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Letter from the President

Hello everybody!

I hope 2020 is off to a wonderful start! With the start of the new year, it's a great time to assess where we are as clubs, leaders and members. What are our short term and long term goals? What are our strengths and weaknesses? How can we achieve our goals? Are we utilizing all of our resources? More importantly, do we know who to go to for help? For example, don't be afraid to talk to your club leaders, reach out to Connie Creighton, our 4-H youth development agent or even Lisa Henriksen, our county 4-H support staff member. They will be happy to help you. Now is a great time to reflect on these questions, seek out resources and gear ourselves for success. Keep working hard, set goals and continue to climb the ladder of success. Start small and dream big! In the words of Winston Churchill, "Continuous effort-not strength or intelligence-is the key to unlocking your potential."

Best Regards,
Debra Helbach
President - Portage County 4-H Leaders Assoc.

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Pictured above is the Portage County State Fair Participants. Standing is Daniel, Maren, Harleigh & Bailey. Seated is Anika, Jacob, Abigail and Candace.

Great job representing Portage County!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

FEBRUARY

- 10 Market Animal Project Agreements Due to Extension Office (from back of rule book)
- 10 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Room 2, Courthouse Annex
- 10 Market Animal New Member Orientation/Project Species, 7:30 PM, County Annex, Rooms 1 & 2
- 17 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Courthouse Annex, Room 2
- 21 Wisconsin 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Registration Due

MARCH

- 4 NEW Adult Volunteer Training, Courthouse Annex, Room 2, 6:30-8:30 PM
- 7 Wisconsin 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon, UW-Madison Animal Sciences Building
- 13 Portage County 4-H Scholarship Application Due
- 16 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM, County Annex, Room 1
- 16 4-H Teen Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM, County Annex, Room 2
- 19 Market Animal Project Practical Applications Meeting, 7:30 PM, Room 2, Courthouse Annex
- 19 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, County Annex, Room 2

APRIL

- 1 Last Day for Project Changes in 4-H Online
- 10 Last Day to Register for the 4-H Speaking and Demonstration Contests
- 14 Managerial Agreements Due to Extension Office
- 20 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Courthouse Annex, Room 2
- 25 4-H Demonstration Contests, 9:30 AM, Prairie Room, Portage County Library, Stevens Pt
- 25 4-H Speaking Contests, 10:30AM, Pineries Room, Portage County Library, Stevens Pt
- 25 4-H Meats Judging Contest, UW-Madison, Meat Lab
- 27 YQCA, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, County Annex, First Floor
- 27 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, County Annex, Room 2

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

4-H Leaders Association Jensen Center Fundraiser

The 4-H Leaders Association is hosting the concession stand at the Sam Ness Concert on Saturday, March 7th, 2020 at 7:00p.m. at the Jensen Community Center.

They are looking for volunteers to help during the concessions and also for food donations. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/Portage4HFundraiser> for the sign-up sheet for volunteers and food items needed.

2020 4-H Summer Camp Information

Junior Camp

June 12-13, 2020

Grades 2 - 4

**Central Wisconsin Environmental Station
Amherst Junction, Wisconsin
Portage, Waupaca & Wood Counties Participating**

This is an overnight camping trip for younger 4-Hers to enjoy a variety of outdoor, indoor, and water activities. Youth work with camp counselors to learn about nature while playing games, making friends, and having fun! **Registration in the next Courier.**

Intermediate Camp

June 5-7, 2020

Grades 5 - 8

**Central Wisconsin Environmental Station
Amherst Junction, Wisconsin**

This is a two-night camping trip for 4-Hers in grades 5 through 8. With hands-on adventures on land and sea (along with free time for youth to make friends and play games), this is a wonderful way to spend a summer weekend!

Registration will be in the next Courier.

CAMP COUNSELORS— GRADE 9 & UP? WE NEED YOU!

Apply to be a camp counselor this year! Camp counselor roles are listed below.

Apply online at <https://tinyurl.com/PoCoSummerCamp2020>

Applications due by March 27, 2020.

