



PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H COURIER

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4-H PROGRAM CANCELLATION POLICY

4-H programs are automatically cancelled if:

- 1) The local school districts close due to inclement weather.
- 2) We are under a Winter Storm Warning.

The Extension Office will notify you, if possible, by:

- 1) Sending out an e-mail if program is cancelled during work hours.
- 2) Leaving a message on the main office number (715-346-1316) and 4-H support staff number (715-346-1462).

Program cancellations will not be announced on WSPT Radio.



2015 4-H Leaders Appreciation Banquet

(left to right)

Lisa Adams—Volunteer of the Year,
Roger Niemuth—Friend of 4-H (with Bob Niemuth, Jr.)
Paula Kropidowski—4-H Alumni.

Dear 4-H Families & Friends,

Happy Holidays! Whether you are a new 4-H family receiving this newsletter for the first time or a family that has been with us for years, I would like to thank you for everything you do for our organization, our youth, and our communities. On November 13th, I had the honor of attending the 4-H Leaders Appreciation Banquet to thank our leaders for their commitment to youth development and community service. Because of the countless hours our volunteers dedicate to 4-H, our youth are developing the strong life skills they need to become engaged citizens and leaders. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for giving your time!

On November 15th, we had the privilege of honoring many of our outstanding youth at the 2015 Awards Program. Throughout the year our 4-Hers demonstrate their hard work, ambition, humility, and community spirit—these are qualities that deserve recognition. Please read more about our exceptional youth and volunteers on pages 12 and 13 of this newsletter. As always, thank you for your commitment to Portage County 4-H! Check out some of our winter fun activities on the next page and have a happy and safe holiday season!

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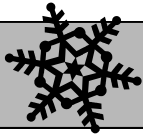
2016 Fair Dates

Amherst Fair
July 14-17

State Fair
Aug 4-14

Rosholt Fair
Sept 2-5

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Visit Our Online Calendar!



Go to portage.uwex.edu , hover over “4-H Youth” at the top of the screen, and choose “4-H Calendar” from the menu!

DECEMBER

- 15 Deadline to sign up for the Market Animal Project
- 17 Bell Ringing for Salvation Army, SHOPKO, DOWNTOWN STEVENS POINT, 6-8 pm
- 24-25 UW-Extension Office Closed
- 28 Roller Skating and Pizza Party at Skate City, Wisconsin Rapids, 6:30-9:00 pm
- 30 Trips and Awards applications due in the Extension Office
- 31 Teen Winter Camp Registrations Due in 4-H Online



JANUARY

- 1 UW-Extension Office Closed
- 5 Small Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm Courthouse Annex, Room 3
- 8 Deadline to sign up for James Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award
- 8 4-H Agriculture Adult and Youth Leadership Awards Nomination Forms Due
- 12 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Courthouse Annex, Room 2
- 12 Market Animal Project Kick-Off Mtg, 7:30 pm, Courthouse Annex, Rooms 1 & 2
- 18 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 7:00 pm, Courthouse Annex, Room 1
- 18 Teen Association Meeting & Movie Night, 6:30 pm, Courthouse Annex, Room 2
- 22-24 Winter Camp for 4-H Teens, Upham Woods
- 20 Interviews for Trips & Awards, 5-9:00 pm, Courthouse Annex
- 28 Club Officer Training, 7-8:30 pm, Courthouse Annex, Rooms 1 & 2



FEBRUARY

- 1 Family Winter Party, 6-8:00 pm, Iverson Park
- 8 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm Courthouse Annex, Room 2
- 8 Market Animal Project Practical Applications, 7:30 pm, Courthouse Annex, Room 1 & 2
- 15 Leaders Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Courthouse Annex, Room 2
- 19 Summer Camp Counselor Applications due in Extension Office
- 20 State Meat Judging Contest, UW-Madison, Meat Lab



Thought for the Day!

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?”

~ John Steinbeck

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Thursday, January 28, 2015— 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Courthouse Annex Building, Conference Room 1 & 2

This training is designed to help presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurers, reporters, and historians understand their roles as officers and the importance of teamwork, as well as how they can work to make the club more successful.

All 4-H club officers are expected to attend.

Refreshments will be offered.



HOLIDAY FUN!

Teens Gr 7 & Up

Bell Ringing & Holiday Basket Shopping For Operation Bootstrap
Thursday, December 17, 2015
SHOPKO - Meet at Entrance - 6pm

Teen Leaders shopping for the Holiday Basket will take place on Thursday, December 17th. **Please meet at the DOWNTOWN STEVENS POINT SHOPKO entrance at 6:00 p.m.** Some of the teens will go shopping and some will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army from 6 pm to 8 pm. The Holiday Basket will be delivered at a later date.

If you have a Santa hat, please bring it!!!



4-H Teen Winter Camp - Gr 7 & Up January 22-24, 2016

Registration Deadline is December 31, 2015

Join 4-Hers from Portage, Waupaca, and Marathon Counties for a weekend of relaxation and fun. Winter Camp is very interactive with lots of time dedicated to making new friends, reacquainting yourself with old friends, playing board games and group games, and engaging in many outdoor and leadership building activities.



Group transportation to Camp will be provided leaving Plover at 6:00 p.m. Friday and returning about 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Cost: \$35.00 which includes transportation, lodging and meals. **Please register in 4-H Online by December 31, 2015.** Check out our click-by-click guide on how to register for

events at our 4-H Online help page:

<http://counties.uwex.edu/portage/?p=2532> or call the Extension office at 715-346-1462 for assistance!

Make checks payable to: Portage County 4-H Leaders Association.

Chaperones Needed: This camp will not be possible unless we have adult chaperones. Please contact the Portage County UW-Extension office if you are interested in chaperoning.

Roller Skating and Pizza Party

Monday, December 28, 2015 6:30-9:00 pm
Skate City, Wisconsin Rapids

This is open to all 4-H members, families and friends.

The cost is \$7.00 per person. This includes admission, skates, and a pizza party—pizza, soda and ice cream. Admission and party refreshments for those who attend but will not be skating is \$3.50. You are welcome to bring your own skates if desired (the cost is still \$7.00). Inline skate rental is an additional \$1.00.



Note: When you arrive, identify yourselves as part of the Portage County 4-H party. Jan Miller will pay for all those in attendance and collect money from you during the evening. ***PLEASE HAVE THE CORRECT CHANGE!*** If you wish to pay with a check, make out to *Portage County 4-H Leaders Association.*

Skate City is located on Hwy 54 on the east side of Wisconsin Rapids, right behind Mark Motors.
(See Cancellation Policy on page 1 of newsletter.)

Family Winter Party

Monday, February 1, 2016—6 to 8 pm
Iverson Park, Stevens Point

Tobogganing, Sledding, Ice Skating

The 4-H Teen Leaders will once again be hosting a family sledding party. **This is fun for the whole family!!** Please bring warm clothes, saucers, sleds, ice skates. Toboggans will be provided. **The teens will provide hot cocoa and hot dogs. Each family is asked to bring a snack/treat to share.**

PARENTS AND ADULT LEADERS WILL BE NEEDED TO SUPERVISE THE SLEDDING HILL.



