



St. Croix County 4-H Communicator



May, 2012

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As the weather changes, so does our office staff once again...we are welcoming Mike Robertson as the Interim Community Resource Development Agent. He started in this role on April 25 and will continue until the end of June. With summer around the corner we welcome our two summer interns. If you are in the office, please welcome them or just stop to say hello.

Summer 4-H Intern...Courtney Deetz that will start May 29

Hello Everyone! I'm Courtney Deetz and I'm very excited to serve as your 4-H Intern this summer!

I'm originally from Eau Claire, where I was very involved in both 4-H and FFA. Through 4-H, I participated in various projects but my favorite was the Dairy project. Showing dairy cattle has been my favorite activity for the past multiple summers. In addition to dairy, I have showed a few steers and pigs. I also was involved in community service projects, 4-H camp, WI State Fair, and County Fair. 4-H has fueled my passion for agriculture and taught me many leadership skills.

Currently, I'm a junior at UW-River Falls majoring in Agricultural Education and Dairy Science. My future career goal is to become an agricultural education teacher. At River Falls; I'm involved in Block & Bridle, Agricultural Education Society, and Alpha Tau Alpha.

I can't wait to meet all of you through the various 4-H activities and events this summer!

Summer Fair Intern...Ellen Hawley that will start June 4.

Hello! My name is Ellen Hawley and I am very excited to serve as the Fair Office Intern this summer. I held this position last summer and I am looking forward to working with many of you again and getting to know others of you who I have not worked with.

I was a 4-H member in St. Croix County for 13 years, and I can't image not being involved in our 4-H program. My favorite part about 4-H has always been participating in the county fair every summer. I took a variety of projects to the fair including sewing, ceramics, jewelry, photography and leather crafting.

Through 4-H, I also 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. These were all great experiences and I would recommend them to any 4-H member.

I am currently a junior at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota with a major in chemistry and a concentration in environmental studies. 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'm looking forward to working with those of you who I worked with last summer and meet others during the county fair and at other 4-H events this summer!

2012 St. Croix County Fair Dates July 18 – 22, 2012

New families received their Fair Premium Book when they are given their Fair Enrollment Form. If you are not a new family and can't locate your Fair Premium Book, you can also view it online at <http://www.stcroixcounty4-h.org/fairbook>

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Congratulations

District Talent Explosion Awards of Excellence

Congratulations to the following award winners from the District Talent Explosion.

Photography: Hayley Malyuk, Golden Fireballs

Novice Speaking: Lauren & David Thompson, Lone Pine; "Pig Out and Wolf Down"

Mae Buttles, Sunnyside Shamrocks, "Robotic Milking"

Adaïre MacSwaine, Trailblazers, "Fancy Nancy & the Delectable Cupcakes"

Intermediate Speaking: Wesley Franklin, Bellringers, "Road to El Dorado"
Sloane MacSwain, Trailblazers, "Dork Diaries"

Formal Demonstration and Illustrated Talks:
Jaxon & Connor Renn, Rolling Hills, "Is it For Real"

Roberts Ribbon Reapers

Congratulations for receiving \$100 from the Community Service Grant for the Wisconsin Military Caps and Lap Blankets project. There were 26 groups requesting grants this year with 17 proposals being funded for \$1,800 being distributed to those groups.

They look for youth proposals that showed involvement in determining need, making decisions, and all phases of doing the project. They also look at the project's contribution to the community to meet a clear need. The proposals that were funded had a strong learning component and a proposed budget and plan of action.

Mary Jane Hecker Retires

After 20 plus years of employment with UW-Extension, Mary Jane Hecker has chosen to retire. Her last day with us will be June 1 so when you are in area, feel free to stop by and wish her well.

Thank You

Thought you would like to know how we did on our community garage sale, we had sales and cash donations that totaled over \$3000, and after expenses

we will be able to give to the Nelson's over \$2700.

As our 4-H pledge states, "My hands for larger service", this community service activity and support for one of our members would not be possible without all of you giving a hand and helping out. So thank you to everyone who donated things to the sale and to the RRR families who gave their time to set up, work at the sale and take the remaining items to Five Loaves and Treasures of the Hearts.

