



St. Croix County 4-H Communicator



September/October, 2010

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The "Best Kept Secret"

You have probably been asked, "Can you keep a secret?" When it comes to secrets, 4-H may be the "best kept secret" around. In this case, being the "best" is NOT good at all! While we know that 4-H offers wonderful opportunities for youth from First Grade through high school regardless of where they live, the unfortunate truth is that most people do not know this at all. Many people continue to believe that 4-H is just for kids who live on a farm, or that you must own a cow to join. So, we are asking you to NOT keep a secret! We are asking for your help in promoting 4-H. If you believe that 4-H is a great program for kids and families, please get involved in the 4-H promotion effort. There are lots of ways you can do promotion:

As a **FAMILY**, you can...

- Invite families that you know to join 4-H. Then call the Extension office and we will send them an informational packet.
- Serve as a Mentor Family for one or more new 4-H families, helping them feel welcome and comfortable.

As a **CLUB**, you can...

- Do a promotion at a school or event in your area.
- Call the Extension office for the public relations materials we have for you - display, brochures, etc.
- Do something special as a club during 4-H Week - October 3rd through the 9th.

Together let's try to take the "secret" out of 4-H!!!

(Thanks to Eau Claire County)

Thanks,
Marie



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Congratulations

Living Memorial Award Presented to Bob & Rosemary Donahoe and Chris Libbey

Bob and Rosemary have been very active participants in many aspects of the County 4-H program and the Lone Pine 4-H Club. When moving into the community several years ago the girls joined Lone Pine 4-H Club and became active members.

Rosemary was an active parent volunteer which later turned into Co-General Leader for several years. She also has served on the Leader's Council for several terms and Council representative on the Fair Board. Rosemary had been active in leading Jr. Leaders and Ambassadors, served as chaperone on various trips and hosted exchange members. She also has served in many other aspects on the 4-H program and volunteering countless hours before, during and after the fair.

Bob has served on the Fair Board for many years putting in many hours all year long. Bob also serves on the Dairy Committee as well as being a project leader. Together they are very active in planning and working at the County Farm City Day. Even after their children have graduated from 4-H they continue to volunteer their time to the 4-H program.

Chris became involved in the 4-H program when his son Rob joined Springbrook 4-H Club in 1976. In 1977 or 1978 he was involved in the horse project as a leader for Springbrook as well as serving as secretary for 2-3 years on the horse committee. He was very active on the horse committee until the early 1990's. During the early 1980's Chris started announcing the 4-H horse shows and 30 years later is still doing it. Chris also served as Co-General Leader for numerous years for the Springbrook 4-H Club.

Around 2003-2004 Chris became active on the Fair Renovation Committee and early on becoming the Chair. Chris currently serves as President and has developed a fundraising brochure and does advertising for Fair Rodeo and Raffle.

Thank You

This was our second year as a committee running the 4-H Food Stand. We made some changes and had big improvements to the building this year thanks to Home Depot. It was still a lot of work, but we feel it was a big success.

A special thank you goes to Pauline McNamara who donated chili to the stand. She also got donations from her work for cheese sauce. Gary Stevens got a generous donation from Conga Foods of cheese sauce, ketchup, Van Camps beans and Swiss Miss hot cocoa mix. We also received donations of napkins from Hiawatha National Bank, Citizens State Bank, Associated Bank, First Bank of Baldwin, and AgStar Financial Services.

We would like to thank Double Good, Sunnyside Shamrocks, Pine Lakers, Llama Committee, Dry Run Go Getters, the Ambassadors, Forest Timberwolves, Golden Fireballs, Glen Hills Climbers, Valley Victors, and North Country who volunteered to a shift during the fair. The Bellringers worked two shifts and a special thanks to Lone Pine who worked three shifts! Without your help we never could have kept the stand open.

We also would like to thank all of the people who stopped, asked if we needed more help and pitched in. You are true volunteers!

“Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless but because they are priceless” Anonymous

2010 Food Stand Committee:

Jodi & Dean Lingenfelter

Anna Kusilek

Connie Mueller

Mari Omann

Gary & Deb Stevens



The St. Croix County Fair Board and Mud Volleyball Coordinators would like to thank those that participated in the mud volleyball games at the St. Croix County Fair on Sunday, July 25. Your conduct and sportsmanship was great! Our maintenance personnel said the restrooms and showers were virtually free of mud. We sincerely appreciate this. There were 4-H mud volleyball teams this year and we hope to see you all back again next year.