Wisconsin Operation Military Kids

www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/omk

During our holiday preparations, let's keep in mind Operation Military Kids (OMK), a nationwide initiative designated to provide support to the children and youth of families that are impacted by the Global War on Terrorism. The above website has a wealth of information for both military families and to educate the general public.



Come to the Enchanted Forest...

If you are looking for festive family fun, come check out how the inside of the 4-H Exhibit Building at the Rosholt Fair Park has been transformed. You won't believe it's the same place where all your 4-H projects are displayed!



4-Hers are invited to decorate trees or set up displays at the Fairgrounds through December 10!

The Enchanted Forest and Christmas in the Pines are open to the public free of charge.

This beautiful forest of decorated trees is sure to get you & your family in the holiday spirit. It will be open 5-8:00 p.m. each Friday, Saturday and Sunday beginning November 27, with outdoor displays until 10:00 PM. The Forest is open through Sunday, December 20.

Dress warm, bring your camera & join the fun! Happy Holidays.



2016 Sesquicentennial & Century Farm & Home Programs

Application Deadline: March 1, 2016

Farms or homes with 100 or 150 years of continuous ownership through the year 2015 will be recognized at a special breakfast program during the **WI State Fair**, August 6-16, 2015. The tentative date for the breakfast program is August 11, 2015. Details of the event will be mailed to accepted applicants by mid-June.

Contact the Extension Office for additional information and an application.

FUNDRAISERS

SAVE . . KWIK TRIP MILK MOOLA caps and bag tops. They are on milk, juice, bottled water, Kwik-Ade, Kwik Quencher and more! Each one is redeemable by the 4-H program for 5¢ each - **tan Glazer Donut ovals** are redeemable for 10¢ each. You can turn these in at your club meetings or bring them directly to the Extension Office.

Thank you to all who are supporting this fundraiser!

ADULT LEADERS

LEADERS BOARD WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER.

JANUARY LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

January 18, 2016 - 7:00 pm
Courthouse Annex - Conf. Rm 1

4-H Agriculture Leader of the Year Award



This award is given out by the Portage County Agri-Business Committee (a member of the Portage County Business Council). If you know of a deserving 4-H leader (must be a current leader) or if you are such a person, please complete the **nomination form in the back of the newsletter**. The form must be returned to the Extension Office **by January 8, 2015**. The award will be presented at the Portage County Agri-Business Banquet in March.

2016 State & National Program Adult Advisor Applications

Applications for 2016 state and national 4-H outreach program volunteer and staff Adult Advisors are available at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/volunteers/index.cfm>. If you enjoy working with teens, collaborating with others as part of a unified leadership team, and experiencing another part of the country, consider applying to serve as an Adult Advisor to Space Camp, Huntsville, AL; Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Washington, D.C.; or National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA. **Note the deadline of February 15, 2016.**

TEEN LEADERS

Teen Calendar Events

December 2015

- 17 Bell Ringing—**SHOPKO, Downtown Stevens Point**
- 31 Winter Camp Sign Up Deadline
- 28 Roller Skating & Pizza Party

January 2016

- 18 Teen Leader Association Meeting—6:30 p.m. *Movie night - bring snacks!*
- 20 Trips & Awards Interviews
- 22-24 Winter Camp for Teens
- 28 Club Officer Training

February 2016

- 1 Family Winter Party—Iverson Park

January Teen Leader Association Meeting & Movie Night

Monday, January 18, 2016 - 6:30 pm
Room 2 - Courthouse Annex

ALL TEENS IN GRADE 7-13 ARE INVITED

Please bring a treat to share and appropriate movies to choose one for viewing.



4-H Youth Leadership in Agriculture

Award The 4-H Leadership in Agricultural Award is an award that is given to two deserving 4-H youth members for their dedication to 4-H, their community and agriculture. It will be presented by the Portage County Business Council Agri-Business Committee at the Agri-Business Banquet in March. **Applications are due to the Extension Office by January 8, 2015.** Please contact the UW-Extension Office if you have any questions. **Nomination form is in back of newsletter. Use the URL on the bottom of the paper form for a fully-online form!**



Teen Bell Ringing & Holiday Basket Shopping - Gr 7 & Up **Thursday, December 17**

at the downtown SHOPKO in Stevens Point!

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TRIPS AND AWARDS

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Application Deadline: December 30, 2015

Interviews: Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Fill out the Teen Member Application on Page 17-18 if you would like to be interviewed to be considered for the following trips or awards:

- ◆ Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference
- ◆ National 4-H Congress
- ◆ Citizenship Washington Focus - Gr 10-12
- ◆ Leadership Washington Focus - Gr 6-8
- ◆ National 4-H Conference
- ◆ Key Award
- ◆ Leaders of Tomorrow Award
- ◆ 4-H Ambassador

Remember, the application counts for 50% of your total score. This application is also available on the Forms & Applications page of the Portage County 4-H website, or contact the Extension Office.

WISCONSIN 4-H & YOUTH CONFERENCE

Requirements: 4-H members Grade 7-10 at time of selection; completed at least 1 year of 4-H; 4-H members may attend twice as delegates but first-time delegates have preference.

When: June 20-23, 2016

Where: UW-Madison Campus

Your Cost: Approx. \$100 (plus seminar fees)

4-H Leaders Association Costs: \$110-\$140 (total program cost is approx. \$240)

Maximum Number: 4 delegates

Approximately 600 youth attend this educational event in Madison each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their home community.

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

Date: Nov 25-29, 2016

Where: Atlanta, Georgia

Ages: Grade 10-12 at time of selection. Maximum age 18 as of January 1, 2016. Members need to have completed at least three years in 4-H.

Your Cost: Approximately \$350

4-H Leaders Association Costs: \$750 (total program cost is about \$1200)

Maximum Number: 2 delegates

Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and a service project, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country. Seminars range from ethics topics, career planning and organization to diversity, character and success. Hands-on experiences such as community service and cultural activities.

CITIZENSHIP/WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF)

Requirements: Grade 10-12 at time of selection; minimum age 15 at time of trip; at least 2 years of 4-H membership and 1 year of Youth Leadership; available to share experiences with other members upon return.

Maximum Number: 2 delegates

Dates: 8 days in June & July, 2016

Where: National 4-H Center in Washington D.C.

Your Cost: \$350

4-H Leaders Association Costs: \$750 (total program cost is about \$1200)

Approximately 200 Wisconsin 4-H Youth are selected to attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events.



LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (LWF)

Requirements: 4-H Members Grade 6-8 at time of selection.

Date: Approx. July 9-17, 2016 (*includes travel time—note that these dates overlap with the Amherst Fair*)

Where: National 4-H Center in Washington D.C.

Your Cost: Approximately \$350

4-H Leaders Association Cost: \$750 (Total program cost is about \$1100. Includes round-trip transportation on an Amtrak Superliner Train.)

For more than 50 years, thousands of 4-H'ers have participated in the high school program, CWF. The LWF program was then introduced as its precursor for middle school 4-H'ers, LWF. The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just one mile from the Washington, D.C. border. Participants will be immersed in the culture and history of our nation through on-site workshops at D.C.'s most spectacular sights.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Date: March 24-30, 2017

Where: Washington, D.C.