Please continue keep the Nelson family in your thoughts and prayers. Glen has now moved into the rehabilitation part of his recovery. Let's hope that we will see him soon at our 4-H activities with Trevor and Collin.

Leader News

Leader's Council Meeting

May 15, 7 pm

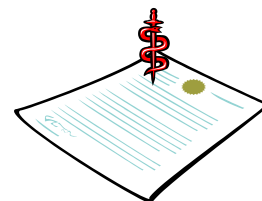
Ag Services & Education Center

All of the Leader's Council meetings are open meetings. 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 Cindy Olson 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. 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 only need to cover 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 insurance, feel free to contact Marie or check out our coverage online at <http://americanincomelife.com/4h2.htm>



Softball Coaches Meeting

May 10, 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.

Club Opportunities

Twelve Months of Giving

The Food Resource Collaborative of St. Croix County is inviting area community organizations to participate in various monthly collections in 2012 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 Mary Lestrud at 715-531-1930.

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

Golfers & 4-H'ers Strive for the Green

June 11, 2012

Kilkarney Hills Golf Club; River Falls

It will be 4-player, 18 hole scrambles. Gather your golfing friends together for this event or you can be placed in a team.

The event will begin with registration, lunch and putting contest at 11:30 am followed by a shotgun start at 1:00 pm and includes a dinner after your round of golf.

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

If you would like more information about Northern Golf Classic, or would like to register, please contact Sharon Seibel, (612) 309-1794 or sharon@jsmachine.com.



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

The show choir is beginning rehearsals on the music in May, with their day camp being held July 9-13. Each member will be sent more detailed information. Watch for the choir's performances at the county fair on Friday and Saturday afternoons at 4PM and again on Sunday at 12:30.

Members of the choir include: Maggie Carter, Stephanie Howell, Mya & Hannah Ramberg, & Carlie Wehrman all of Golden Fireballs 4-H Club; Caleb DeBoer of Forest Timberwolves; Heidi, Megan & RJ Feyereisen, Gabby Henry, & Ryan Knapton all of Roberts Ribbon Reapers; Riley Hammer, Harly Lentz & Avery Lingenfelter of Rolling Hills club; Mark Jacobson from True Blue club; Ellen Lindquist from Sunnyside Shamrocks; Kayla Rimer from Pine Lakers club; Colton Schmitt from Glen Hills Climbers and Kaitlyn Weyer from Baldwin Wide Awake. Come and support their performances - they look forward to seeing you at the fair!

International hosting this summer

Wisconsin is having 44 students visiting this summer from Japan and Korea. We still need over 20 host families for these young people. This is a great way to learn about another part of our world and have lots of fun with a cultural exchange. The foreign students are matched by age and interest with an American student. You only need a place for your student to sleep - and that could be a mattress on the floor! They want to be a part of your family for 1 month, practice their English, and learn about the American life style.

Please contact Nancy Burman with any questions, or go to <http://wi4hinternational.org/> to learn more and find applications. The students arrive in Madison, and get picked up there on Sunday, July 22. Often times host families will car pool, and have their student come up here with another family, since that is the final day of our fair. They are returned to Madison on Saturday, August 18. Please consider joining this wonderful opportunity that 4H provides for us it is really fun!!

Ambassadors

May 12; 1:00 pm (Fairgrounds)

May 19; 11:30 am Syttende Mai Parade

June 3; 1:00 pm Roberts Parade

If you did not get a recipe to Anna at the April meeting for the basket, please e mail one to her as soon as possible to be included.

The May meeting will be May 12 wear painting clothes to paint the fair sign, the float signs & work on the Promotion board. Also - you will be making the "promote 4H seed sticks" that DeBoer's will supply for us. Bring clean clothes for working at the Mayfair that evening - including orange shirts & sashes. Clean jeans are OK - you'll be scooping ice cream! Everyone should be there. Please notify Heidi, or Rosemary or Nancy if you will not attend; but make every effort to be there!!

Your busy season is beginning. And READ YOUR E MAILS!! Radio spots for April are Logan and Lewis. May spots are with Sarah & Katie. Be sure to call the radio station and plan ahead for these.