Thank you again!
Dennis & Jackie Mitchell – Coordinators and the St. Croix County Fair Board



The St. Croix Co. Fair Board would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make this year's July 22 to 25, 2010 fair a great success. Many hours of time are volunteered before and during the weekend of the fair and it is appreciated very much. We would also like to thank all the exhibitors and fair goers who participate to make the fair a success. Friday July 23 we had a record attendance and would like to thank all those who attended the fair during the four day run. Also thank you for participating in the 100 year centennial celebration of St. Croix Co Fairs. We hope to see you again next year. The dates will be July 21 to 24.

Thank you for your support
The St. Croix Co. Fair Board

Leader News

St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Association Annual Meeting Sept 21, 7 pm Ag Services & Education Center Baldwin

Agendas for the annual meeting will be mailed to each 4-H Leader who is currently enrolled as a leader. Agenda items will include:

- Review of Leaders' Association Bylaws
- Review of St. Croix County 4-H Policies

- Approval of 2011 budget
- County Committee Reports – verbal and/or written
- Election of Council Members for 2010-2011
- Installation of Officers

Leader's Council Meeting Sept 21, Following Annual Meeting October 19, 7 pm Ag Services & Education Center Classroom A, Baldwin

All of the Leaders' 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 4-H Youth Development Web Site under Leaders' Council

Thanks for Serving on the 4-H Leaders' Council

A special thank you to these council members whose terms will end at the 4-H Leader's Recognition Banquet. However, they have an opportunity to be elected again for another two years.

- Randy Peterson, Harmony Hills
- Lori DeBoer, Forest Timberwolves
- Phyllis Ness, Forest Timberwolves

There are open spots on the 4-H Leader's Council. Would you consider running for a position? Here are some details to help you decide.....

- A term is only two years and you would be inducted on Sept 21 at the annual meeting
- It's a great place to get new ideas
- Get a broad perspective on the entire county 4-H program
- Get to know leaders in other clubs from all over the county
- Most of the work is done at the meeting so there aren't a lot of extra meetings

The Leaders' Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, except December and July - a total of 10 meetings. We really do like to have representation from different clubs across the county. If you aren't ready to make a decision and would like more information, simply talk with any of the current

Leaders' Council members:

- Connie Mueller, 246-2509
- Lori DeBoer, 263-4201
- Tammy Frank, 248-7397
- Bonnie McCluskey, 265-7105
- Phyllis Ness, 263-2449
- Randy Peterson, 698-2299
- Mari Omann, 684-3558
- Anne Wilbur, 246-2659
- Cindy Olson, 246-6708

If YOU would like to join the Leaders' Council, please call the UWEX Office or contact any of the Leaders' Council members.

4-H Leader Recognition Banquet

October 5, 6:30 pm

Baldwin American Legion

Registrations due September 27

Cost: \$8.00

Come to recognize our volunteers and enjoy some wonderful chicken and ham. Be sure to mark your calendars. Register by completing the form at the end of the newsletter.

Award Nominations Due

Individual Award Nominations and
Applications due Sept. 3

Friend of 4-H and Club Award
Nominations due Sept. 3

Award information, nomination forms and applications will be mailed to club organizational leaders in early August. Record Book/Project Award Forms which indicate the types and numbers of project awards needed for your club are due to the UWEX Office by September 3. Melissa is not able to place the St. Croix County order for awards until all the forms are in so please try to be timely.

Individual awards/nominations include:

- Record Book/Project Award Form
- Florence Jensen Award
- Helen Holzer Award
- Farm Bureau Boy & Girl
- Outstanding Livestock Member
- Outstanding Breeding Stock Member

The Friend of 4-H Award is presented to an individual who has been nominated by a 4-H club or

committee. Any individual or business that has contributed greatly to the 4-H program and is not a 4-H leader is eligible. Please be thinking about people who have helped your club or committee and would be deserving of such recognition. It's a nice plaque and they get a free meal at the Leaders' Recognition Banquet. You can't beat that so turn in your nominations by the deadline. The final selection is made by the 4-H Leaders' Council.

4-H Club Awards are presented in:

- Community Service
- Recreation
- Health/Safety/Environmental Ed

For these club awards, clubs are divided into three sizes, large, medium and small. The categories for club size are determined by the size of the clubs that have submitted an application. A plaque and a certificate are presented in each category for each size.