Ages: Grade 10-12 during the program (**grades 9-11 apply**). Maximum age 18 as of January 1, 2017. Members must have completed at least three years in 4-H.

Your Cost: \$350

4-H Leaders Association Costs: \$750 (Total program cost is about \$1200)

Maximum Numbers: 2 delegates nominated

Each county in the state can nominate two candidates *to be considered* for the National 4-H Conference. In the fall of 2016, candidates will receive the state application to fill out for travel in 2017 if selected as one of the 6 state delegates. The state will review all of the applications and select only 6 delegates to represent the state of Wisconsin. This is a special trip and not considered one of our major trip selections. Each participant selects an issue (i.e., education, promotion, environment, violence) and works with other youth from across the county to develop plans to help direct future 4-H programming. Delegates spend the majority of time contributing to stimulating, task-oriented groups. One day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators and touring.

WISCONSIN KEY AWARD

Requirements: At least 10th grade of the current year; at least 3 years of 4-H and 1 year of youth leadership.

Maximum Number: Up to 3 recipients

Highest state 4-H award offered - based on all 4-H work done by the member since joining 4-H including youth leadership.

LEADERS OF TOMORROW AWARD

(Formerly "I Dare You" Award)

Requirements: Grade 11; leadership ability and potential.

Maximum Number: 2 recipients each year

Recognizes character, balanced personal development, and excellence in leadership.

4-H AMBASSADOR

The Ambassador term will start in March. Ambassadors will serve an active term of one year but will also be an associate member of Ambassadors for the duration of their 4-H membership.

Requirements: 6th grade or higher; leadership ability and potential; personal appearance and poise; knowledge of 4-H.

When: 4-H Ambassadors serve a one-year term beginning in March. They will be recognized in October at the end of their career at the 4-H Leaders Banquet.

Maximum Number: Up to 4 Ambassadors are chosen

Duties: Present the 4-H story at community activities and events and promote 4-H.

Responsibilities: Hand out ribbons and trophies at the Amherst and Rosholt Fair; participate in the Rosholt Fair and Amherst Fair parades; make presentations to groups (we will train you); presentation of flags and pledges at the 4-H Leaders' Banquet and Award program; help with the 4-H Awards Program; be available to represent 4-H at other events during the year. **Contact the UW-Extension Office if you have any questions.**

NATURAL SCIENCE

2016 Conservation Poster Contest!

Deadline: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 4:30 PM

Drop-Off: Land & Water Conservation office, County Annex, 3rd Floor (1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point)

Theme: "We All Need Trees!"

Grade Divisions: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12



Winners will be announced at the Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place are given. First-place posters advance to the area contest on February 12, which will be held in Portage County!

2016 Conservation Speech Contest!

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Grade Divisions: 5-6 (3-5 minute speech),

7-8 (5-8 minute speech)

9-12 (5-8 minute speech)

Speeches must promote the conservation of natural resources and the protection or enhancement of environmental quality. Topics should address soil and water conservation issues.

Speeches will be performed at the Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place are given. First-place speakers advance to the area contest on February 12, which will be held in Portage County!

Questions about the contests? Contact Patty Benedict at: **(715)346-1334** or **benedictpj@co.portage.wi.us**



SUMMER CAMP

2016 Summer 4-H Camp

Waupaca, Portage, and now Lincoln Counties will be camping together as a three-county summer camp. Welcome, Lincoln County! **Registration instructions will be in a future newsletter.**

Intermediate Camp, 5th - 8th graders: June 18-20, 2016 at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells.

Junior Camp, 2nd - 4th graders: June 10-11, 2016 at CWES.

Camp Counselor

If you are in 9th grade or above and wish to be a summer camp counselor for junior or intermediate camp, please fill out the application included in the newsletter or submit a fully-online form (use the URL on the bottom of the paper form). Applications are due in the Extension Office by February 19 and selections will be made soon after.

Junior Camp Director

Requirements: At least 10th grade at the time of selection; must be mature and be able to relate to campers and staff is essential; must take leadership responsibility and be able to evaluate counselors; should have experience as a counselor.

Duties: Serve as director with one other person.

When: June 10-11, 2016

Cabin Counselor

Requirements: At least 9th grade at time of selection; must be mature and be able to relate to campers and staff is essential; should have experience as a camper.

When: June 10-11 for Junior Camp **or** June 18-20 for Intermediate Camp

Duties: Serve as counselor for about eight 4-H members.

Resource Counselor

Requirements: At least 9th grade at time of selection; mature and able to relate to campers and staff is essential; should have experience as a camper. Must be able to lead group activities—arts & crafts, nature activities, or games & recreation.

When: June 18-20 for Intermediate Camp

Duties: Serve as counselor for about eight 4-H members.

Adult Chaperones and a Nurse: In order to offer summer camp we also need **adult chaperones (1 adult per 10 campers), and a nurse.** If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities please call the Extension office as soon as possible (715-346-1462). Parents interested in being adult chaperones are also able to sign up on their child's registration form, which will be in a future newsletter.



SCHOLARSHIP/GRANTS

James W. Crowley

4-H Dairy Leadership Awards

This award provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. A special engraved medallion will be presented to the outstanding 4-H dairy project member in each county for their accomplishments in 2015. County Award winners are eligible to compete for 15 statewide awards. State winners will receive plaques plus partial scholarships to the 2016 National 4-H Dairy Conference. In addition, the top two youth in the state competition will each receive \$500 awards for continuing their dairy education. **The completed application must be in the Portage County UW-Extension Office by January 8, 2015.** An application form is included in the back of the newsletter.

4-H Foundation Scholarship

<http://wis4hfoundation.org>

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award thousands of dollars in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2016. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by March 15, 2015.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2015-2016 academic school year.

Questions: Call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation at 608.262.1597 or info@wis4hfoundation.org

SERVICE & LEARNING

4-Hers Give a Hoot!

The Nelsonville Zippy Zees met at Linwood Springs Research Station on October 27, 2015 to learn about owls. The focus of the research center is on the saw-whet owls (Wisconsin's smallest nesting owl). Several were caught and tagged while we were there. Those that adopted an owl actually got to hold the wild owl. Thank you Annika, Ciara, Sydnee, Calee, Colton, Ava and Sara for the donations to help fund the costs associated with the raptor research.



Helping First Responders Prepare!

Several members of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees and Rosholt Pioneers participated in the mock bus crash at the Amherst Fire Department on September 19, 2015. Most had makeup applied to them to show their specific wounds. They were given scripting as victims and have the fire department and first responders practice first aid based on their injuries.



STATE FAIR NEWS

2016 Wisconsin State Fair
August 4-14, 2016

2016 State Fair - Market & Performance Steer Self-Identification Procedures

As of this date, 2016 info is not available so keep checking <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/> for the latest information.

