

PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H COURIER

Bi-Monthly Portage County 4-H Newsletter

February / March 2016

4-H Friends and Families:

In its mission to empower youth to reach their full potential, Portage County 4-H touches thousands of lives. This year alone so far, 50 young people have started their 4-H journey as either a Cloverbud or fullyenrolled member, supported by nearly 120 adult leaders and around 300 re-enrolling youth. One doesn't have to look back much further to realize how many entrepreneurs, scientists, role models, and leaders learned and grew with 4-H in the last century.

In 1926—ninety years ago this year—Portage County

4-H held its first overnight camp on the shores of Lake Emily. These young people looked up at the same stars, had the same fun with their friends, held the same values of community, and learned the same life skills that our summer campers will this June. I urge all of our 4-Hers to check out page 5 of this newsletter and read about our summer camp opportunities at Upham Woods and the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station. Older youth are needed for counselor positions at both the Junior and Intermediate camps!

1926 was important for another reason, as that was the year it was decided that the Portage County Fair would move from Stevens Point to Rosholt. Generations of Portage County 4-Hers have exhibited their hard work at both Amherst and Rosholt, and we're looking forward to seeing the progress youth have been making in their projects. If you have never exhibited

4-H PROGRAM CANCELLATION POLICY DUE TO BAD WEATHER

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) An email will be sent out if cancelled during work hours.
2) A message will be on the main office number (715-346-1316).

Program cancellations <u>will not</u> be announced on WSPT Radio.



4-Hers from Portage, Waupaca, & Marathon Counties keep cool at the 2016 Winter Camp, Upham Woods

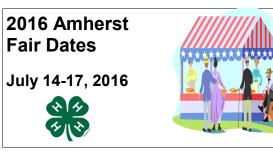
at one of the fairs before, please consider doing so this year! Just a reminder that all projects must be added in 4-H Online by April 1st to be eligible to exhibit related work at the 2016 fairs; please do not hesitate to contact the UW-Extension Office with questions!

Finally, thank you so much to our volunteer leaders who make all of these events possible! Your time and commitment to Portage County youth set an example for the many generations of 4-Hers to come!

Sincerely, Ryan Nelson, Support Staff and

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!

Don't type that cumbersome URL!

Your 4-H Online account is your one-stop shop for 4-H links! On the "Continue to Family" screen, find:

- The 4-H Online Help page, with click-by-click guides to everything you can do with 4-H Online!
- The Forms & Applications page. Download and print from home or the library at your convenience!
- The Online 4-H Calendar. Click any event for more details and contact information!
- PDF copies of our newsletters!

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FEBRUARY

(4-H Leaders Board Meeting cancelled for February)

- 8 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, County Annex, Room 2
- 8 Market Animal Project Practical Applications, 7:30 pm, County Annex, Rms 1 & 2
- 10 Market Animal Project Agreements Due to Extension Office (from back of rule book)
- 19 Deadline to Register for 4-H ArtBeat!
- 20 State Meat Judging Contest, UW-Madison, Meat Lab
- 23 Small Animal Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, County Annex, Room 2

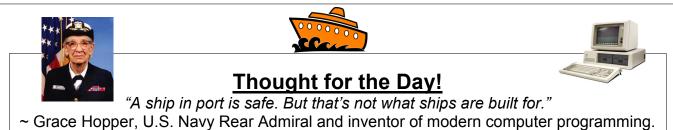
MARCH

- 5 Wisconsin 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon, UW-Madison Animal Sciences Building
- 17 Portage County 4-H Scholarship Application Due
- 17 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, County Annex, Rm 2
- 17 Market Animal Species Meeting, 7:30 pm, County Annex, Rm 1 & 2
- 21 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 7:00 pm, County Annex, Rm 1
- 4-H Teen Leaders Association Meeting, 7:00 pm, County Annex, Rm 2 (walk to Polito's after!)

<u>APRIL</u>

TBD Beef Clinic & Mock Show --- watch for reminders and next newsletter!

- 1 Last Day For Project Changes in 4-H Online!
- 1 Teen Bowling Party and Leaders Meeting 8:00 10:00 pm, Point Bowl
- 15 Managerial Agreements Due at UW-Extension Office
- 18 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, County Annex, Rm 2
- 19 4-H Speaking and Demonstration Contest Entries due to UW-Extension Office
- 21 Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) Test, 5:45 pm, County Annex, First Floor
- 21 Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) Class, 7:00 8:30 pm, County Annex, First Floor
- 21 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm, County Annex, Rm 2



ADULT LEADERS

4-H LEADER'S BOARD <u>CANCELLED</u> FOR FEBRUARY! NEXT MEETING DATE: APRIL 18

Learn About 4-H in Haiti!

Did you know that 4-H is active in over 50 countries and in every populated continent in the world? 4-H Youth Development in Haiti is celebrating its 20th anniversary this summer, and we are spreading the word about how 4-H is educating youth and strengthening communities in this Caribbean nation! If your club would like to learn more about 4-H in Haiti, visit <u>http://www.viphaiti.org/4h</u>. Volunteer speakers for your club meeting would also be available by contacting <u>help4h@viphaiti.org</u>.