Ambassadors the first parade of the year: Syttende Mai at Woodville on May 19. Wiechmann's are pulling & line-up is 11:30. Wear khakis and orange shirts - or the grey sweatshirts if it's cool. We usually learn the number when we get there. June 3 is the Roberts parade; Liddle's are pulling and line-up is at 12:00 pm.

Ambassadors Pictures Needed

Anyone who has pictures of any and all 4H activities in the past year - we would like to have copies sent to the Ambassadors to use on their promotional display board. The pictures will be printed and mounted on the board to show the fun and activities in 4H. You could include softball, animals, camp, group and/or

club activities, etc. This board is used at the Mayfair Event, the County Fair and Farm City Days. Please e-mail pictures to Lewis Weichmann at wiechmlj@hotmail.com

May Fair Event & Sale

Saturday, May 12; 4-9pm

Fairgrounds

The Friends of the St. Croix County Fairplex in cooperation with the St. Croix County 4-H Dairy Committee invites everyone to this fun event.

Join us for a buffet dinner catered by Ruth Hurtgen, 4-H Talent Explosion Acts, Nickel Scrambles, Live & Silent Auctions, and so much more. All events will take place in a heated facility.

St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo

June 15 & 15

Fairgrounds

The Rodeo is coming – Father's Day weekend June 15 & 16. In addition to top quality, professional rodeo, added attractions include Muttin Bustin, Calf & Nickel Scrambles, Pony Rides & an Exotic Animal Petting Zoo. Go to <http://www.gorodeo.org> for details. This is great family fun in your "backyard"!!

4-H Summer Camp

June 25-27 June 27-29 June 25-27

It's almost camp time! Great games, campfires, canoeing, swimming, arts/craft, and nature activities are just some of the events planned.

The first camp is for members in 3rd and 4th grade. The second camp is for members in 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 and even transportation. The registration form was in the March and April Communicator or at: <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications>.



Roberts Ribbon Reapers Soldier Cap & Blanket Community Service Project Update

There have been 8 clubs that have contacted us to attend their meeting or get information about the community service project. They are: Lone Pine, Baldwin Wide Awake, North Country, Golden Fireballs, Pine Lakers, Glen Hills, Double Good and Dry Run Go Getters. We have received \$50 from Lone Pine and blankets from Lone Pine, Baldwin Wide Awake and Double Good. The State 4-H Foundation awarded a grant of \$100 to use towards this project. The New Richmond News and Central St. Croix News have done articles on our project. We have others in the area communities also making caps and blankets. Our total today is 49 blankets and 75 caps, WOW, let's keep them coming!!

We will be having a packing party on November 4th – Sunday at the Roberts Park Building, so save the date and help us send out the caps and blankets. We are looking for names of military that we can send these to, if you have someone who would like a blanket/cap; please pass that information along to Patti or Lani.

Please contact Patti at:
Robertsribbonreapers@hotmail.com or Lani at 715-928-1055 after 5:00 if you want to be involved or want to get more information.

Photography Project News

The meeting on March 31st was awesome!! A special thank you to Chad and Stacey Lutsey for being the speakers! Another special thank you to the following project members for coming to the meeting; Kari from Harmony Hill's, Hannah from Riverside, Josie from Double Good, Josh from the Trailblazers, Kayla from Baldwin Wide Awake, and Michael from True Blue! These members gained a lot of information from our speakers!!

Chad and Stacey went through photos that they brought and went over different reasons why the photos were good or not so good. We all pitched in with ideas and then they went over photos that the members brought in! A great learning experience!!!

Please send pictures for the "Picture Boards" that we are making. I need a lot of pictures. It is fine to e-mail them to me and I will get them printed for the board. 4 x 6 are the best. If you want to bring some to the next meeting, that too will work. I will start making the boards as soon as I get pictures and our goal is to have ten boards; that is over 100 pictures!!!! Ones that were taken last year are just fine as are ones that you brought to the fair last year!

We are having a difficult time scheduling our next meeting. In May there are a lot of graduations and spring time events, but right now we are looking at the morning of May 5th or we will go into June. Chad and Stacey have offered to come back and present again so we are also working with their schedules.