The following information is tentative:

Exhibitors wishing to exhibit Junior Market Steers will need to self-identify their animals with an official Wisconsin State Fair RFID identification tag **and** submit a DNA hair sample. Materials must be submitted between January 1 and February 10, 2016. **Request forms for animal identification will be available at WiStateFair.com from January 1 - January 31, 2016.** Forms must be submitted with proper fees (\$15 per identified animal) by mail or delivered to the Wisconsin State Fair offices located at 640 South 84th St, West Allis, WI 53214 by the deadline. Identification supplies will **only** be available for pick-up at the Wisconsin State Fair offices **February 1-10, 2016.**

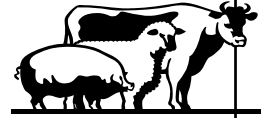
LG ANIMAL SCIENCE

State Fair Exhibitor Deadline

If you are planning to show **beef, swine, sheep, or dairy** at State Fair, contact the UW-Extension Office **BEFORE FEBRUARY 1!**

Market Animal Sale Project

Deadline to sign up for the Market Animal Project is December 15. The sign up sheet is included in the newsletter, or go to <http://portage.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/> to print additional forms or submit a fully-online form (i.e. no printing or mailing necessary)!



Market Animal Kick-Off Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Courthouse Annex, Room 1 & 2

This meeting introduces the Market Animal Project. Members receive rule books and explanations of rules.

Managerial Agreement Forms

If the animal that you will be exhibiting (dairy, beef, swine, horse, sheep, goat, dog, cat), is not owned by you or whomever you live with, then you must fill out a managerial contract and send it to the Extension Office 90 days before the fair. **April 15th is when the contracts need to be in the Extension Office.** The Managerial Agreement form is included in this newsletter.

Exhibitors must have owned or managed their animal for a minimum of three months prior to the fair, with the exception of spring dairy calves, lambs and junior doe goats which are less than 4 months old. Proof of this fact may be requested if any exhibits are questioned. Exhibits may be ruled out of competition by the fair superintendent if proof is not satisfactory. **“Owned”** is defined as being owned by the exhibitor or the persons who live at the exhibitor’s primary place of residence (includes partnerships). **“Managed”** is defined as having an approved Portage County Managerial Agreement on file in the 4-H office at least three months prior to the date of the fair for the animal(s) specified on the agreement.

2016 4-H Meats Judging Contest

February 20, 2016 - UW-Madison Meat Lab

Registration 12:30 p.m. Judging Begins 1 p.m.

The State 4-H Meats Judging Contest is scheduled for February 14 at UW-Madison Meat Lab. All of the information pertaining to this contest is located on the Extension Youth Livestock Website <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/>

Please register at the Extension Office by Monday, February 1, 2016. Call 715-346-1462 or e-mail ryan.nelson@ces.uwex.edu for registration info.

Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon

Saturday, March 5, 2016

UW-Madison Animal Sciences Dept

9:00 am - Registration

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics.

Information is available at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowlskillathon/>

SM ANIMAL SCIENCE

Join the Small Animal Committee!

Who: Poultry and Rabbit Project 4-H/FFA Members

When: January 5, 2016, at 6:30 PM

Where: Portage County Courthouse Annex (Room 3)

Ever consider showing rabbits and poultry? Please come to the next meeting! We plan on providing educational workshops for showmanship, care, grooming, breeding and much more!

ALSO: We are in need of funding for purchasing additional caging supplies for the Rabbit/Poultry barns. We are looking to all clubs to see if a donation can be made to reduce our fundraising load. No donation is too small!



Questions? Contact the Extension office!

CULTURAL ARTS

4-H Art Lab January 29-31, 2016

State 4-H Environmental Center, Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells.

Registration Deadline: January 8, 2016

Registration Fee: \$80.00



4-H Art Lab provides an in-depth and focused experience in art for adults and youth in grades 9-12. Each participant chooses one art track for the entire weekend and works on a single project. Art tracks are led by artists from across the state of Wisconsin representing a range of art forms. **This year's tracks include Collage and Assemblage, Creative Writing, Tae Kwon Do, Filmmaking, Back-to-Basics Photography and Intermediate Photography! Each participant will choose one track for the entire weekend.** Participants will also work together in large groups for team building and sharing.

Why not get a group of youth and adults together from your county for a weekend of fabulous 4-H bonding and ART! Additional information, a brochure, the registration form and other required forms are on the state 4-H website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/art-lab/>

*****PLEASE NOTE***** *The following forms must be submitted along with the registration form for Adults: Health form, Expectation form, Waiver form and Standard Release form. Youth must have their health form updated in 4-H Online. Applicants will not be registered until their registrations are complete including all necessary forms.*

For more information contact Christina Rencontre, 4-H Youth Development Communication Arts Specialist, (608) 262-1536, christina.rencontre@ces.uwex.edu

4-H ArtBeat! South

March 18-19, 2016, at Upham Woods

Registration Deadline: Mid-February



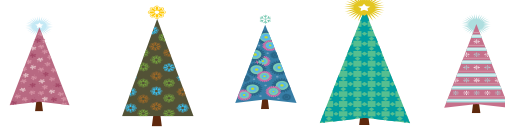
4-H ArtBeat was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents and leaders. It is the introductory program for WI 4-H Arts and Communication! The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more! The weekend will also feature some surprise performances created just for this year's ArtBeat!

4-H Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of hands-on, active sessions held throughout camp, including outdoors. **Camp begins Friday at 7 pm and ends Saturday at 3 pm.**

Cost: TBD (\$50 in 2015) The fee includes all materials and supplies, special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

For more info and an application, visit:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat-more-info/>



MINUTES, PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS

4-H LEADERS BOARD — August 17, 2015

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm in the Courthouse Annex Conference Room by President Lara Pagel. Pledges were recited and roll call taken.

PRESENT: Lara Pagel, Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Kathy Glodowski (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Candice Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Connie Creighton.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Cloverbud Camp

Ambassador Contacts

Shooting Sports

MINUTES: Corrections - Sec. Report: "Emily Glodowski sent her thanks for being chosen to attend space camp. A thank-you from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation for the Portage County 4-H donation." Unspecified Other – Tax Exempt Number: "Plover Clovers will not use our 4-H tax exempt number for state sales tax purposes. The state recommends clubs get their own number."

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Checking - \$3,590.96, Savings - \$12,635.07

Secretary's Report: Thank-you card from Pat Tepp. Thank-you card from Colin Glodowski in appreciation for the Leadership Washington Focus trip.

OLD BUSINESS:

Amherst Fair & Amherst Fair Food Stand: Youth Exhibit meeting on 8-18-15. Amish will pay \$50.00 for damage to stove. Some bills need to be paid.

Rosholt Fair: Volunteers needed.

WI Fall Forum – Nov 6-8 Chula Vista: Registration due by 9/28.

\$100 registration fee. \$60 per night lodging. Leaders will help fund.

Adult and youth leaders are encouraged to attend this forum. It is an opportunity for learning and networking for youth and adult volunteers.

4-H Leaders Banquet – Nov 13 6:30 PM: Dinner 7:00 PM.

4-H Awards Program, Jensen Center, Nov. 15: Discussion: Make program more interesting. Appropriate dress.

Other: Cloverbud Camp: 10 youth, 28 for dinner, 1 non-4-H member. Went very well. 2 teens and 2 pre-teens helped with kids.

NEW BUSINESS:

Awards: Expand award repertoire; Community Servant Award. Receive packet. Tabled for Leaders Association meeting.

Elections – Nominating Committee: Need nominating committee; Karen, Kathy.

IRS Reporting and Club Charter: Need electronic paper sheets.