Travel opportunities for volunteer leaders willing to teach with a translator are also available! **Please consider having your club sponsor a Haitian youth to attend the Haitian National 4-H Conference in**

July! The cost of sponsoring a youth's travel, food, lodging, translators, and program materials is about \$150. Contact help4h@viphaiti.org for details!



TEEN LEADERS

Teen Meeting at Point Bowl Friday, April 1st 8:00-10:00 PM

Cost: 4-H Teens \$5, Non-members \$8 Includes shoes, 2 games of bowling, pizza & soda.

RSVP Candice at 715-451-1707 by Thursday, March 31st.

Teens 7th grade and older are invited to attend.

A short March Teen Leader Association meeting will be held before bowling.

2017 Citizenship Washington Focus Presidential Inaugural Program

Registration: March 1-16, 2016 **Program Dates:** January 17-21, 2017 **Eligible:** 4-Hers aged 14-18 as of Jan. 1, 2017 **Your Cost:** \$900 (with \$400 Leaders support applied) If you are interested in attending the 2017 U.S. presidential inaugural in Washington, D.C. as part of a special Citizenship Washington Focus trip, registration is open in 4-H Online from **March 1 @ 6:00 pm to March 16 at midnight**. Up to 30 delegates will be chosen from Wisconsin—registration is <u>first come</u>, <u>first served</u>. For trip and registration information, visit : http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/cwf-delegate-info/

SCHOLARSHIP / GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Tiffany Langteau Memorial Calf Grant *Deadline: February 26, 2016*

The Wisconsin District 4 Holstein Association is offering a \$1500 calf grant award to an individual in the district (counties include Clark, Lincoln, Marathon, Portage, Taylor and Wood).

Applications are available by contacting the Extension Office at 715-346-1462 or ryan.nelson@ces.uwex.edu. It is also available on our website at: <u>http://</u> portage.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/formsapplications/

Portage County 4-H Scholarship Deadline: March 17, 2016

Higher education scholarships are once again available to eligible 4-H members. Amounts awarded are generally in the \$250 range. <u>Application forms are due</u> <u>by March 17</u>. An application form is in this newsletter or visit our website <u>http://portage.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-</u> <u>development/forms-applications/</u>

Qualifications:

- Must be present or former Portage County 4-H member or leader.
- May apply to any field of study at accredited school.
- Must be used within one year from time of award or money must be returned to the 4-H Leaders Assn.
- Minimum of 2 years as a project or youth leader at club level.
- Minimum of 3 years participation in 4-H.
- Scholarship can be received only once.
- A leader's form must be co-signed by general leader or county agent.
- A member's form must be signed by general leader.

Wisconsin Cattlemen's and Cattlewomen's Scholarship Program *Deadline: March 7, 2016*

The Wisconsin Cattlemen's and Cattlewomen's scholarship is available to any high school senior enrolled or planning to enroll in any university, technical college, community college in the United States, and the UW-Madison Agricultural Short Course Program. The rules and application for the Wisconsin Cattlemen's/ Cattlewomen's Scholarship are available at: <u>http://</u>www.wisconsincattlemen.com/home.html (click "Scholarships/Grants" in the bar on the side).

Questions: Contact Kathy Miller 262-857-7168 or kjmiller7@frontier.com.

WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships Deadline: March 15, 2016

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 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, 2016.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

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 2016-2017 academic school year.

The application shall consist of a resume, cover letter, 4-H project list and photo. For additional information visit <u>www.Wis4HFoundation.org</u> or contact the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation at (608) 262-1597 or info@Wis4HFoundation.org.

Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board to Award \$1,000 Scholarships Deadline: March 25, 2016

\$1000 scholarships will be awarded to three third- or fourth-year college students in a dairy-related or food science degree program. Two additional \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who will be in college during the 2016-17 academic year. Students studying in a two-year program are also encouraged to apply. <u>No handwritten applications will</u> <u>be accepted</u>.

The application must be submitted electronically no later than March 25, 2016. Information and the application are available at: http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/

2016 WTA Scholarship Program Deadline: May 30, 2016

Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Scott Construction, Inc., are offering seven (7) \$1,000 scholarships to winners of an essay contest.

Your essay should address the topic:

"What strategies should legislators consider to address the dilemma of increasing town/village fire and emergency medical service costs?"

The completed essay should be **postmarked no later than May 30, 2016.** Please contact the Extension Office for complete information or visit the post on <u>portage.uwex.edu</u>.

FUNDRAISERS

4-H CLUB GRANTS! *Deadline: April 1, 2016 Award Amount: \$400 per club*



4-H Clubs in search of grants to help with programs are encouraged to apply for the Mutual of Wausau 4-H Club Grant. The 4-H Club Grant was initiated to support 4-H Clubs in support of youth development and to promote civic and leadership responsibilities. The application can be found at:

portage.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/formsapplications

Plant Sale Fundraiser

The Plant Sale Fundraiser will be held once again this spring. The information will be sent out to all General Leaders as soon as it is available.



\$\$ 4-H Fundraising Update \$\$ Milk Moola and Donuts to Dough



Milk Moola bag tops, bottle caps, and price ovals from Glazer Donuts (dozen or halfdozen boxes) can be collected and turned in at your monthly club meetings or bring them directly to the Extension Office. (Bag tops and bottle caps earn 5¢ each and price ovals

from Glazer Donuts earn 10¢ each.)