If your club has been active in these areas, encourage a committee to put together an application on your club's behalf. The application process is not difficult — it just takes a little time. You simply need to list your goals and plans for the year and then record the results — what activities were done throughout the year, the number of members taking part in each of the activities, describe your most worthwhile activity and you may also include up to two pages for pictures, newspaper clippings and/or a summary

Premium Checks



Premium checks for the 2010 County Fair will be distributed through the club award packets in October. The award packets can be picked up at the Leaders' Recognition Banquet on October 5 or at the UW-Extension Office after that date.

Encourage your members to cash their checks as soon as possible. Remind the members in your club that the checks will become void on January 1, 2011.

4-H Club Scrapbook Entry



The 4-H Leaders' Council provides cash prizes for the top three scrapbooks in the following amounts:
1st place = \$30.00, 2nd = \$25.00, 3rd \$20.00

Here are the results:

- 1st Place – Lone Pine
- 2nd Place – Golden Fireballs
- 3rd Place – Roberts Ribbon Reapers

Other clubs that participated:

4-H Ambassadors	Baldwin Wide Awake
Forest Timberwolves	Harmony Hill
North Country	Riverside
Trailblazers	True Blue

All the Club Scrapbooks will be on display at the 4-H Leaders' Recognition Banquet. Make sure to check them out because they are wonderful.

4-H Enrollment Re-enrollments due Nov 15

The enrollment packets will be ready to pick up on September 10. The enrollment packet will include everything you need to re-enroll existing members and several pieces to give to new members.

Deadlines for new enrollments

Please remember, new members enrolled by March 1 may participate in the 4-H program and County Fair without restrictions if they have met all the project guidelines for the projects in which they have enrolled. New members enrolled between March 2 and June 1 may enroll and exhibit in non-animal projects only.

Recruiting New 4-H Families

As you are making plans for your club's recruitment efforts, please remember with a couple of days notice, we can provide you with many things to make your recruitment easier:

- "4-H is Family Fun" brochures that list all the 4-H clubs in the county
- "Commonly Asked Questions About 4-H"

brochures which simply answer many questions families might have about the 4-H program. The "cover" question is *Do I have to live on a farm to join 4-H?*

- "Top 10 reasons to join 4-H" bookmarks
- A picture display board that highlights a variety of activities that happen throughout the year in 4-H
- 4-H pencils to hand out
- 4-H Banners to hang behind a booth or table top display
- Fact Sheet telling about current enrollment numbers and top projects
- Adventure Brochure with 4-H interest form. Focus on projects, opportunities, and member benefits with adventure photos.

Yard Signs to Promote 4-H

If you have a Join 4-H yard sign from last year, please remember to put it out again this fall. We also have several at the UWEX Office if you need a one. It is so much fun to drive around the county and spot those signs every where.

Annual Leader Training November 2 at 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

In order for St. Croix County 4-H clubs to be recognized as a part of the 4-H program, a leader from each 4-H club needs to attend the annual leader training. The leader does not need to be the general organizational leader of the club, so feel free to have a representative attend in your place. This training is separate from club officer training and is required for your club to be chartered.

I am offering the training on Tuesday, November 2 at 1 pm in the afternoon and 6:30 pm in the evening to accommodate a variety of work schedules. The training will last about 2 hours. Please let me know by October 15 via email or returning the form in the end of the communicator which session your club plans to attend so I can have the appropriate number of handouts for each session.

County-wide Committee Sign Up

It's time to sign up for those committees that you are interested in! Throughout the year, you probably read about the many 4-H activities like Cultural Arts Day, Mini Talent Explosion, Rabbit Workshops, Dog Obedience Training, Clothing Day, Cat Fun Show,

Livestock Auction, Softball Games, Horse Clinics, Llama project meetings and the Archery clinics. What you may not know is that these educational programs for members are the result of active project committees. Many of the committees will be meeting this fall and winter to review project rules/guidelines and to plan their educational activities for the spring and summer.

If you have ideas for county wide educational programs and would be willing to help a committee accomplish its goals, now is a great time to join a committee. Some of the committees meet almost monthly; other committees meet frequently over a couple of weeks and some meet occasionally as needed.

If you are interested in joining a county wide 4-H project committee(s), return the sign up form at the end of this newsletter. We will forward your name to the appropriate committee.

National 4-H Week October 3-9, 2010

Realizing multiple events occur this time of year, this year's theme will simply be "Taking the Lead." We will provide a more general kit with this theme in mind so you can tailor the materials for those events in your community. The kit will include flyers, bookmark and certificate templates, newspaper and newsletter ads, a suggested proclamation, and a variety of media outreach materials.

Check www.4-hbrandnetwork.org for all the materials you need to promote National 4-H Week in your community!