Charter Training: Need a training date – late October or early November

WI 4-H Hall of Fame: Kick-off was last year – annual affair, up to 10 per year. Due electronically September 15. A motion was made to nominate Bonnie Ziolkowski for the WI 4-H Hall of Fame. Jan will work with Pat.

OTHER:

HCE Request: Meeting in September in Stevens Point (Mon 9-14); 4-H Ambassador to do the flag presentation. Need people to sing God Bless America.

Shooting Sports: Eric Trzebiatowski interested in becoming a shooting sports leader. \$70.00 for training class in Marshfield. A motion was made to pay for his training in Marshfield.

Ambassador Contracts: Jan did a presentation on the Ambassador program, handed out an updated ambassador information sheet. Discussion: dress – presentation guidelines. Need a workshop/training on how to represent 4-H expectations.

Need a sub-committee – decide what the guidelines of the program should be. Take a look at our ambassador program and reevaluate it. Candice, Karen on committee. Present it at the Association meeting.

Promotion: Plover Clovers did a 4-H promotion at Plover Days.

ADJOURNED: 8:20 pm.

Yours in 4-H,

Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION — September 21, 2015

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Association Meeting of September 21, 2015, was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Lara Pagel, President. Pledges were recited and roll call taken, as well as introductions by those in attendance.

PRESENT: Lara Pagel, Debra Helbach (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Beverley Betker, Rose Ross, Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Lynette Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Kathy Glodowski (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Pat Mrozinski (Casimer Boosters), Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Connie Creighton (4-H Agent), Michael Turner (Amherst).

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Trips

Increase Leader Participation

Promo – National 4-H Week

MINUTES:

Motion to approve with corrections:

Correction – “Plant Sale” instead of Amherst Fair Food Stand (Old business)

Correction – “Amherst Fair Food Stand” should be – “An idea is to have teen leaders call leaders of each club to encourage their teen leaders to participate.”

OFFICER’S REPORTS:

Treasurer’s Report: Checking - \$4,406.81, Savings - \$12,635.07.

Secretary’s Report: Thank-you card to Portage County 4-H Ambassadors from WAHCE (401 women registered for 3-day state convention. Julia Ross sang God Bless America. Olivia Ross and Ben Walkush did flag presentation. Rose Ross reporting).

OLD BUSINESS:

Rosholt Fair: Youth Exhibit Meeting at fair grounds Thursday, October 1.

Financial Report and Club Charter: Due October 1 (need an audit—2 persons, no relationship). Any problems, contact 4-H office.

Attend club charter training at one of the two training times: Nov 10 @ 7:00 PM, Dec 8 @ 7:00 PM. Need to have a representative from each club attend.

4-H Re-Enrollments: Re-enroll online if not already done so; otherwise, contact Ryan.

Discussion – any new literature available? How will members know?

NEW BUSINESS:

Informational sheets about 4-H Board officers, Alumni, Friends of 4-H, and Volunteer of the Year awards were distributed.

Board Officers: Motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Debra Helbach for Board of Directors. Passed.

Volunteer of the Year: Lisa Adams

Friend of 4-H: Roger and Bob Niemuth

4-H Alumni: Paula Kropidowski

Record Book Committee: Meet Thursday, October 15 from 5:00-7:00 PM (Connie’s office). Karen, Bev, Lara, Rose, Candice, and Lisa.

Fall Forum: Need teens to attend – Lara, Allison, and Marilyn plan to attend on Saturday, November 7th.

Leaders Banquet: Friday, November 13th, Blue Top Restaurant, registration at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM.

Awards Program: Sunday, November 15th, 1:00-3:00 PM, Jensen Center, Amherst

OTHER:

Leader Participation in Leaders Association Meeting: Discussion: How to get people involved. Inform leaders as to how 4-H works. Send agenda and minutes out to all leaders.

Trips: Leadership Washington Focus Trip – this year.

Space Camp – register early. Send a camp counselor.

Discussion and motion to add a space trip camp counselor to Leaders Association 2015-2016 projected budget. Passed.

Promotion: First week in October: National 4-H Week.

Bookmarks, brochures; access to 4-H Mall.

Lynette – Celebrate Plover: Asking if they can do more as a club and/or to represent 4-H. \$20.00 is available to a club doing a promotion.

AGENT REPORT: November meeting – Expansion & Review Meeting mandated from National USDA – shows outreach.

Winter Camp on January 22nd. Chaperons needed.

Connie not available at February meeting.

ADJOURNED: 8:47 pm.

Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary



4-H Club Reports

Newspaper Addresses for Clubs

(Include your name and the name of your club.)

Stevens Point Journal

1200 Third Court, Stevens Point, WI 54481

news@stevenspointjournal.com

The Portage County Gazette

P. O. Box 146, Stevens Point, WI 54481

news@pcgazette.com

Iola Herald:

Attn: Jane Myhra

P. O. Box 235, Iola, WI 54945

jmyhra@yahoo.com

Club minutes may be submitted to the Extension Office by email to: ryan.nelson@ces.uwex.edu

Casimer Boosters - Monday, August 10, 2015

Members of Casimer Boosters 4-H club met Monday, Aug 10th. Pledges were said and roll call was taken. The Amherst fair was discussed and everyone said it was a fun fair.

In July after the fair, the club met at Zenoff Ball Park for a picnic. After eating, there was a tour of the Sculpture Park given by Mary Z. It was enjoyed by all. Rosholt fair entry forms were given to General Leader Bonnie Z. Next record books and club fair was talked about for the 14th of September meeting. Happy Birthdays were sung. The Next Meeting was held September 14th and it was also Club fair, the members each brought some projects to share.

As stated before, The Casimer Boosters 4-H Club met on September 14th. The Pledges and roll call were as normally said and taken. Members talked about the Rosholt fair, it was a good time, also record books were collected. Plans were talked about for BINGO with the elderly for sometime in October. Nominations were taken for 2016 officers. Club members would like to go to the Trzebiatowski Corn Maze and a date will be emailed. Pat M. talked about re-enrollments for 2016. National 4-H week starts October 4th. The meeting was adjourned and members looked at projects that were brought for Club fair, even a kitten and a guinea pig. The next meeting is October 12th at 6:30, new officers will be elected.

Respectfully submitted by Reporter, Maia Zalewski

Nelsonville Zippy Zees - Monday, November 9, 2015

Nelsonville Zippy Zees November meeting was called to order and pledges recited.

Roll Call was done--in attendance: Annika, Harleigh, Elizabeth, Liberty, Brady, Karter, Dylan, Sara, Calee, Colton, Sydnee, Brett, Kendell and Michael.

Went over the secretary and treasurer reports.

Old Business was then addressed:

1. CHARTER TRAINING... 11/10/15---MICHELLE/JENNY/ANNIKA ATTENDING--ALL WELCOME
2. NEW LEADER... MEGHAN SHELDON--THANK YOU FOR STEPPING UP
3. LEADERS BANQUET... 4 ATTENDING--CLUB PAY FOR? The club decided to vote for the leaders going to the banquet. Karter made the motion to vote yes to pay; Wyatt

seconded the motion

4. AWARDS CEREMONY... @ JENSEN CENTER 1:00PM 11/15/15; lots of members will be getting awards. Be there to support them. We are in the slide show, we will try to get a copy put on the 4H site so you all can watch. Most of the pictures were from our club.