PHOTO SUBMISSION!



The Nelsonville Zippy Zees "strike" again! Having some fun at Whitetail Lanes!

Have a cool club event you want to spotlight? Submit to the Extension Office by email to: <u>ryan.nelson@ces.uwex.edu</u>

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!

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 from the December/January newsletter or online at <u>http://portage.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/</u> (you can download paper forms to mail or e-mail to the Extension Office or complete the fully online form---no scanning or stamps required!) Applications are due in the Extension Office by February 19, 2016.

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 8 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 10-11 for Junior Camp *or* June 18-20 for Intermediate Camp

Duties: Serve as counselor for about 8 4-H members.

Adult Chaperones and a Nurse: In order to offer summer camp we also need adult chaperones and a nurse. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities please call the Extension office.

How to register...

NATURAL SCIENCE

Tree Seedlings Available for 4-H Clubs

The Wisconsin DNR-State Nursery Program would like to encourage 4-H clubs and other youth groups to plant trees. Trees provide a home for wildlife, protect our soil and water, and help clean our air. The State Nursery Program has a long tradition of providing tree seedlings to 4-H, FFA and other youth groups. These seedlings may be used for reforestation, soil erosion prevention and wildlife habitat improvement. This is a great way for youth to get outdoors and learn about nature, especially those members involved in the Forestry project or other nature projects.

To order: Go online to <u>http://dnr.wi.gov/</u> key word "Tree Planting" and download an order form for a list of available trees and prices. Or you may contact one of the two state nurseries for a tree order form (608) 375-4123 or (715) 424-3700.

Family Camp Weekends

Upham Woods Family Camp Weekends offers families a vacation that gets them unplugged from their iPhones, laptops, X-Boxes, Wii's and televisions. Enjoy land and water activities, yummy meals each day, campfires, camp crafts, family adventures, toboggan run in winter and more! Families have the option of a stay full of adventure, relaxation or a little bit of both. Pre-registration and payment is required. Complete information is available on the website at <u>http://</u>fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/family-camps/.

Summer FUN awaits YOU! Central WI Environmental Station UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources

The Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES), a field station of UWSP College of Natural Resources, offers a wide variety of summer opportunities for 4-H youth and their families. Located on the shores of glacial Sunset Lake in Amherst Junction, CWES is the perfect location to enjoy the outdoors!



For more information about CWES programs and facilities call 715-346-2937, email tquinn@uwsp.edu, or visit the website at http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/cwes/Pages/ default.aspx.

> Use event registration in 4-H Online! Instructions available on the 4-H Online Help page, or call the UW-Extension office for assistance! **OR** Download a paper form from the Forms/ Applications Page **OR** use the one that will be included in the April/May newsletter!

Sand Lake Conservation Camp

Date: June 22-24, 2016 Cost: \$100 per camper

Apply by: May 18 (fee goes up if applying late) Sand Lake Conservation Camp is an opportunity for youth entering grades 6-8 in September, 2016. It provides positive outdoor experiences and fosters an appreciation for nature in youth! Professionals and volunteers from various agencies present programs on topics like wildlife, water quality, fisheries, habitat, and outdoor skills.

Visit www.marinettecounty.com and search "Sand Lake" for more details, or contact the UW-Extension office! Registration information will be available on the Marinette County website in March. Camp scholarships may be available from the Portage County Land & Water Conservation office-more details soon!

HORSE-N-PONY

Stateline Equine Education Program Saturday, March 5, 2016 8:30am to 3:00pm Kenosha County Center, Bristol, WI

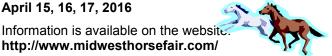
Learn information about Facility Design, Water Where You Want It, the Air That They Breathe, Storage Strategies Fencing Facts, Developing Emergency Plans, Arena Management.

For pricing and registration information, visit: http://kenosha.uwex.edu/2015/12/22/2016-statelineequine-education-program/

Midwest Horse Fair

Galloping Into the Future

Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin April 15, 16, 17, 2016



Adult & Youth Horse Judging Clinic

April 16-17, 2016 @ UW-River Falls Cost: \$100 for both days, \$70 for one day

http://www.midwesthorsefair.com/

\$30 for each parent attending with youth (fee includes a manual, lunch, and snack)

The clinic aims to increase understanding of the objective judging criteria used to place halter, Western, and English performance events typically encountered in most judging contests. The organization and presentation of oral reasons will also be stressed and individual reasons instruction will be conducted in several sessions over the two days.

More information may be available soon at: http://www.uwrf.edu/ANFS/EquineClinics.cfm

Corriente Veterinary Service Annual Equine Seminar

Date: April 2, 2016 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Register by: March 18, 2016 Heartland Equestrian Center, Custer, WI

The event will feature an abundance of educational information and hands-on demonstrations, appealing to those interested in obtaining a horse, new horse owners, and experienced horse owners as well. Presentations include current horse health topics, tick born diseases, first aid, lameness diagnosis and treatment, dental care, farrier demonstration, and nutrition and body condition scoring. There is no cost to attend.