I will send an e-mail out to the leaders and those that have let me know that they are working on the photography project with their clubs with more information about the meeting. The meetings are not mandatory, but they are proving to be extremely helpful for everyone; both the first/second year member and the ones that have been in photography for five years on up!!!

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!!

Have fun "shooting" your photos! Kay Jacobsen

Summer Gateway Academy July 30 - August 3, Somerset

This summer St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development will be partnering with the Kern Foundation and Somerset High School to offer a summer Gateway Academy. The academy will take place July 30-August 3 in Somerset.

Day Campers will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis by returning the registration form attached and a payment of a \$25. Highly motivated students, who meet the admission requirements, are encouraged to apply and secure a slot.

4-H Gateway Applicants must be:

- Boys or Girls currently in 6th, 7th or 8th grade.

- Interested in science, technology, engineering or math careers
- Comfortable working in a fast paced environment
- Curious about how things work
- Willing to participate in the activities and the field trip
- Eager to have fun, learn something new and make new friends

If you are interested, return the registration form and a check of \$25 made out to: St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association to the Extension Office as soon as possible. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marie at the Extension Office.

State 4-H Plant Science Day

Tuesday, July 10
Wautoma, WI
9:30 am – 2:00 pm

A fun way to learn more about horticulture science! Youth ages 8 to 22 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, and lunch. Pre-registration deadline is June 22.

For more details contact the Extension Office or visit the following website:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/4-HPlantScienceDay.cfm>

Animal Sciences

Rabbit/Small Animal/Guinea Pig (Cavie) Meetings

May 15; 7-8 pm May 29; 7-8 pm
June 5; 7-8 pm June 26; 7-8 pm
July 10; 7-8 pm

**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.

Tentative date for Rabbit Fun Show July 7 Noon (This date may change.)

All meetings will be held at the home of leader, Kayla Dimler, 1601 86th Ave. Hammond. **All members are required to attend AT LEAST ONE MEETING to be able to show at the St. Croix County Fair in July. If you are unable to make it to any of the meetings listed above call me or my co-leader Valerie Meijer to set up a time to meet with us.**

Contact Information: Kayla Dimler - kayla.dimler@gmail.com (715) 222-5680 OR Valerie Meijer - peter19@frontiernet.net (715) 246-9682

4-H Dog Trainings

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
June 7, 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12

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 7, 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 Denise Metzler at 715-425-7408 or mmetzler@sbwireless.net.



St. Croix County Youth Horse Information

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

May 8; 6-7:30: Beginner Pleasure at Rockin' Arrow Ranch (RSVP Dana – limit 10)

May 10; 6pm: Non-Riding Clinic of First Aid at UCC in Roberts (RSVP Kelsey).

May 12; 3:00 pm: Trail Clinic at Bradford Farm (RSVP Jayne)

May 24; 6-7:30 pm: English Pleasure then Western Pleasure at Rockin' Arrow Ranch (RSVP Dana – limit 10)

May 29; 6-8pm: Ground Work, Desensitizing at Fairgrounds (RSVP Kelsey)

Dressage Clinics: May 10, May 15, May 26 at the Fairgrounds from 6:30-8:30 pm (RSVP Sarah)

Gymkhana Clinics: May 12 (Richter Farm at 9am), May 15 (Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm), May 29 (Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm). RSVP to Deland

Horseless Horse Meeting; Riding: May 11 and May 25 at 6-8pm. Located at Pine Lake Pastures (RSVP to Cheri)

Hunter/Jumper Clinics: May 16 at 5:30-7 pm and May 22 at 6-8 pm. Located at Pine Lake Pastures (RSVP to Cheri)

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.

Block and Bridle Prospect Weekend May 5th and 6th

There will be Beef, Lamb and Swine shows. The barn opens up on Friday, May 4th at 6 pm. Check in will be Saturday, May 5th from 10 am- 2 pm. There will be a fitting clinic by Bob may at 2:30.

Showmanship starts at 5:00. On Sunday, May 6th, the shows start at 8:30 am. If you would like more information, go to: www.uwfrbnb.com. Please make sure to ask for a certificate for proof of attendance.