5. PARADE 11/20/15... ONLY 4 SIGNED UP/ CANCELLING OUR ENTRY? Because there were only 4 people signed up, we will not participate in the holiday parade.

6. MOVIE NIGHT... 11/24/15---ROGERS CINEMA, STEVENS POINT (church st)

Must have a voucher to attend or will have to pay--enrolled members will receive this voucher. If not enrolled--no voucher/club not pay for you. You can only watch a 2D movie. Jenny will send a list of all the movies playing shortly so you can pick which one you want to go to. Vouchers with the club members names were provided at the meeting. **Do not forget your voucher.** Once all the vouchers are turned in, Jenny will pay for the tickets. If you were not at the meeting, please see Jenny so you can get your voucher. Please also let her know if you are not attending.

7. NEW MEMBERS DUES---\$6.00 DUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If you do not turn in your dues, you cannot go to the movies.

8. ACTIVITY CALENDAR/BY LAWS... HANDED OUT LAST MEETING ANYONE NEED? Please see Jenny if you need a copy of the by-laws.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CALENDAR/SNACK LIST/DEMONSTRATIONS. The original list disappeared, so the snack list was sent around. Also if anyone wanted to do a demonstration, this was the list too. If you did not see this, please email Jenny and she will let you know what is needed.

2. DECEMBER MEETING... PARTY/GIFT EXCHANGE? It was decided that we will do a gift exchange at the next meeting. We will do a \$5 gift exchange (please wrap the gifts). Annika made the motion and Harleigh seconded the motion.

3. The members also decided that instead of snacks being brought, each member will bring in at least 1 dozen cookies.

3. FUNDS PENDING PAYMENT... STATUS. still need to talk to discuss bench with Lehman.

4. DONATIONS... CRISIS CENTER SENT MESSAGE--DID WE WANT TO DONATE AGAIN? It was decided that we will donate \$100 to the Lea family. It was also decided to donate \$200 to make tie fleece blankets and donate them. The motion was made by Annika and seconded by Kendell.

5. NEW OFFICER TRAINING... JANUARY. All officers will need to attend this meeting. This will be at the Annex in Steven Point. Please check your newsletter for date and times.

6. We are open to someone having a demonstration in December. Annika had to change the date.

7. Elizabeth purchased fleece material. If you would like to help make the blankets at the December meeting. Please arrive at 5:45 before the meeting to help with making the blankets. November BIRTHDAYS were announced by the Sydnee.

Meeting adjourned by Wyatt and 2nd by Brett.

Snacks were provided and passed out.

Next meeting 12/14/15 at the church

Yours in 4H, Annika

4-H LEADERS HONORED AT 2015 LEADER RECOGNITION BANQUET



**Special Award Winners—Left to right:
Volunteer Leader of the Year—Lisa Adams
Friends of 4-H—Roger Niemuth (Bob Niemuth, Jr. not pictured)
4-H Alumni—Paula Kropidowski**

The Portage County 4-H Leaders held the 2015 Leader Recognition Banquet at the Park Ridge Family Restaurant, Stevens Point, on Friday, November 13, 2015. Volunteer 4-H Leaders were recognized for their continuous years of service and dedication to youth in the 4-H program.

The Volunteer Leader of the Year Award was presented to Lisa Adams, who has been a 4-H leader for 14 years and is general leader of the Sunnyside Climbers 4-H club. Lisa's extraordinary leadership and contagious passion for community service inspires her club members to participate in a multitude of community service projects each year in Portage County. Examples include highway pick-up, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, making and delivering May Baskets to Portage County senior home residents, and collecting and distributing canned goods for Operation Bootstrap, school supplies for Project Fresh Start, clothing for the Coats for Kids Drive, and donations to the Holly Shoppe. The 4-H Alumni Award was presented to Paula Kropidowski, who graduated from the Rosholt Pioneers 4-H club in 2003. Paula is a leader in Portage County 4-H whose love of dogs has inspired her to help develop a county-wide dog project for 4-Hers. In addition to showing dogs at the County and State fairs, she has also served as a judge for the State 4-H Dog show, donating her stipend back to the 4-H program. Paula is a distinguished volunteer and 4-H alumna. The Friend of 4-H Award was awarded to Roger Niemuth and Bob Niemuth, Jr., who have proudly and generously hosted Rosholt Fair Carcass Contests at Niemuth's Steak & Chop Shop in Waupaca for the past 25+ years. They have shown their support and commitment to youth in our community where they lead by example and give the most valuable thing a person can give – their time.

Barry Jacowski and Matt Jacowski, members of the Portage County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee, conducted the installation of the 2016 Portage County Adult and Teen Officers. Incoming 2016 board

members for the Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Association are: President-Beverley Betker of the Rosholt Pioneers; Past President-Lara Pagel of the Tomorrow River Voyagers; Secretary-Marilyn Pederson of the Carson Climbers; Treasurer-Jan Miller of the Rosholt Pioneers. Directors are: Kathleen Glodowski of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees; Agnes Mallek of the Junction City Golden Stars; Karen Jastromski and Debra Helbach of the Tomorrow River Voyagers; Lisa Mercurio-Wroblewski and Rose Ross of the Rosholt Pioneers; Candice Wolosek of the Plover Clovers; Stephen Horvath of the Stevens Point Penguins.

Incoming members of the 2016 Portage County 4-H Teen Leaders Association are: President-Amanda Stanislawski of the Rosholt Pioneers; Past President-Amanda Tritz of the Howling Huskies; Vice President-Matthew Ross of the Rosholt Pioneers; Secretary-Abigail Helbach of the Tomorrow River Voyagers; Treasurer-Sarah Turner of the Tomorrow River Voyagers. Directors are: Olivia Ross of the Rosholt Pioneers, Alex and Jacob Tritz of the Howling Huskies, and Suzanna Viau of the Sunnyside Climbers.

Leaders who were honored for years of leadership in the Portage County 4-H program were as follows:

40 Years: Agnes Mallek & Andrew F. Mallek, Sr.—Junction City Golden Stars

35 Years: Michael Mallek—Junction City Golden Stars

25 Years: Andrew R. Mallek, Jr.—Junction City Golden Stars

20 Years: Mary Dombrowski—Casimer Boosters, Cheryl Langreck-Stanley—Stevens Point Penguins

10 Years: Dawn & Jeffrey Lytle, James & Trina Warzynski—Almond Busy Bees, Imelda Horvath-Coho—Stevens Point Penguins, Gary Ross—Rosholt Pioneers, Stacy Viau—Sunnyside Climbers

5 Years: Kiersten Carley and Karen Frystak—Sunnyside Climbers, Carrie Wierzba—River Valley Riders, Connie & Patrick Liebe—Tomorrow River Voyagers

1 Year: Nadene Seymour—Almond Busy Bees, Paul & Sarah Gwidt—Casimer Boosters, Sharon Cisewski—Plover Clovers, Joel & Jodie Wegner—Portage Pouncers, Brenda Trzinski—Rosholt Pioneers, Joseph Horvath—Stevens Point Penguins, Denise & Robert Karl—The Silver Knights, Kimberly Beaudoin, Jennifer Stuczynski, and Michael & Debra Helbach—Tomorrow River Voyagers, Renea Dahms, William Hascall, Paula Kropidowski, Megan Wecker—Countywide

Thank you to the Junction City Golden Stars 4-H Club for making the table decorations!