Please pre-register by March 18, 2016 at 715-342-1212 or office@corrientevet.com



STATE FAIR

August 4-14, 2016

2016 State Fair Exhibitors . . . DAIRY EXHIBITORS—please contact the Extension Office by MARCH 15TH. BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, POULTRY, or RABBITS EXHIBITORS - please contact the Extension Office by APRIL 1ST.

2016 State Fair Market Animal Self **Identification Procedures:**

For all Junior Livestock information - including Market Animal Self Identification Procedures and weigh in sites go to http://wistatefair.com/competitions/. Click on http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/

BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE ID PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR EACH SPECIES. NOTE THAT MARKET BEEF ID IS DUE FEBRUARY 8, 2016! Visit www.wiid.org and click "DNA Program" for info.

State Fair Animal Exhibitors

Junior exhibitors submit ALL entry information and fees **DIRECTLY** to State Fair. County Extension Offices are no longer involved in the entry process. All animal exhibitors are responsible for getting their own entries and payment submitted by the deadlines.

Junior exhibitors must be a member in good standing with an approved youth organization (see list at www.wistatefair.com) and be enrolled by March 1 of the current year to be eligible to participate in State Fair youth programs.

Entry information is posted on www.wistatefair.com/ ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS NEED TO CONTACT THE **EXTENSION OFFICE BY APRIL 1ST SO THAT WE** GET A COUNT FOR CENTER BEDS AND CHAPERONE NEEDS.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

86th Annual Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest - Now Online!

Participants can enter online at **judging.hoards.com**. It's the same classes, same judges, same contest as you will see in print. Online judging allows them to reach a broader audience and engage readers from their electronic devices. Individuals and groups can enter online or submit paper copies.

Entry deadline is March 24, 2016. If you would like to enter the contest as a club or an individual contact the Extension Office for the information or email Hoard's Dairyman at <u>judging@hoards.com</u> or call 920-563-

5551 x 102 and ask for a copy to be mailed to you.



Shayr-A-Heifer Award & Program

Any shayr-a-heifer recipient that currently has a shayr-aheifer is eligible to apply for this award. A scrapbook showing their work with their animal during the year, along with a short essay is required. Entry blanks are available in the winter newsletter and awards include a plaque and cash prizes.

The WABA Shayr-A-Heifer program gives young people the opportunity to work with a registered Ayrshire as a project animal. Ownership will be on a 50/50 basis with the WABA and the junior member, until the contract ends after two years at which time the junior member can buy out the heifer or place her on the WABA Spring Sale for 50% of the proceeds. Applications and sample contracts are available by contacting one of the Shayr-A-Heifer chairmen: Craig Keller (608) 437-5156 or Harry Lynch (608) 879-2986. **Applications are due by April 5th each year.**

Badger Dairy Camp Dates Set June 9-11, 2016

The dates have been set for the 2016 Badger Dairy Camp! It will be held June 9-11, 2016 on the UW-Madison Campus. Look for more information and entry forms here on the Wisconsin Dairy Youth website later this winter: <u>http://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyyouth/badger-dairycamp/</u>

Wisconsin Southdown Stars Sale & Starter Ewe Program

Saturday, April 16, 2016 UW Agriculture Research Center Public Events Building, Arlington, WI

More information will be available soon at www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com

Central WI Spring Fling Beef Show Waushara County Fairgrounds

513 S Fait Street, Wautoma, WI May 6-7, 2016 Register by: *April 30, 2016*



The Central Wisconsin Spring Fling Show Jack Pot will be awarded to both the Grand (\$250) and Reserve Grand Champion (\$150) Steers and Heifers.

For all show information, contact Cory Wagner at 920-570-0024 or <u>cory@centralspringshow.com</u>

UW-Extension Livestock Webinars

Learn from home with a Livestock Learning Webinar Series hosted by UW-Extension!

- Beef/Swine on February 25, 6:00 pm 7:30 pm
- Sheep/Meat Goats on March 31, 6:00 pm 7:30 pm

(Note that these do NOT count as Market Animal education meetings without prior approval). For more information, visit the post at <u>portage.uwex.edu</u>

Support Small Animal Projects!

Both the Amherst and Rosholt Fairs are in need of new equipment and cages due to the increased participation of poultry and rabbit exhibitors! No donation is too small! You can sponsor the purchase of one or more of:

- Risers for rabbit cage (\$11 each) Goal: 30 risers
- 40-oz much bucket (\$7 each) Goal: 8 buckets
- Waste trays (\$3-5 each) Goal: 20 waste trays
- Waterfowl cage materials (\$35-45 each)

We will accept any contribution in any amount! If you are interested in donating for any of the items above, please indicate where you would like your donation to go. Checks can be made payable to: **Portage County 4-H Leaders Association**. Thank you!

Dog Project Training Sessions!

•February 5 @ Pawsitivity Unleashed (5:30 - 6:30pm) •February 12 @ Camp Bandy (6:00 - 7:00pm)

- •February 19 @ Pawsitivity Unleashed (5:30 6:30pm)
- •February 26 @ Camp Bandy (6:00 7:00pm)
- •March 4 @ Camp Bandy (6:00 7:00pm)
- •March 11 @ Pawsitivity Unleashed (5:30 6:30pm)
- •March 18 @ Camp Bandy (6:00 7:00pm)
- •March 25 @ Pawsitivity Unleashed (5:30 6:30pm)
- •April 1 @ Camp Bandy (6:00 7:00pm)

There is a space-rental fee for each member that comes to training (*never* exceeding \$5 per member per training)

New members should contact Paula Kropidlowski (redneck_grl2002@yahoo.com) or Nadene Seymour (cedarsaints@yahoo.com) to ensure they have the necessary equipment and vaccinations for their dogs.