Breeding Livestock Committee

May 7, 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 Dawn Reinsberg at 715-688-2727 or 4rhinos@baldwin-telecom.net.

Breeding Stock Project Members

Reminder: Anyone showing a breeding stock animal that is owned by someone else and you are showing please remember that you have to have a managerial form on file with the committee by June 1, 2012. All animals must be in place by May 1, 2012. Managerial forms are available online at www.stcroixbreedingstock.com

Breeding Stock Project Members

Attention all Beef, Sheep, Goat and Swine Youth Showing Breeding stock animals:

It has come to the committee's attention that there are several people that are signed up for livestock (beef, sheep, goats, or swine) that have not attended a clinic yet. Dust 'Em Off is the last clinic that the Breeding Stock Committee is doing this year. If they have not gone to one and need ideas of other clinics that may count they need to contact their specie chair asap.

Beef Chair: Jeff Lorentz at windypine1999@gmail.com or 715-698-4690

Goat Chair: Lori Deboer deboerlori@yahoo.com or 715-263-4201

Sheep Chair: Jeff Liddle rockyknobclublambs@gmail.com or 715-796-5685

Swine Chair: Cathy Smith Home: 715-248-3842 or cell: 715-808-5209.

Additional MAQA Trainings

Required for Breeding Stock Members

Polk County will hold Meat Animal Quality Assurance Trainings on six different occasions. If you are unable to make the meeting in St. Croix County, please inform the Breeding Stock Committee know that you will attend in another County. The dates, times and locations are as follows: Tuesday May 8 at 7:00 p.m. - Government Center Balsam Lake; Sunday June 10th at 2:00 p.m. (Fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls) and Friday June 22 at 10:00 a.m. (Fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls).

Please pre-register by calling the Polk County Extension Office at 715-485-8600.

Dunn County is holding their Meat Animal Quality Assurance Training on for June 21 from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Pre-registration is required at 715-232-1636.

Pierce County is holding two Meat Animal Quality Assurance Trainings. The first date will be June 7th, 7:00pm at Spring Valley High School. There is no need to pre-register. The second date is yet to be determined.

Dust "Em Off Jr. Livestock Show
Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats
June 8 & 9
St. Croix County Fairgrounds

Classes will include showmanship, market classes, and breeding stock. There will also be livestock judging contests, skill-a-thons, buyers talk and Master Stockman Award.

Entry forms are available online:
www.stcroixbreedingstock.com. Entries are due on June 1 but will accept entries that day with a late fee. For more information see the flyer in the Communicator or at the above indicated website.

Meat Animal Committee Meeting
May 8, 7:30 pm
Glenwood City Fairgrounds

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 (Lori DeBoer)
- Attend three educational clinics, with two being the specie you are enrolled in.
- The "Drug History" and "Buyer Contact" forms MUST be completed and turned in at the time of the weigh in! As soon as posters are available, they can be picked up at the UW-Extension office in Baldwin. Just a reminder feed sheets will be required to be turned in at weigh in also! If you have any questions, please contact the Meat Animal Committee.

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 22-23
Polk Co Fair Grounds, St. Croix Falls

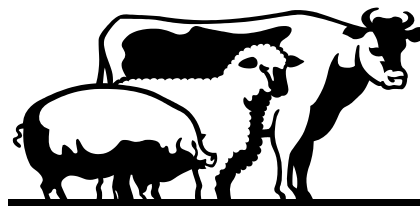
June 22nd will be a show camp with fitting, grooming judging, and quiz bowl practice. Camp starts at 10 a.m.

June 23rd 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.

Registration and entry fees are due by June 10, 2012. There is a \$7/head entry fee for pre-registrations. Entries will be accepted up to 9:00 am... Entry fees are \$10/head for entries made after June 10, 2012.

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

June 21 - Barron Co Fairgrounds – Rice Lake - 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 or Jessica to let them know if 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 by May 25.

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 1

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.

Natural Sciences Naturespace

Shooting Sports Training Sessions

May 19, June 2, June 16, June 30

9:00 -11:00 Archery & Air Pistol

11:00- ? - Air rifle & .22

Willow River Rod & Gun Club

LAST CHANCE ORIENTATION MEETING:

Due to the over-abundance of members who were unable to attend one of the orientation meetings in April the Shooting Sports Leaders will have a last chance orientation meeting at Willow River Rod & Gun Club at 8:00 am the morning of the first range day on May 19th. The requirement is to attend one of these orientation meetings and two of the training sessions in order to participate in the competitive shooting events.