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THANK YOU to all volunteers for the time and support you give to Portage County 4-H! Your role, no matter how big or small, is essential to our mission of fostering youth leadership and life skills!



2015 AWARDS PROGRAM

2015 PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H AWARDS PROGRAM

At the November 15, 2015 Portage County 4-H Awards Program, 4-H youth were recognized for their life skills. Three 4-H members were awarded the Wisconsin 4-H Key Award, the highest award a youth can achieve in the 4-H program. This award, sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, recognizes 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent growth throughout their 4-H career, who have developed their leadership ability, and who have actively participated in the 4-H program at the club, county, and community level. The 2015 Key Award winners were Samantha Shelton, Theresa Shulfer, and Cole Warzynski.

Samantha Shelton is a seven-year member of the River Valley Riders 4-H club and senior at SPASH, daughter of Dorothy De Boer and Zach Shelton. She has been a Vice President and Secretary for her club, a director of the 4-H Teen Leaders Board, a 4-H camp counselor, 4-H ambassador, and youth leader for the Horse project. Samantha was selected to be one of six delegates in the entire state to attend the 4-H National Conference in Washington, D.C. She was also selected to serve on the State Youth Conference Art Team and has been a county delegate for many trips in her 4-H career. Samantha continuously volunteers for community service projects, such as making blankets for the Women's Center, helping at Special Olympics, and assisting with Operation Bootstrap.

Theresa Shulfer is a six-year member of the Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H club and senior at Pacelli High School, daughter of Michelle and Gary Shulfer. Theresa has served as her 4-H club's treasurer and photographer, served on numerous club committees, has been a youth leader for her club's Exploring, Poultry, and Crocheting projects, and is a former 4-H Ambassador. She is a past recipient of the County Cultural Leadership Arts award, the County Youth Leader award, Teen Leader award, Leader of Tomorrow award, and 4-H Leadership in Agriculture award. Theresa dedicates time to community service projects such as Empty Bowls, Farm Technology Days, making Christmas cards for community members, and roadside cleanup.

Cole Warzynski is a ten-year member of the Almond Busy Bees 4-H club and a senior at Almond-Bancroft High School, son of Trina and Jim Warzynski. Cole has served as his club's treasurer for five years, and has also served as a club reporter and on the club's Recreation Club and Fundraising committees. He is also a member of the county's Market Animal Committee and helps 4-H youth with their animal projects as a longtime youth leader for the Beef and Sheep projects. He has helped organize the 4-H summer camp and served as a camp counselor for several years. A former delegate on the Citizen Washington Focus Trip and American Spirit Leadership Trip, Cole is an active and positive role model for younger 4-H members.



4-H Teens Receiving Key Awards from the Portage County Farm Bureau. Congratulations!

The following County awards were presented based on this past year's leadership. The Teen Leader Award went to Benjamin Walkush of the Sunnyside Climbers and Grace Zsido of the Casimer Boosters. The County Youth Leader Award went to Bailey Adams of the Sunnyside Climbers and Zoe Zalewski of the Casimer Boosters. The Club Secretary Award went to Andrea Jakubek of the Casimer Boosters and Alyssa Pagel of the Tomorrow River Voyagers. The Club Historian Award went to Megan Guzman of the Eager Eagles. The Small Animal Science Award went to Danielle Wolosek of the Eager Eagles and Zoe Zalewski of the Casimer Boosters. The Cultural Arts Award went to Danielle Wolosek of the Eager Eagles and Benjamin Walkush of the Sunnyside Climbers. The Family, Health & Home Award went to Bailey Adams of the Sunnyside Climbers and Tessa Wolosek of the Eager Eagles.

The 2015 Graduates are Wyatt Adams, (11 years in 4-H) Sunnyside Climbers; Veronica Betker (8 years) Rosholt Pioneers; Rachel Gordon (10 years) Tomorrow River Voyagers; Rebecca Hoerter (8 years) Sunnyside Climbers; Kyle Konkol (8 years) Nelsonville Zippy Zees; Peter Nordberg (10 years) The Silver Knights; Katherine Ross (11 years), Rosholt Pioneers; Emily Turner (10 years), Tomorrow River Voyagers; Danielle Wolosek (11 years), Eager Eagles; and Alex Zdroik (9 years), Rosholt Pioneers.

4-H members receive recognition as they progress through their 4-H career. Youth were honored for reaching the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Honor, High Honor, and Excellence point levels. Also honored were Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference delegates, the Youth Conference State Art Team delegate, Citizenship Washington Focus delegates, Leadership Washington Focus delegates, U. S. Space Camp delegates, National 4-H Congress delegates, 4-H Ambassadors, first-year 4-H members, Cloverbuds, and Portage County 4-H Teen Leaders' Board Members.

Date _____

4-H ADULT LEADER Nomination Form
"4-H Agriculture Leader of the Year Award"

Name _____

Address _____

Club (if any) _____ Years as a 4-H Leader _____

AGRICULTURAL RELATED INFORMATION

4-H Leadership related to Agriculture: (Give a general description of leadership activities)

Recommendation:

Date _____

Signature

Nomination Deadline: January 8, 2016

Please return to: Portage County UW-Extension
1462 Strongs Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Additional forms are available online at <http://portage.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/> (or click the highlighted box on the webpage to submit an online form)

Date _____

Youth Member Application
"4-H Leadership in Agriculture Award"

Name _____ Age as of January 1, 2016 _____

Address _____

Club _____ Years in 4-H _____

AGRICULTURAL RELATED INFORMATION

4-H Projects enrolled in related to Agriculture:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Year(s) Enrolled</u>	<u>Currently Enrolled</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Tell what you have done in these project(s), include awards, events attended, at the club, county, district, and state level:

LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

Are you currently enrolled in the 4-H Youth Leadership Project? _____ How many years? _____
What are your responsibilities to your club as a teen leader? (Also include other leadership responsibilities, such as, church, school, community)

INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION

What are your responsibilities at home/farm related to this project? What are your future plans?

Recommendation from general leader, or ag related project leader.

Date _____

General/project leader signature

Nomination Deadline: January 8, 2016

**Please return to: Portage County UW-Extension
1462 Strongs Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481**

PORTAGE COUNTY 2016 TEEN MEMBER APPLICATION

*IF APPLYING FOR U.S. SPACE CAMP TRIP – APPLICATION IS DUE BY NOVEMBER 25, 2015.
FOR ALL OTHER TRIPS/AWARDS, APPLICATION IS DUE IN EXTENSION OFFICE ON DECEMBER 30, 2015.
(May add one additional page if necessary)*

Please consider me for the following trips, awards, or activities:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Space Camp Delegate (Due Nov. 25, 2015) | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Washington Focus(Gr 6-8) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Space Camp Counselor (Due Nov. 25, 2015) | <input type="checkbox"/> National 4-H Congress |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaders of Tomorrow Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Conference (2017) | <input type="checkbox"/> Key Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship Washington Focus | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Ambassador |

U.S. Space Camp Delegate and Counselor interviews will be held on December 14, 2015.