MARKET ANIMAL

Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) - Youth Certification April 21, 2016

The **Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA)** program is essential for all swine project members and recommended for both beef and sheep project members as well. <u>Participation in this program is required</u> <u>every year if a youth is planning on showing hogs at</u> <u>the Amherst or Rosholt Fairs.</u>

All members who will be exhibiting swine at the fairs must get a Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) certificate every year. This is done through the MAQA training class.

- Youth 8-11 must attend a training program each year.
- Youth 12-14 years of age (Intermediate) and 15-18 years of age (Advanced) can certify/recertify by <u>annually</u> attending an approved Youth PQA education program **OR** can certify by testing at the appropriate skill level for their age.

For example, if they are 12 and pass

the exam they do not need to re-certify



until they are 15.
To certify by test, a minimum of 70% of questions must be correctly answered. If you do not get 70% on the exam you will be required to stay and attend the class. You only have one chance each year to test out of the class certification. If you fail you can try again next year.

MAQA Certification Class Tuesday, April 21, 2016

Testing: 5:45-6:45

Class: 7:00-8:30 pm Courthouse Annex Building Conference Room 1 & 2 (1st floor) 1462 Strongs Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54481 Phone: 715-346-1462



Registrations are due by April 8—call **346-1462** or email <u>ryan.nelson@ces.uwex.edu</u>. Please include your <u>name, address, phone, date of birth, age, 4-H or FFA</u> <u>club</u>, and <u>whether you will be taking the test</u> or <u>the</u> <u>class</u>.

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 <u>http://fyi.uwex.edu/</u> youthlivestock/programs/quizbowlskillathon/

Market Animal Swine Exhibitors:



Remember to consult Page 2 of the Market Animal Project Rules for information on mandatory photos and ear-tagging for swine! Swine must be identified and photos sent to <u>portageco.map@gmail.com</u> no later than May 2nd. *There is no weigh-on for swine this year*.

2016 North Eastern WI Honor Show Chow Seminar March 12, 2016

This is a free educational event at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds! Come for one session or all day!

- 8:00 am Welcome
- 8:30 am Cattle Presenter (The Bayer Family)
- 10:00 am Poultry Presenter (Dave Laatsch)
- 10:00 am Goat Presenter (Rodney & Lori Meyer)
- 11:30 am Show Lamb Presenter (Mark Johnson)
- 1:00 pm Swine Presenter (Todd Cherney) Register online by March 3rd!

Visit www.feeddealer.com/honorshowchow

(NOTE: This seminar may count as a Market Animal education meeting <u>with</u> a signed Out-of-County Activity Form for the Market Animal Project, which must be returned to the Extension Office. CONTACT JIM WARZYNSKI FOR PRIOR APPROVAL).

Marathon Feed Inc. 2016 Show Series 2910 Feed Lane, Marathon, WI 54448

February 27, 9:00am - 12:00pm \rightarrow Beef Clinic March 5, 9:00am - 12:00pm \rightarrow Sheep & Hog Clinic **Please RSVP at 715-443-2424 Ext. 2** or

marathonfeed@aol.com

(NOTE: This seminar may count as a Market Animal education meeting <u>with</u> a signed Out-of-County Activity Form for the Market Animal Project, which must be returned to the Extension Office. CONTACT JIM WARZYNSKI FOR PRIOR APPROVAL).

Managerial Agreement

If a member is exhibiting an animal that is not owned by the exhibitor or whoever lives at the exhibitor's primary place of residence (dairy, beef, swine, horse, sheep, goats, dog, cats, rabbits, and alpacas), then the exhibitor must fill out a managerial contract and send it to the Extension Office 90 days before the fair. **Contracts need to be in the Extension Office BY**

<u>APRIL 15.</u> The Managerial Contract form was included in the December/January newsletter. Note that the form included in the last newsletter did not include rabbits or

alpacas, but these species still require a managerial agreement if the animal is not owned by the exhibitor or his/ her household.

Please call if you need a copy or visit the county website at <u>http://</u> portage.uwex.edu



Win A Starter Flock From the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association!

Apply to win one ewe lamb, one yearling ewe, and one brood ewe, plus a \$150 credit towards the purchase of additional animals from the USTSA!

Apply online at <u>www.ustargheesheep.org</u>

CULTURAL ARTS

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/

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www.sewcoolinschool.com.

McCalls and Butterick has a selection of patterns available for \$.95 on the above website. Enter your school code (**200553**).



4-H Theatre/Communication Arts Group Monday, February 29, 2016 @ 7:00

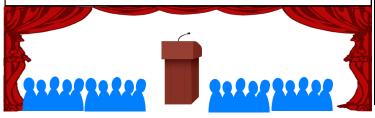
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Courthouse Annex, Room 2 (first floor)



4-Hers interested in theatre and communication arts are invited to

attend a county-wide project session on February 29 at the Courthouse Annex. Learn to engage an audience and practice your speaking, acting, and/or presentation skills! Contact the UW-Extension office at 715-346-1462 with any questions!