We may also have a couple of additional air rifle/.22 training sessions at the range on Sunday Morning's to accommodate some scheduling. If you are interested please let Dan or Megan Frye know at mlfrye@baldwin-telecom.net.

July 8th (awaiting confirmation) – Competitive Shoot
– Willow River Rod & Gun Club

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.

Requirements: One orientation & two training sessions in order to shoot at the competitive shoot.

*In the case of inclement weather there will be someone at the range to check you in for attendance. Please remember that what is happening on one side of the county may not be happening on the other side.

*Be sure to communicate with one of the leaders ahead of time if you have conflicts. We may be able to come up with a plan so all can participate.

Dan & Megan Frye at mlfrye@baldwin-telecom.net
Dave Smith at lomac@scecn.net
Brent Ackley brjta@baldwin-telecom.net

St. Croix County Fair

2012 St. Croix County Fair

July 18 - 22, 2012

The theme for the 2012 St. Croix County Fair is "The Great Community Get Together".

Jr. Fair exhibits will be entered on Wednesday, July 18, 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 18 from 4—8:30 pm and Thursday, July 19, 8-11 am. All exhibits must be in place by 11:30 am.

How do I enter the St. Croix County Fair?

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. The Fair Premium List, which includes all the information you will need to complete your entry, is the same as last years.

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 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

Club Leaders will collect the Fair Entries and Return to the UWEX Office by June 1. Check with your club leader for the due date

4-H Club Scrapbook Entry

Entry Form due by July 6

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 1
- 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 can be found at the end of this newsletter.

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.

Promote the Fair Contest

Entries due June 22, 2012

Signs must be in place no later than Sunday, June 24, 2012 and remain up through July 22, 2012

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 may be put up in any prominent indoor/outdoor location in the County. Be sure to get property owners permission! This is an opportunity for major Community Service as well as an outlet to display creative talents!

Prizes: 1st Place -\$125, 2nd \$100, 3rd-\$75. Every road sign/road display will receive \$50 (up to two per organization), and posters will receive \$15 (one per organization), although each organization may put up an unlimited number of posters.

Any material may be used for the road sign, so be creative! The sign can be any size, keeping in mind bright colors, and large print. 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 Rules are simple:

1. The display must include the words: **St. Croix County Fair; Glenwood City, WI; Dates of the Fair**
2. Be in a prominent location
3. Any type of material or size
4. Be easily seen by the public.

Exact direction to the location of your display may be sent, emailed or phoned in by June 22, 2012 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 the word out? Do you have friends or neighbors that have never attended the St. Croix County Fair? Do you have neighbors that don't even know about 4-H or the County Fair? Why not make a special effort to stop, 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. Please do invite your neighbors to join us July 18 - 22 at the St. Croix County Fair.

Camping at the Fair

See Fair Premium Book for campground signup sheet. Camping fees apply and both electric and non-electric sites are available. Camping superintendents are Warren and Lori DeBoer.

Food Stand Help Needed

Many clubs and committees have contacted us and requested times to work in the stand – Double Good, Sunnyside Shamrocks, Bellringers, Golden Fireballs, Llama Committee, Pine Lakers, Baldwin Wide Awake, Dry Run Go Getters, Lone Pine, the Ambassadors, Roberts Ribbon Reapers, True Blue, Rolling Hills, and North Country. We want to thank them very much, but we still need to fill 4 shifts.

If your club or group could help, we would greatly appreciate it. It takes about 20 youth and adults to fill a shift. The shifts that are open yet are on Thursday from 10:30 to 1:30, on Friday from 1:30 to 4:30, and 2 shifts on Saturday from 4:30 to 7:30pm and 7:30 to 10:30pm. If your club/group is small, we can always put you with another small group and you can split the money that is paid.

If you have any question or would like to fill one of the open spots, please call or e-mail Mari at 715 684-3558 or momann@baldwin-telecom.net. Thank you in advance.