National 4-H Week **Window Display Contest** Entry forms due **Sept 24**

National 4-H Week is the first week of October. I hope your club will help us promote 4-H by putting up a window display! Your club can pick any theme it would like for your display — just remember to include the theme on the entry form.

The National Theme is "Taking the Lead". All displays need to be completed by Oct 2nd and must remain up until Oct 10th. Judging will be done during National 4-H Week. The Leaders' Council sponsors cash prizes for the top three places in the

following amounts: 1st blue = \$25, 2nd blue = \$20 and 3rd blue = \$15.

The entry form can be found at the end of this newsletter or on the UW-Extension 4-H web site.

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 2010 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.

September & October: "Paper Products". Donate paper towels, napkins, facial tissue, diapers and toilet paper. Financial contributions will be accepted. Make checks payable to **The Salvation Army**.

Statewide Training for **4-H Photo Leaders and Judges** September 25-26, 2011 Upham Woods - Wisconsin Dells

If you're a Wisconsin youth or adult 4-H photo leader, or you're a new or aspiring Wisconsin county fair photography judge plan on attending the next "Foto Follies," statewide training workshop at Upham Woods Environmental Education Center in Wisconsin Dells.

The next Foto Follies is slated for Sept. 25-26, 2011. You don't have to wait that long to enjoy the benefits of Foto Follies 05 and 09.

You will also gain ideas on how to teach photography to youth, but this program is primarily a time for you to improve your own photo-taking skills that will no doubt make you a better 4-H photo leader.

Foto Follies Follow-up will be limited to 20 participants. If you attended Foto Follies 09 and want to get on the wait list for Foto Follies Follow-up, contact Tom Carpenter at 608-262-1223 or tom.carpenter@ces.uwex.edu. Remember, sign up early!

Youth News/ Opportunities

St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors

September 8, 7:30 pm
Agriculture Services & Education Center
Baldwin

Ambassadors: We will have a short meeting on Wed. September 8 at 7:30 at the UWEX office. As usual, please let Nancy or Rosemary know if you CANNOT make it. Otherwise, we will assume all will be there.

NEW AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS: Anyone interested in applying to be an Ambassador should get the application form from Nancy at music_mommy@hotmail.com or off the county web site www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/stcroix/4h. Applications are due to the Extension Office by October 15. They can be emailed to Marie at marie.witzel@ces.uwex.edu. We would love to see at least one person from each club be involved in the Ambassador program, either as a Junior Ambassador, or Senior. And we're always looking at ways to improve the program, so come be a part of making 4H better, and more-well known! Interviews for 2011 Ambassadors will be Sunday, October 24 beginning at 1:00PM. Yes, we will be finished before the football game starts.



4-H Teen Representative - Fair Board

Is there a teenager in your 4-H club who would like to be a youth member on the St. Croix County Fair Board? This is an opportunity for older 4-H members to be involved in the discussion and decisions made by the Fair Board. A term is 2 years.

The Fair Board meets on the third Thursday of each month. All the meetings begin at 7:30 pm and the

location moves around a little over the year. The summer meetings are held at the fair grounds and the winter meetings are held at the Ag Center in Baldwin or the Civic Center in New Richmond.

Contact the UWEX Office if you are interested in serving a term on the St. Croix County Fair Board.

Western District Workshop for 4-H Drama & Music Directors

Saturday, Sept. 25, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Independence State Bank Community Room,
Elk Mound (SE edge of the Village on Hwy 12)

All adults & older youth who are interested in directing a 4-H drama or music group or are looking for new ideas in these areas.

Topics we'll cover include Team Building, choosing a script or making a script work, choosing the right role for the right person, and DE-stressing the process.

The workshop will be hosted by Diane Simon and Chris Friberg with Dunn County Elk Meadow 4-H

Diane Simon is a seasoned music and drama judge throughout the Western District, has often volunteered as an Adult Company Member for the Wisconsin 4-H Drama Company, and has directed many club dramas & musicals.

Chris Friberg is a 4-H Club General Leader who has a wealth of experience organizing and directing club dramas & musicals.

Please RSVP to elklakefarm@discover-net.net or call Chris at 715-879-4452.

Great River Greening's first ever 3-week Initiative

Restore prairies, woodlands, and natural wildlife habitats along the St. Croix River!
Sign up for one, two, or all three of these events, and make a difference in the beautiful, unique, and diminishing natural landscapes that this area has to offer.