Speaking/Demonstration Contest Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Courthouse Annex, Conference Rooms 1 & 2

Once again, the Demonstration Contest is being combined with the Speaking Contest because in recent years we have had to cancel the Demonstration Contest due to low registrations. (If the number registered is more than can be handled in one evening, we will work with the Demonstration Contest members to pick a new date.)

The Speaking and Demonstration Contests are open to both 4-H Members and Cloverbuds. Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons. It is an excellent opportunity to share your talent with others and to gain confidence presenting. Select and organize your topic soon and return your application form to the <u>UW-Extension Office by</u> <u>April 19, 2016</u>.

Demonstration Contest Tuesday, May 10, 2016 6:00 pm

(tentative-may be earlier)

Courthouse Annex, Conference Rooms 1 & 2

Entry Forms for the Demonstration Contest are in the newsletter. <u>The registration deadline is</u> <u>April 19, 2016</u>.

Awards and Scoring

 Scoring will use a 90 point system—Judging will be on the Danish system.

•Awards will be Participation ribbons, ribbons, and Rosholt Fair premiums.

Awards will be made in each age division.Best of Show selected for each age division.

Scoring Consideration

Each demonstrator will be awarded 1-5 points (5 being best) on each of the following points:

Demonstrator: Appearance, Posture, Voice,

Manner & Confidence, Time.

Topic: Related to project, worthwhile & practical; Suited to grade.

Introduction: Attention Getter, Information about topic and demonstrator.

Body: Organization of main points, Subject matter, Workmanship, Equipment, Visuals, Grammar & vocabulary.

Conclusion: Finished product, if any, & summary; Questions answered; Closing statement.

The brochure *Let's Demonstrate* is available upon request from the Extension Office.

Portage County 4-H Courier, February/March, 2016

2016 4-H DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

<u>Time Limits</u>
5 – 10 minutes
5 – 10 minutes
8 – 12 minutes
8 – 12 minutes – to quality for State Fair

I. DEMONSTRATION CATEGORIES:

- A. Family, Home & Health/Cultural Arts (Individual or Team-2 youth)
- B. <u>Mechanical or Natural Science</u> (Individual or Team-2 youth)
- C. Animal, Plant, or Soil Science (Individual or Team-2 youth)
 - 1. The top demonstrator(s) age 14 or older as of January 1, 2016 will be eligible to represent Portage County at the State Fair in August.
 - 2. No live animal demonstrations are allowed at the State Fair and no refrigerators, microwaves, or ranges are provided.
 - 3. The brochure, *Let's Demonstrate*, is available at the UW-Extension Office.

II. AWARDS/JUDGING:

- A. Scoring will use a 90 point system Judging will be on the Danish system.
- B. Rosholt Fair premiums are included as awards Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons.
- C. Awards will be made in each age division.
- D. Best of Show selected for each age division.

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Speaking Contest - May 10, 2016

6:00 pm, Courthouse Annex Building—Conference Rooms 1 & 2

The list of categories for the Speaking Contest is below. **Each person is limited to two entries.** Remember you cannot compete against yourself. **If a large number of people sign up, the contest may be split into two days.**

<u>Applications for the Speaking Contest are due back in the Portage County UW-Extension Office by April 19,</u> <u>2016</u>. Come and support your friends and attend the program. This is a great way to fine-tune your speaking ability. Plus, it's fun!!! The registration form is on page 10 of the newsletter.

2016 PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H SPEAKING CONTEST RULES

1. Subject is your choice. You may enter no more than 2 categories. Presentations given for school forensics <u>may not be used</u>.

A. <u>Original Speech</u>: a speech written by the speaker on any topic, possibly pertaining to 4-H, such as his/her projects or activities. An introduction and closing are required and included in the time limit. Speaker may use notes. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.

B. <u>Prose Reading</u>: an interpretative reading of a short story or a cutting from a novel, play or essay. A series of prose readings or cuttings from readings on the same subject or theme (with appropriate transitions) may also be used. Original material (written by the reader) is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is (are) required and included in the time limit. Reader reads the prose from the printed page and stands during presentation. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.

C. <u>Poetry Reading</u>: an interpretative reading of a poem or a cutting from a poem. A series of poems or cuttings from poems on the same subject or theme (with appropriate transitions) may also be used. Original material (written by the reader) is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is (are) required and included in the time limit. Reader reads the poetry from the printed page and stands during presentation. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.

D. <u>Storytelling</u>: a telling of a story, such as a folk tale or fairy tale, without memorizing exact words. Original material (written by the teller) is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is (are) required and included in the time limit. Notes are not allowed. Storyteller sits during presentation.
 E. <u>Play Acting</u>: an acting out of a play or a cutting from a play performed by an individual or group (2-6). Original material (written by the actor/s) is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is/are required and included in the time limit. Must be memorized. Actors may sit or stand. No costumes, sound effects, or props (other than chairs). Emphasis is on character development through voice, movement, facial expression, and gestures.