Interviews for all other trips and awards will be held on January 20, 2016.

Times I am available to be interviewed on January 20, 2016 (check **all** that apply)

5-6 p.m. 6-7 p.m. 7-8 p.m. 8-9 p.m. only available this very specific time

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Age as of January 1, 2016: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Telephone: _____

Name of Club: _____ Year in 4-H: _____

Grade as of September 1, 2015 _____ Number of 4-H Member Record Points Earned: _____

How has your 4-H experience contributed to your development as an individual?

PROJECT INFORMATION

List projects in which you have been enrolled, indicate number of years enrolled and note if presently enrolled.

	<u>Project</u>	<u># of yrs.</u>	<u>Presently Enrolled</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
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9.	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____

What has been your most significant project carried as a 4-H member? Describe your accomplishments in this project.

4-H PARTICIPATION & LEADERSHIP

What Project(s)/Activity(ies) are you responsible for as a youth leader in your 4-H club?

Describe in a brief statement under the appropriate categories, your participation in club, county, district and state 4-H activities. Include offices held, committee activities and leadership. List leadership responsibilities (committees, officers, project/activity leader, etc.)

At the Club level:

At the County, District, State level:

What are your 4-H goals for the next two years?

What do you hope to learn by participating in this experience? How will you share this experience upon returning from the trip? (For those members applying for trips and/or activities)

FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR U.S. SPACE CAMP: Please have your General Leader write a ***brief*** recommendation letter on a separate sheet of paper. Letter and application must be **postmarked or dropped off** at the Extension Office **no later than November 25, 2015.**

FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR 4-H AMBASSADOR: On an additional page explain how your 4-H experience has contributed to your development as an individual. Tell why you want to be considered for the Portage County 4-H Ambassador program and what you could contribute to it. **Limit your responses to one page.**

4-H General Leader Recommendation:

I can/can not (circle one) verify that the information in this application is accurate.

Signed by _____ General Leader.

Comments:

2016 4-H Camp Counselor Application

Deadline for Application: February 19, 2016

Name _____ County _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Grade _____ Birthdate _____

Must be Grade 9 or above to be a Camp Counselor

1. Check all that you are interested in applying for:

- Junior Camp (2nd - 4th grade campers), June 10-11, 2016
- Junior Camp Youth Director (must be 10th grade and older)
- Resource Counselor - Junior (arts & craft, nature activities, recreation & games)
- Intermediate Camp (5th -8th grade campers, June 18-20, 2016 (Upham Woods)
- Intermediate Camp Youth Director (must be 10th grade and older)
- Resource Counselor - Intermediate (arts & craft, nature activities, recreation & games)

2. Why do you want to be a 4-H Camp Counselor?

3. Have you ever been a 4-H Camp Counselor? YES _____ NO _____
(If NO, go to question 4)

If YES, When? _____ Where? _____

Describe your responsibilities:

4. What experiences have you had that will help you be a good 4-H Camp Counselor?

5. What qualifications and/or certifications do you have?

6. Are you willing to attend Camp Counselor Training and Planning Sessions?

___ Yes ___ No

7. Please list the 4-H Camps you have attended as a counselor or as a camper:

Year of Camp	Name of Camp	Number of Days	Camper or Counselor
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

8. Please check if you are interested in being a Resource or Cabin Counselor or both for Intermediate Camp.

_____RESOURCE _____CABIN

If you prefer to be a Resource Counselor, please RANK your choices of activities you would like to lead:

- _____Arts and Crafts
- _____Nature Activities
- _____Games and Recreation

T-Shirt Size: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Deadline: February 19, 2016

**Please return to: Portage County UW-Extension
1462 Strongs Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481**

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James W. Crowley
4-H Dairy Leadership Award

Name _____ Age as of January 1, 2016 _____

Address _____

Club _____ Years in 4-H _____

Eligibility:

Must be currently enrolled in 4-H Dairy Project & have at least two previous years of membership in it.

Must be in 10th – 12th Grade as of January 1, 2016.

Should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H Dairy Project.

4-H Dairy Project Enrollment Information: List Years Enrolled _____

What are your accomplishments in the Dairy Project - include leadership, awards, events attended, at the club, county, district, and state level:

Recommendation from general leader, or ag related project leader.

Date _____

General/Project Leader Signature

Nomination Deadline: January 8, 2016

**Please return to: Portage County 4-H
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Portage County 2016 MANAGERIAL AGREEMENT

(Cattle, Horses, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Dogs, Cats)

Due no later than April 15, 2016.

Name _____ Grade as of September, 2015 _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Name of 4-H Club/FFA Organization _____

Description of animal(s) you plan to manage (be specific i.e., breed, age, etc.) _____

Name and address of owner _____

Location where animal(s) will be housed _____

Date Managerial Agreement will begin _____

Note: Animal(s) **must** be managed for at least 3 months prior to the date of the fair in order for you to be eligible to exhibit them at the fair.

Describe your involvement in the management of the above animal(s). Please include what you will be doing and how often you will do it. (Be specific i.e., 3 days/wk)

Feeding: _____

Sanitation (cleaning stalls/pens): _____

Health Maintenance: Please include who will pay for vaccinations, health papers, etc. _____

Preparing animal(s) for show: Describe who will be training and fitting animal(s). _____

Any other responsibilities you have which involve the above animal(s). _____

Do you plan to exhibit animal(s) at the Amherst Fair, Rosholt Fair or at both fairs? _____

Signature of General Leader/FFA Advisor _____

I agree to abide by this Managerial Agreement:

Member's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Owner's Signature _____

All Managerial Agreements are subject to review by the Portage County 4-H Leaders Board.

Mail completed Managerial Agreement to: **Connie Creighton**
Portage County UW-Extension
1462 Strongs Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

2016 4-H MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT SIGN-UP SHEET

(Please print legibly)

Do you plan to enter beef, swine, or sheep in the 2016 Rosholt Fair Market Animal Show and Sale? If so, you must complete this form and return by mail to:

Connie Creighton, Portage County UW-Ext, 1462 Strongs Ave, Stevens Point, WI 54481
Or email: connie.creighton@ces.uwex.edu

before December 15, 2015. Entries received or postmarked after that date will not be accepted.

Member's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Age as of January 1, 2016 _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone __ (____) _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Name of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter _____

Year in Livestock Project _____

I plan to have the following market animals for weigh in at the 2016 Show and Sale – **maximum of two animals per species per exhibitor.**

Please indicate number of animals.

_____ Beef _____ Swine _____ Sheep

I would like to have these subjects covered in educational meetings:

_____ Animal Health	_____ Castrating & Docking
_____ Contacting Bidders	_____ Feeding & Nutrition
_____ Fitting & Showing	_____ Judging Livestock
_____ Marketing Livestock & Meat	_____ Records
_____ Selection of Project Animal	
_____ Tours	
_____ Other (please explain)	

The 4-H Market Animal Sale Committee is in need of members to share duties. Adults and members over 13 are urged to join. Please list names of interested people here or come to meeting.

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