Week 1: Saturday, September 25th
Woodbury Conservation Corridor
Prairie Restoration

8:30am – 12:30pm

On our first stop, we will focus our efforts on collecting seeds to help native prairie land return to its original beauty, and also build homes for the unique wild birds that reside here!

Week 2: Saturday, October 2nd
Franconia Bluffs Acorn Planting
8:30am – 12:30pm

On this stop we will plant one million acorns collected by community youth groups throughout the metro to restore native oak woodlands!

Week 3: Saturday, October 9
Lost Valley Scientific and Natural Area Restoration
8:30am – 12:30pm

Our last stop is in Cottage Grove, where we will be clearing invasive species that are threatening prairie grasses and wildlife that are in danger of being lost!

Individuals of all ages, families, community and corporate groups are welcome to participate in Greening's restoration events. **Pre-registration is required, so sign up today!**

To register, contact the Mark Turbak, Greening Volunteer Program and Event Manager, at volunteer@greatrivergreening.org or 651-665-9500 ext. 11.



Natural Sciences Naturespace

**Fall 4-H Shooting Sports Certification
Workshop**
October 15 & 16, 2010.
Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club

The workshop is for adults wanting to be certified in Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Air Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle or Shotgun. For more information go to:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/2010/CertificationTraining.cfm>

Trip Information & Application Form Workshop

September 23, 2010 at 6:30 pm
Lori DeBoer residence

651 County Line Road Clear Lake (263-4201)

October 7, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Ag Services & Education Center

Did you ever wonder what's available for 4-Hers in 7th grade and above? Want to travel to our state or nations capital with a bunch of 4-H members? Come to a workshop and learn more about these adventures and how to apply.

Two 4-H trip workshops and applications assistance will be offered to answer questions about the trips and offer assistance with the form. It is not required to attend the workshop to apply.

When you come to a workshop, remember to bring:

- Your current year's record books (ask your leader for your record books if they haven't been returned yet)
- Past year's record books (you'd be surprised the info you can pull from old record books.
- Pencils!!

Trip Applications for Older Members Due Nov 2

The Leader's Council revised the ME form this year. It is titled "St. Croix County 4-H Trip Application". All members interested in Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) or National Congress should apply. Please Note -- Youth interested in the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference will apply in the Spring, not this Fall.

The St. Croix Co 4-H Trip Application is also available on the St. Croix Co UW-Extension 4-H Website.

Club Officer Training
November 2, 6:30 to 8 pm
Ag Services and Education Center
Register by Oct. 15

Are you a club officer? Did you get elected but now are not sure what you are suppose to do? Well we have the answers for you. The 4-H Club Officer Training will help answer all of your questions for you.

Please register with your club general leader. The following is the tentative agenda for the evening.

- 6:30 pm – Welcome & Introductions
6:40 – Ice-breaker game and group activity
7:00 – Break off into officer groups
- President & Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Reporter and Historian
- 7:50—Wrap up and closing

4-H Softball Tournament Results

Congratulations to all the teams who played in the 4-H Softball Tournament. What a great way to wrap up summer.

- Junior Division Champion: Riverside
- Junior Division Runner-Up: Lone Pine/Harmony Hill

- Senior Division Champion: Riverside
- Senior Division Runner-Up: Baldwin Wide Awake

The regular season results were:

- Junior Div. West Champion: Riverside
- Runner-up: Roberts Ribbon Reapers

- Junior Div. East Champion:
Lone Pine / Harmony Hill
- Runner-up: Bellringers

- Senior Div. Champion: Riverside
- Runner-up: Baldwin Wide Awake and Lone Pine/Harmony Hill

Items were left at the All Star Softball Game (Bat, glove and visor) Call Dennis Mitchell at 246-5514.

4-H Arts Camp

October 2-3, 2010

Upham Woods 4-H Camp, Wisconsin Dells
Cost: \$60.00 which includes a camp T-shirt;
Adult Chaperones, \$30.00.

If you're in Middle School, grades 6-8, don't miss 4-H Arts Camp! Where else can you go to one place to learn about music, drama, visual arts, photography, communications, and juggling!

You'll rotate through the different Arts tracks each day, participate in a group Arts experience Saturday evening, and close with a ceremony for parents and families, celebrating the results of your group Arts Camp experiences. You'll also meet new friends, participate in camp games, and enjoy the great natural setting of Upham Woods, a 300-acre environmental education center on the Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells.

4-H Arts Camp is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Extension and is funded through registrations and a grant from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. The program is planned and led by a talented group of 4-H high school youth, assisted by UW-Extension specialists, 4-H staff and key adult volunteers. You'll learn lots of creative ideas to take home to share with your family and friends.