2. No visual aids or charts allowed for any category.

3. Groups (2-6) are allowed in all categories but will compete against individuals. The grade of the oldest person in the group will decide what lot the group will compete in. **Example:** Reading of Prose - two people - Speaker A = 6th grade

Speaker A = 6^{th} grade Speaker B = 10^{th} grade

The team will compete in Lot 12 against individuals who are grade 9 and older w/ a 6-8 minute time limit.

Age Divisions an	Age Divisions and Time Limits		
Junior	Grades 5 & Under	(2 to 4 minutes)	
Intermediate	Grades 6 - 8	(3 to 5 minutes)	
Senior	Grades 9 & Older	(6 to 8 minutes)	

5. Awards and Scoring

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- A. Scoring will use a 35 point system—Judging will be on the Danish system.
- B. Awards will be: Certificates of Participation, ribbons and Rosholt Fair premiums.
- C. Awards will be made in each age division.
- D. Best of Show selected for each age division BS asked to speak at Amherst Fair Talent Show

6. Scoring Considerations

Each speaker will be awarded 1 - 5 points (5 being best) on each of the following questions.

Did presentation grasp interest from the start? Was it easy to understand (with transitions as needed)? Did it fit the time limit? Did the speaker make eye contact with the audience? Did the speaker use pauses and voice volume, pace, and tone effectively? Were important points stressed with emphasis, gestures, or facial expressions? Did the speaker show enthusiasm for the topic?

4-H Bulletin COMM02 4-H Public Speaking Handbook is available upon request from the Extension Office.

4-H SPEAKING CONTEST (2016)

DIVISIONS	TIME LIMIT
Cloverbuds (Gr K – 2)	2 - 4 minutes
Grade 3 - 5	2 - 4 minutes
Grade 6 - 8	3 - 5 minutes
Grade 9 and Older	6 - 8 minutes

I. SPEAKING CATEGORIES: (pieces prepared for school forensics may not be used)

- A. **ORIGINAL SPEECH**: a speech written by the speaker on any topic, preferably pertaining to 4-H, such as his/her project or activities. An introduction and closing are required and included in the time limit. Speaker may use notes. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.
- B. **PROSE READING**: an interpretative reading of a short story or a cutting from a novel, play or essay. A series of prose readings or cuttings from readings on the same subject or theme (with appropriate transitions) may also be used. Original material (written by the reader) is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is (are) required and included in the time limit. Reader reads the prose from the printed page and stands during presentation. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.
- C. **<u>POETRY READING</u>**: an interpretative reading of a poem or a cutting from a poem. A series of poems or cuttings from poems on the same subject or theme (with appropriate transitions) may also be used. Original material (written by the reader) is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is (are) required and included in the time limit. Reader reads the poetry from the printed page and stands during presentation. Use of speaker's stand or podium is optional.
- D. **<u>STORYTELLING</u>**: a telling of a story, such as a folk tale or fairy tale, without memorizing exact words. Original material (written by the teller) is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is (are) required and included in the time limit. Notes are not allowed. Storyteller sits during presentation.
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NOTE!!! NO VISUAL AIDS OR CHARTS ARE ALLOWED FOR ANY CATEGORY.

II. AWARDS/JUDGING:

- A. Judging will be on the Danish system.
- B. Rosholt Fair premiums are included as awards.
- C. Awards will be made in each age division. Certificates of Participation will be given to all.
- D. Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR SPEAKING CONTEST—May 10, 2016 6:00 p.m., Courthouse Annex Building, Conference Rooms 1 & 2

NAME	GRADE
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ADDRESS	PHONE
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C. Reading of Poetry	F. Play Acting Group 2-5

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2016 PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Qualifications:

- Must be present or former Portage County 4-H member or leader.
- May apply to any field of study, post high school, at accredited school.
- Must be used within one year from the time of scholarship award or money must be returned to the 4-H Leaders Association.
- Minimum of 2 years as a project or youth leader at club level.
- Minimum of 3 years participation in 4-H.
- Scholarship can be received only once.
- A leader's form must be co-signed by a general leader or county agent.
- A member's form must be signed by general leader.

Date:		
1.	Name:	
2.	Parent/Guardian Name:	
3.	Home Address:	Zip
4.	Present address if different from above:	
5.	Place of residence in Portage County (check one):FarmRural AreaVillage or Town _	City
6.	Place and date of birth:place	// month / day / year
7.	Name and address of high school attended and college:	
8.	4-H Background: Number of years enrolled in 4-H: Portage County Other County Total years in Record of 4-H work, i.e., kinds of projects, 4-H offices held, honors wor additional sheets if necessary for this page, but be concise!):	
	Club Offices:	
	Other Offices:	
	Honors Won:	
	Projects:	

	Special Activities:
	Project Leadership:
	Summarize other interests, activities, and community involvement:
	Write a statement indicating why you have chosen the particular field of study you are pursuing & the reason for choosing the school you will be attending.
	Write a paragraph on any other things you may want to add.
	Furnish at least three (3) letters of recommendation, with at least one being from a 4-H leader.
the	best of my knowledge all of the above information is accurate.
	Member's Signature:
	General Leader's Signature:
	PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: Portage County UW-Extension, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481 For a PDF or Word Document version of this application visit: http://portage.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/

Application Deadline: March 17, 2016

MINUTES

PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H ADULT LEADERS BOARD MEETING-OCTOBER 19, 2015

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Board Meeting of 10-19-15 was called to order by Lara Pagel at 7:02 pm at the Courthouse Annex, Room 3. Pledges were recited and roll call taken.