Meat Animal Auction

Saturday, July 21, 2012 at 6:30pm
(Note change of day)

REMINDER: The Meat Animal Auction day has changed to Saturday, July 21, 2012 at 6:30pm with a buyer appreciation meal at 5:30.

Please make sure when you are contacting buyers to let them know of this change from Friday to Saturday night. We want to better accommodate our buyers so they are not pressed to leave work to hurry up and get to the fairgrounds for the auction. This will also give them the day to look at exhibits before the auction.

If you need help with how to talk to potential buyers or would like brochures please contact anyone on the meat animal committee for more information or resources. If you need a list of committee members, please contact the Extension Office.

Friends of the Fairplex

A big step towards our 2012 goal of raising the funds to retire the loan on Dairy Barn #1 has been made. At the annual meeting of the St. Croix Electric Cooperative Bill Peavey, Chairman of the Cooperative Board announced that, in honor of the Cooperative's 75th anniversary and reflecting the Cooperative's agricultural heritage, \$1.00 for each member since 1937 will be donated to Friends of the St. Croix County Fairplex to be used towards construction of the Dairy Barns. This gift totaling \$24,000 will be presented in May of this year. This is the single biggest gift received to date and will have a significant impact on completing the funding for Dairy Barn #1!!! Please take the time to communicate your thanks to any of the Cooperative directors or staff that you may know.

Once funding is completed for Dairy Barn #1, our focus will be on Dairy Barn #2 with a stretch goal of providing funding to allow construction for the 2013 Fair – together we can make this happen!! We have two events coming up quickly, the 3rd annual May Fair Event & Sale and the launch of the 6th annual Renovations for the Generations Raffle

1. **May Fair Event & Sale:** Last year's event netted \$17,000 above expenses, thanks to the generosity and hard work of many. The combined total of the 2010 & 11 event is \$47,000, a great success! This year the May Fair Event & Sale will again be held Saturday evening of Mother's Day weekend (May 12). The evening will feature a dinner catered by Ruth Hurtgen, "*The Elvis Show*" a tribute to Elvis by Joe Sir, Talent Explosion Acts and, of course the silent and live auctions. Starting time for the program is 5PM with the gates opening at 4pm. We need your help to again make the event a great success.

*Assemble a Club Theme Basket – suggested value of \$50. Last year's baskets netted over \$600! Again this year the baskets will be judged and the top 3 put into the live auction.

- *Bring your Talent Explosion Act as part of our entertainment – complete the sign up form & submit to Rosemary Donahoe.
- *Help us solicit silent and live auction items

***Bring your family for an evening of fun**

Suggestions of how we can “make the best better” are always welcome. Committee contacts:

Rosemary Donahoe – (715) 684-9060
 Chris Libbey – (715) 246-5626
 Terry Mitchell – (715) 246-5502

- 2. Renovations for the Generations Raffle:**
 The Raffles to date have been very successful creating a lot of publicity, clearly demonstrating the willingness of 4-Her’s to support the project and, to date, raising \$33,500 above expenses. The 2012 Raffle will again feature meat animal prizes with a cash option. New this year, thanks to the generosity of Gibby’s Lanes of New Richmond, will be a club prize of an afternoon at the Gibby’s Lanes for the entire club. The winner will be based on sales/member making it fair for small and large clubs alike. Additionally, there will again be a gift card drawing open to all club members who sell 10 or more tickets. The Raffle Team has already visited most of the clubs. If we have missed you, or if you have any questions, please contact Chris Libbey at (715) 246-5626.

- 3. Reminders & opportunities**
- May Fair Event & Sale – Saturday May 12, 5PM Fairgrounds & Fairplex
 - Employee Matching Volunteer Grants: Allina Health Systems & 3M
 - Commodity donations – Do you have automotive batteries, scrap metal or cull cows that you would be willing to donate? Contact Chris Libbey (715) 246-5626.

Fair Helpers Needed

It’s time to start thinking about the fair. We will need many people to volunteer their time and talents to help make the county fair a success. If you are interested please put July 18th on the calendar, fill out the form below and return it to the UWEX Office.