If you haven't been a part of the Arts Camp experience, come and see what you've been missing! Space is limited. Call your county 4-H Youth Development Agent for more information about camper, counselor, and/or chaperone opportunities now!

For an application or more information go to <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm> or contact the UW-Extension office.



Animal Sciences

Meat Animal Committee Meeting

September 14 and October 12

7:30 pm

Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

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

Breeding Livestock Committee

September 13 and October 4

7:00 pm - St. Croix County Fair Grounds

All meetings are open to anyone who is interested in the program. Please feel welcome to attend 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.

September it is the start of a new year and the Breeding Stock Committee is always looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining the committee, or offering help is welcome to come. Just come to a meeting.

4th Annual Kids & Cows Event

September 11 & 12, Lunch Available

Barron County Fair Grounds, Rice Lake, WI

The event is for youth of all ages ranging from the Novice to the experienced youth and adults. Novice members - If you don't have a calf, animals will be provided for you.

Clinics will include: Halter breaking, clipping, showing, breeds review, anatomy, and feed review. There will also be a Speech and photo contest.

Contact Tracy Hurtgen, 715-263-4157

St. Croix Classic Breeding Stock Sale

October 16, 2010

St. Croix County Fairgrounds

This is an excellent opportunity to start or add to your project for 2011. Included in this sale will be beef, prospect steers, goats, sheep and swine from reputable breeders in the Tri- State area. We will also be hosting a chili feed, lamb roast, and silent auction. This is a fundraiser for the Breeding Stock Program. All proceeds go towards sponsoring our 4-H and FFA youth. Anyone interested in selling or purchasing animals may contact: **Sheep**, Jeff and Mary Liddle at 715-796-5685 or rockyknobfarm@yahoo.com, Sue Mason at 715-265-4006 or susie_4h@yahoo.com, **Beef**, Buck & Amy Knutson at 715-377-8620 or longacresangus@chibardun.net, Tracy Hurtgen at 715-263-4157 or winniethepooh@cltcomm.net, **Goats**, Lori Deboer at 715-263-4201 at deboerlori@yahoo.com, **Swine**, John Steel at 715-246-4102 or jasteel@frontiernet.net. More details will be released to the "NEW" Breeding Stock website. Breeding Stock families we will need all the helping hands that we can get!!!

Outstanding Breeding Stock Livestock Award

The Breeding Stock Committee is proud to announce that it is awarding an award to an outstanding breeding stock member. It is open to all beef, sheep, swine, and goat members. Deadline for the application is September 3, 2010. Youth are only able to win this award once and it will be given out at the Leaders Council Banquet. Any individual interested can get the application from the extension website: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/stcroix/4h>.

West Central Wisconsin Pigeon & Poultry Club Annual Fall Show

October 2, 2010

Dunn County Fairgrounds in Menomonie

This is an open show for pigeons, doves, chickens, domestic waterfowl, turkeys, guinea fowl and rabbits and features a separate junior show for fanciers under the age of 18. All entries must be in by September 13th. For more information and entry forms, contact:

Dan Paff: 6977 County Highway N; Chippewa Falls, WI 54729--(715) 723-2750--juddan@live.com

Fairplex News

For members of the St. Croix County 4-H Dairy Committee and Friends of the St. Croix County Fairplex awarding Crisdhome Milkstar Aaletje to Cody Frederick was the absolute highlight of this year's St. Croix County Fair. Awarding Aaletje coupled with another successful Renovations for the Generations Raffle truly made the Fair a "banner" event!

Purchase of Aaletje by an anonymous donor at the May Fair Event & Sale set the stage for the Dairy Committee to select a worthy recipient. Potential candidates had to be nominated by their 4-H Club's general or dairy project leaders, demonstrate enthusiasm for and commitment to the dairy project, have access to an ongoing dairy enterprise and be likely to pursue a career in dairy science. Cody Frederick, the son of Jerry and Arissa Frederick, rural Glenwood City met these criteria and was selected to receive Aaletje. Cody's primary 4-H interests include show cattle and 4-H softball. According to Arissa, "the opportunity for Cody to own a well-bred, purebred heifer is exciting for the family both for the short term opportunity for Cody to excel in dairy showing and as the foundation for Cody to develop a purebred herd. Todd Doornink, Chairman of the Dairy Committee, commented "that both the anonymous donation of the heifer and the quality of the nominated project members clearly demonstrate the enthusiasm for the dairy project and is a great beginning for what I hope will be an ongoing program".