PRESENT: Candice Wolosek (Plover Covers), Karen Jastromski and Lara Pagel (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Kathy Glodowski (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Connie Creighton (4-H Agent), Jan Miller and Rose Ross (Rosholt Pioneers), Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers).

MINUTES: Approved as presented.

TREASURERS REPORT: Checking - \$4,879.05, Savings - \$12.637.88

OLD BUSINESS:

4-H Fall Forum: Seven people going.

Charter Training: Two meetings scheduled: November 11 and December 8. Hosted by Michigan State.

IRS Reporting: Majority of clubs are in. Stevens Point Area Miracles is dissolved.

<u>Leaders Banquet</u>: Numbers are low. All 3 award winners received a letter.

Awards Program: The intern will receive a \$25.00 gift card. People have signed up to help. Door prizes for kids. Rose will bring the apples.

NEW BUSINESS:

Enrollments: Re-enrollments are due November 15. Only one person has signed up for the 4-H Online training.

<u>Trips & Awards</u>: A projection sheet for the trips was distributed. Discussion followed. We are liable for 2 – Washington Focus.

Teen Trick or Treat: With Candice, 5:00-8:00 PM, meet at Rocky Rococo's at 4:30 PM.

Expansion & Review Committee: Monday, November 16, 2015 from 6:30 PM until 7:15 PM.

Art Brehm Memorial Donation: Donation of \$25.00 from a former 4-H Agent.

December Meeting Cancelled OTHER:

Ads out for plat books for the Holiday season; one will be placed in Our Community Spirit.

AGENT REPORT: The structure of UW-Extension is changing due to a decreasing budget. There will be a more regional presence. ADJOURNED: 7:40 pm.

Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H ADULT LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING-NOVEMBER 16, 2015

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Association Meeting of November 16, 2015, was called to order by President Beverley Betker at 7:28 pm with introductions. Pledges were recited and roll call taken.

PRESENT: Debra Helbach, Michael Turner, Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Veronica Betker, Beverley Betker, Jan Miller, Lisa Mercurio-Wroblewski (Rosholt Pioneers), Lynette Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Pat Mrozinski (Casimer Boosters), Kathy Glodowski (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Connie Creighton (UW-Extension).

ADDITIONS to AGENDA: New Small Animal Committee Dog Project

MINUTES: Approved as presented.

TREASURERS REPORT: Checking - \$2512.50, Savings - \$12,637.88

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A photo thank-you from 4-H Alpaca Project members for allowing them to start the Alpaca project at the Rosholt Fair.

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>Financial Reports and Club Charters</u>: Papers are filed, everyone is accounted for, and everything will be submitted tomorrow. Connie is very appreciative.

<u>4-H Re-Enrollments</u>: 42 new enrollments; reminder to get enrollments submitted.

Plat Book Update & Advertising: Discussion as to what ads pertain to and where plat books are accessible. Motion to advertise in all papers: Rosholt Record, Portage County Gazette, Our Community Spirit, and Buyer's Guide.

Fall Forum: Debra Helbach reported that she and Abigail enjoyed it. Jan chaperoned circle dancing and attended wildlife session. 115 adults and 135 youth attended.

Leaders Banquet: 65 attended, discussion: possibly having it elsewhere. Committee will be Karen, Kathy, Veronica, Beverley, the Teen Officers and Candice. Patty Dreier thought the banquet was wonderful.

<u>Awards Program</u>: Icebreakers. 116 attended: 49 adults, 67 youth. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>:

Applications Due for U.S. Space Camp 11-25-15: Accept 4, 1 counselor (7-10th grade).

<u>**Trips and Awards**</u>: Due in December. Discussion about points on application. Interviews on January 20, 2016. Committee: Jan, Karen, Rose Cobb and Louise Skornia.

Family Roller Skating Party: Jan will take care of it. **Mandated Charter Renewal Training**: All clubs need to attend. Fall Forum attendance counts as attendance for charter training. **NEW Adult Leader Training**: January 14, 2016.

Club Officer Training: January 28, 2016.

OTHER:

Small Animal Committee: Meeting November 30, 2015 at 6:30 PM. Michelle Waltenberg and Amy Wojtalewicz.

Dog Project: Dog fence donated; county committee or special club? Need structure. Jan gave viewpoints on having a county committee or special club. Connie explained the difference.

<u>4-H Promotions</u>: Nelsonville Zippy Zees 4-H club display. Carson Climbers 4-H Club National 4-H Week Display Joint 4-H Club Display – Stevens Point Penguins & Casimer Boosters.

AGENT REPORT: Window clings from Sunnyside Climbers. 4-H promotion project, 4-H involvement. Send servicemen care packages. Connie will be off next week.

ADJOURNED: 8:50 pm.

Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary



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

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Attn: Jane Myhra P. O. Box 235, Iola, WI 54945 jmyhra@jcpgroup.com Club Minutes may be submitted to the Extension Office by email to: ryan.nelson@ces.uwex.edu



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