Wednesday July 18th

Please circle the time that you would like to help:

Judging Noon-4pm

Judging 4pm-7:30pm

Please list a project area that you would like to help in:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____



Area Animal Science Day Sign Up

Due May 25

Name _____ Club _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Location _____ - Barron Co (Rice Lake)

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 6

Club Name _____ Contact Person _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____



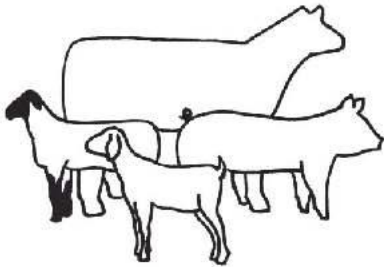
Bring 'Em, Borrow 'Em, Show 'Em



Dust 'Em Off

Jr. Livestock Show

Beef, Sheep, Goats, Swine



June 8-9, 2012

St Croix County Fairgrounds
Glenwood City, WI

Shows

Showmanship Classes

Market Classes

Breeding Stock Classes

Special Event

Livestock Judging

Skill-a-thon

Buyers Talk

Master Stockman Award

Entry forms available online:

www.stcroixbreedingstock.com

Entries Due by June 1, 2012

Show day entries accepted with late fee

Camping Available

Show Contact People:

Chair: Mary Liddle: 715-410-2748 or rockyknobfarm@centurytel.net

Sheep: Jeff Liddle: 715-441-8494 or rockyknobclublambs@gmail.com

Goats: Lori DeBoer: 715-491-0221 or deboerlori@yahoo.com

Swine: John Steel: 715-246-4102 or jesteel@frontier.com

Beef: Jeff Lorentz: 715-698-4690 or windypine1999@gmail.com



July 30th-August 3rd from 8 a.m. -4 p.m.
Somerset Middle School
Deadline May 31st 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 \$25 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 Somerset Middle School in Somerset 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 Somerset 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 _____

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Baldwin = Ag & Education Center 1960 8th Ave</i></p> <p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 pm – Horse Committee Mtg. (Baldwin) 7:00 pm – Breeding Stock Committee Mtg. (Baldwin)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8</p> <p>6:00 pm – Horse Beginning Pleasure 7:00 pm – MAQA (Balsam Lake) 7:30 pm – Meat Animal Committee Mtg. (Fairgrounds)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 pm – Dog Trng. (Greenfield)</p> <p>10</p> <p>6:00 pm – Horse First Aid (Roberts) 6:30 pm – Dressage (Fairgrounds) 7:30 pm – Dog Trng. (Greenfield) 8:00 pm – Softball Coach Mtg. (Baldwin)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11</p> <p>6:00 pm – Horseless Horse Mtg. (PLP)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12</p> <p>1:00 pm – Ambassadors (Fairgrounds) 3:00 pm – Horse Trail Clinic (Bradford Farm) 4:00 pm – May Fair Event (Fairgrounds) 6:30 pm – Gymkhana (Richter's)</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 pm – Dressage and Gymkhana (Fairgrounds) 7:00 pm – Leader's Council Mtg. (Baldwin) 7:00 pm – Rabbit/small animal Mtg.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 pm – Hunter/Jumper Clinic (PLP)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30 pm – Dog Trng. (Greenfield)</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00 am – Shooting Sports Orientation 9:00 am – Shooting Sports (WRRGC) 12:30 pm – Ambassador Syttende Mai Parade (Woodville)</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30 pm – Hunter/Jumper Clinic (PLP)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00pm–Horse; Pleasure 7:30 pm – Dog Trng. (Greenfield)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Due – Area Animal Science Day Reg. 6:00 pm – Horseless Horse Mtg. (PLP)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 pm – Dressage (Fairgrounds)</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 pm – Ground Work (Fairgrounds) 6:30 pm – Gymkhana (Fairgrounds) 7:00 pm – Rabbit/small animal Mtg.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Due – Gateway Academy Registration 7:30 pm – Dog Trng. (Greenfield)</p>	<p><i>Horse Project</i> – Refer to Communicator for more detailed information regarding clinics.</p>	<p><i>Dog Project</i> – Greenfield is at: 1160 14th Ave Baldwin</p>