This year marked the 4th Renovations for the Generations Raffle. Again this year the Raffle prizes were top quality meat animals purchased from members of the 4-H Meat Animal Project. Due to the support of local business sponsors and a strong selling effort by 4-H Clubs, HCE and the St. Croix County Beekeepers Association, the Raffle generated over \$8,000 above expenses. Sponsors this year included: Gold - Bernards Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Silver - Frontier Ag & Turf, and Bronze - Deers Locker and the Glenwood City Tribune Press Reporter. Meat processing was donated by Ross' Glenwood City Locker, Olsons Woodville Meats and Deer's Locker. According to Chris Libbey, Friends of the St. Croix County Fairplex, "the continued commitment of local businesses and selling efforts particularly by the County 4-H Clubs are the key to the continued success of the Raffle". Over its 4 year

history, the Renovations for the Generations Raffle has generated net proceeds in excess of \$24,000.

Fairplex notes:

1. A big thank you to all of the 4-H clubs that sold Raffle tickets. Collectively you sold over 80% of the tickets!
2. Congratulations to Springbrook 4-H Club for being the top selling club with over \$2400 in sales & to Megan Spott for being the leading sales rep for the county with over 240 tickets sold!!
3. Drawing for the 12 Target gift Cards will take place at a September club meeting - stay tuned for results.
4. The Dairy Committee and Friends of the Fairplex are moving forward to wrap up fundraising for the 1st Dairy Barn - watch for ways you can participate.
5. Friends of the Fairplex are considering entering the Pepsi Refresh grant program at the \$50,000 level to help fund the Dairy Barn. We are shooting for an October campaign and will need your support to help "win" the grant. Everyone over 13 is eligible to vote - stay tuned for details.



Are you interested???.

Youth Sweepstakes at Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival. Sept 10 - 12, Jefferson Co. Fair Grounds. Contact Todd Taylor at taylorssheep@yahoo.com or www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com

Professional Dairy Producer of WI Youth Leadership Derby: Nov 6-7 at Deforest High School. Call the UW-Extension Office for more information and a registration form.

**ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
1910-2010**



Did you miss getting your souvenirs at this year's 100th anniversary of the fair? Well you can still get a piece of history! There are many great ways to use these items for your club members, leaders, family and friends. **All items are now half price to sell fast. Get them while they last.**

Please present these ideas at your next club meeting and take orders. Plan now for: Club achievement banquet awards, Leader's recognition and leader's banquet. Remember these would make great presents for the whole family, 4-H alumni, past leaders and members.

Place your club or individual orders today.

_____ Tote Bag	\$5.00
_____ Embroidered Cap	\$ 3.25
_____ Coffee Mug	\$ 2.50
_____ Lite-up Yo-Yo	\$ 1.50
_____ Wood Yo-Yo	\$ 1.00
_____ Keepsake Button	\$.50

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ -payable to St. Croix County Fair

Mail your order to: Carol Keller: 1085 Trout Brook Road, Hudson, WI 54016 or call at 715-386-8244

You can pick up your order at the Leader's Banquet on October 5th, or, if you need it before that, please call Carol Keller at 715-386-8244.
St. Croix County Fair Centennial Committee

Lost & Found

We have several items that were left at the St. Croix County Fair. If any of the following items belong to you, stop by the UW-Extension Office to pick them up. We will keep these items until September 30.

- Miscellaneous shirts and size 9 shorts
- Sunglasses
- Towel
- Stuffed animal
- Beverage mug
- Child jacket

Survey

The fair management is looking at an option to start the fair on Wednesday. The idea would be to have non-animal judging on that day and maybe have an animal show as well. We would like your input. So here is your chance to tell us what you think:

Yes start judging on Wednesday

No leave it as is (starting Thursday)

Comments and suggestions to consider:

Please return your input to the Extension Office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!!

