenfield) 8:00 pm—Softball Coach Meeting (Baldwin)	13 7:00 pm – Horseless Horse (Pine Lake Pastures)	14 9:00 am—Shooting Sports (WRRGC) 9:00 am – Gymkhana Clinic (Fairgrounds) 11:00 am—Upham Woods Stewardship Day 12:30 pm – Syttende Mai Parade
15	16 5:30 pm – Horse “First Aid and Colic” (Roberts UCC Church)	17 7:00 pm—Leader’s Council (Baldwin)	18	19 6:30 pm – Hunter/Jumper (Pine Lake Pastures) 7:30 pm—Dog Training (Greenfield)	20 7:00 pm – Horseless Horse (Pine Lake Pastures)	21 3:00 pm – Horse Showmanship Clinic (Bradford’s; Hammond)
22 4:00 pm – Hunter/Jumper (Pine Lake Pastures)	23	24 5:00 pm – Beginner Pleasure (Fairgrounds) 6:30 pm – Gymkhana Clinic (Fairgrounds) 6:30 pm – Volunteer Orientation (Baldwin) 7:00 pm—Rabbit, Small Animal, Guinea Pig Meeting	25	26 7:30 pm—Dog Training (Greenfield)	27	28 9:00 am—Shooting Sports (WRRGC)
29	30	31		Baldwin = Ag Services and Education Center		



July 11- 15th from 8 a.m. -4 p.m.
 New Richmond High School and WITC
 Deadline May 30th Limited to First 20!



SUMMER 4-H GATEWAY ACADEMY REGISTRATION FORM

Registrations must be returned to the St. Croix County UW-Extension Office. 1960 8 th Ave, Baldwin, WI 54002	There is a \$15 fee for this program, and Space is Limited Please complete one form per child
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Student's Name _____ Boy _____ Girl _____ Birth date ___/___/___

Ethnicity: Hispanic Not Hispanic **Race:** Caucasian Black Asian Native American Bi-Racial

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Cell phone or other contact numbers: _____

School attended this past year: _____ Current Grade in School: 7th 8th (2010-11 school year)

YOUTH PLEASE READ: I accept the opportunity to participate in the 4-H Gateway at New Richmond High School in New Richmond to develop my interests and skills in science, technology, engineering and math. During the Academy, I will conduct myself in a positive manner to represent myself, my school and my community. I will complete evaluations and activities as requested by the teachers and I understand that my participation in the 4-H Gateway Academy is dependent upon my ability to conduct myself in a responsible manner, to follow the camp and teacher rules and to behave in safe and appropriate ways. *Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the Gateway Academy and will require that my parents provide for my transportation home from the 4-H Gateway Academy.* **Student signature:** _____

Media Release (please check one) I grant permission I do not grant permission

I grant the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin Extension and New Richmond School District and agents unlimited permission to copyright and use, publish, and republish for purposes of advertising, public relations, trade or any other lawful use, information about my child's participation in this program and reproductions (photographic or otherwise) of my child's voice, likeness and any related creative works produced.

I have read all statements above and fully understand the contents. This release and contract shall be binding upon me and my legal representatives.

Signature of Parent/Guardian ****** **Print Name Parent/Guardian** **Date**

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

*****IF PARENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY:**

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD _____

2011 Youth Event Health Form

Youth Name: _____ Birth date / / Age on 1st day of event _____ Sex: Male Female

Custodial Parent/Guardian (or spouse) _____ E-mail address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home () - Work () - Cell phone () -

Home address: _____
Street City State Zip

Second parent/guardian and/or emergency contact: _____ Phone: Home () - Work () -

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

CONSENT FOR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

TO THE PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:

If your son, daughter, or ward will be under the age of 18 while at the University of Wisconsin – , it is event/camp policy to secure your consent for medication distribution and for the use of medical devices. The medication or medical device can be self-administered or be administered by designated event/camp health staff with the exception that controlled drugs (i.e. Codeine, Ritalin, Adderall, Dexedrine, etc.) must, by law, be administered by event/camp health staff.

All prescription medication must be in the original medicine bottle (see picture at right) and labeled with the youth participant’s name, doctor’s name, medication name, dosage, prescription number, date prescribed, and instructions. You must also complete the form below:

- No medication(s) has been brought to event/camp.
- I want the medication or medical devices self-administered (age 14 and above only).
- I want the medication or medical device administered by the designated health care staff. However, a limited amount of medication for life-threatening conditions may be carried by my son/daughter/ward (i.e. bee sting kit, inhaler, insulin syringe).



If your son, daughter, or ward will be under the age of 18 years while at the event/camp, it is our policy to secure your consent for all of the following. By signing below,

- I am giving my consent in advance for medical treatment at an appropriate medical facility in case of illness or injury.
- I am stating that I am aware of and accept the risk inherent in the program activity.
- I attest that all information on both sides of this form is correct.
- I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, and the University of Wisconsin – , their officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability, loss, damages, costs, or expenses which are sustained, incurred or required arising out of the actions of my son, daughter or ward in the course of the event/camp.

Participant Name (Please Print)

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

(Must complete reverse side)

Date

UW
Youth Event Health Form (Continued)

Participant Name: _____
 Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Health Conditions (check)

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Psychiatric
- Cognitive/Developmental
- Any dizziness, light-headedness or fainting associated with exercise within the past year
- Any unexplained, rapid or irregular heart beat within the past year
- A physician has sometime denied or restricted participation in sports due to a heart problem

Allergies (check & list specifics)

- Insect stings _____
- Foods _____
- Medications _____
- Other _____

Do any allergies require an EPIPEN Injection? Yes No

Is an inhaler required and carried by youth? Yes No

Date of last Tetanus booster : _____

Name of Insurance Co.: _____ Policy #: _____

Description of any limitation or restriction of event activities:

Any special accommodations regarding physical or emotional conditions that we need to be aware of regarding your child's participation in this event/camp (include circumstances when physician should be notified)?

Medications camper will be taking at camp:

Name of Medication	Reason	Dosage (mg)	Times of day given	Prescribing Physician & Phone Number

1. Does the youth experience any side effects from the medication? (i.e., mood/behavior changes, upset stomach, Yes No diarrhea)

List any special instructions or additional information regarding the medication that would be helpful to the Health Care staff:

2. _____

***** FOR EVENT/CAMP USE ONLY – TO BE COMPLETED BY HEALTH CARE STAFF AT CHECK-IN *****

1. Are there any changes in your child's health status since the medical forms were sent in? No Yes
2. Has your child, or anyone in your family been sick or exposed to any communicable disease in the past month? No Yes
3. Does your child now have any rashes or open sores? No Yes
4. Are there any changes in your dependent's medications? (If Yes, Staff make changes . & sign) No Yes
5. Does your child have any recent injury or activity restrictions? No Yes
6. Will the custodial parent(s) or guardian be available at the numbers listed on this form during the camping session? No Yes
 If NO, list the name & phone number of person(s) authorized to make decisions on their behalf if different than the emergency contact listed on the reverse side of this form:

Information provided by: _____ **To:** _____ **Date:** _____