4-H Interest Form / Sign Up Sheet

Mail to: UWEX Office, 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140, Baldwin, WI 54002

Or Fax: (715) 684-2666

Please Send a Senior Ambassador Application
 Please Send a Junior Ambassador Application
 Please Send Trip Form Application
 Sign me up as a Teen Representative for the St. Croix County Fairboard

Window Display Contest Entry **Due September 24**

Club Name _____ Contact Person _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____ Window Display Theme _____

Location of Window Display _____

Directions _____

Registration for Leader's Recognition Banquet **Due September 27**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Number of People Attending _____

The cost is \$8.00 per person. Please make checks payable to the St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Association.
Mail to: UWEX Office at 1960 8th Ave., Suite 140, Baldwin, WI. 54002

Club Officer Training **Due October 15**

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone _____ Office _____

Annual Leader Training **Due October 15**

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____ City _____

Phone _____

Please register me for the following workshop on November 2 (circle one): 1:00 pm 6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Due—Award Applications and Nominations	4
5	6 Labor Day-Office Closed	7	8 7:30 pm—Ambassadors (Ag & Ed Center)	9 7:00 pm—Award Application Review by Council	10 Sheep & Wool Festival September 10-12	11 Kids & Cows Sept. 11-12
12 Sheep & Wool (Rice Lake) Sept. 11-12	13 7:00 pm—Breeding Stock Committee (GC)	14 7:30 pm—Meat Animal Committee Meeting (Ag & Ed Center)	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 7:00 pm—4-H Leader's Annual Mtg (Ag & Ed Ctr) Leader's Council (following Annual Mtg)	22	23 6:30 pm—Trip Application Workshop (Lori DeBoer Home)	24 Due—Window Display Entry State Photo Leader Training Sept 24-25	25 4-H Drama & Music Directors Training (Elk Mound)
26 Due—Leader Banquet Registration	27	28	29	30		

OCTOBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Pigeon & Poultry Fall Show (Menomonie) 4-H Arts Camp
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	National 4-H Week "Meet the Future" October 3-9, 2010					
(WI Dells) 2-3	7:00 pm—Breeding Stock Committee (GC)	6:30 pm—Leader Banquet		6:30 pm—Trip Application Form Wkshp (Ag & Ed Ctr)		
10	11	12 7:30 pm—Meat Animal Committee (Ag & Ed Center)	13	14	15 Due—Annual Ldr Trng Due—Club Officer Trng Due—Ambassador Apps Shooting Sport Cert. (EC Rod & Gun)	16 Fall Forum (St. Pt)
17	18	19 7:00 pm—Leaders Council (Ag & Ed Center)	20	21	22	23
24 1:00 pm—Ambassador Interviews	25	26	27	28	29	30
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**County Wide 4-H Project Committee Sign Up
Due to the UWEX Office by November 1**

Below are the St. Croix County 4-H Project Committees. Included is a short description of the committee's work, the approximate number of meetings involved and the name/phone number of the current chair. Please feel welcome to call the chair or myself if you have any questions about a committee you want to join.

Dog

Provide county wide dog obedience training for 10 weeks beginning in May. Organize the 4-H Drill team & the 4-H Fun Dog Show. Chair is Ann Wilbur 246-2659.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Meat Animal

Meet monthly to plan educational workshops in beef, sheep, & swine. Organize the Livestock Auction at the Fair & conduct the Carcass Evaluation. Chair is Tom Grandt 246-6114

Name: _____

Address: _____

Food & Nutrition

Meet twice a year to plan the Foods Fair.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Clothing

Meet twice a year to plan the Clothing Camp & the Clothing Revue.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Horticulture

Meet to plan workshops in all plant & soil science projects.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Fair Building Display

Meet to help set up displays and determine improvements for future years.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Softball

Meet twice in the spring to review rules, coordinate game schedule & run the Coaches meeting. Chair is Dennis Mitchell, 246-5514.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mini Talent Explosion

Meet twice in Dec to Feb to plan Mini Talent Explosion.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Fair Food Stand

Organize the Food Stand for the county fair.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Dairy

Meet 3 times to plan workshops in fitting and showing, Dairy Judging & coordinate the State Fair Dairy exhibitors. Chair is Todd Doornink, 684-2461.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cat

Organize the Cat Fun Show in April. Chair is unknown

Name: _____

Address: _____

Llama

Meet year round to plan and lead educational programs. Chair is Bill/Margo Schultz, 796-5218.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Rabbit

Teach 3 workshops in the spring. Chair is Kayla Hoyer, 749-3715.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Horse

Meet primarily during the summer to run the horse clinics. Chair is Deland Richter 246-6330

Name: _____

Address: _____

Photography

Last year the chair organized workshops. Chair is Kay Jacobsen, 643-2128

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cultural Arts

Name: _____

Address: _____

Shooting Sports

Meet a couple of times to plan the program and then regularly hold practice shoots over the summer. Contacts: Dave Smith, 684-2966 or Dan Frye, 688-6779

Name: _____

Address: _____

Breeding Livestock

Contact person is Sue Mason, 265-4006.

Name: _____

Address: _____