CAMP COUNSELOR

REQUIREMENTS: Grade 9 and up

Camp counselors serve at either Junior or Intermediate Camp. The position is open to any 4-H teen in grade 9 or older. Former experience as a 4-H camper is great, but not required.

CABIN COUNSELOR

REQUIREMENTS: Grade 9 and up

Past Camper Experience

Cabin counselors serve at either Junior or Intermediate Camp. Cabin counselors must be mature and able to relate to campers and staff. They should have experience as a 4-H camper.

JUNIOR CAMP DIRECTOR

REQUIREMENTS: Grade 10 and up

Past Counselor Experience

Camp directors at Junior Camp must be mature and able to relate to campers and staff. They must take leadership responsibility and be able to evaluate counselors with the assistance of one other director. They should have experience as a 4-H camp counselor.

INTERMEDIATE RESOURCE COUNSELOR

REQUIREMENTS: Grade 9 and up

Past Camper Experience

Resource counselors at Intermediate Camp must be mature and able to relate to campers and staff. Experience as a camper is essential. Must be able to lead group activities (arts & crafts, nature activities, or games and recreation). They serve as counselors for about eight 4-H members.

ADULT CHAPERONES ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR CAMP!

We need 1 adult chaperone for every 10 campers. If you are interested, please contact the Extension office at 715-346-1462 or email Lisa at lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-H YOUTH

WI 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

DEADLINE: MARCH 16TH

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation offers \$15,000 in scholarships annually to outstanding students pursuing higher education. To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; 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 2020-2021 academic school year.

Applications include a resume, cover letter, list of 4-H projects, and a recent photo of the applicant.

Applications must be received via a single email on or before March 16, 2020, 5:00 pm. Applications received after 5:00 pm, March 16, 2020 (as time stamped in the email), and any USPS mailed applications will not be considered.

For application instructions, visit:

<http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>



PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS!

DEADLINE: MARCH 13TH | AWARD: \$250

Scholarships are available for eligible Portage County 4-H members and leaders pursuing higher education! Turn to the next pages of this newsletter for an application!



The scholarship requires letters of recommendation and a signature from your General Leader. Please start soon to give your mentors time to write a thoughtful letter!

Qualifications:

- Must be a present or former Portage County 4-H member or leader
- May study in any field at an accredited school
- Must be used within 1 year from time of award
- Minimum of 2 years as club project/youth leader
- Minimum of 3 years of participation in 4-H
- Scholarship can be received only once
- A member needs their general leader's signature
- A leader's form must be signed by their general leader or the county agent.

WI STATE FAIR DAIRY PROMOTION BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS

DEADLINE: MARCH 20TH | AWARD: \$1,000



The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships to individuals that will be third or fourth year college students during the 2020-21 academic year. Any Wisconsin resident who is currently enrolled as a full-time student at a four-year Wisconsin school and is pursuing a dairy-related or food science degree is eligible for scholarship consideration.

Application and details at: <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>

2021 YOUTH IN ACTION APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

It's a new year, and 4-H is introducing a new application season for the Youth in Action program! **From January 29 - April 27, youth can share their stories of developing passion, finding purpose and inspiring others by applying for the 4-H Youth in Action Awards for a chance to earn a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, DC!**

For more details and the application please visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/#!application>



PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

QUALIFICATIONS

- ✿ Must be a present or former Portage County 4-H Member or Leader.
- ✿ May apply to any field of study (post high school) at any 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 the club level. Provide detailed list of experiences where projects are listed on this application.
- ✿ 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 their general leader.



DATE: ____ / ____ / ____

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PRESENT ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT): _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN PORTAGE COUNTY (CHECK ONE):

____ FARM

____ RURAL AREA

____ VILLAGE OR TOWN

____ CITY

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION YOU ARE OR WILL BE ATTENDING:

WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN THE FIELD OF STUDY YOU ARE PURSUING? FOR WHAT REASON DID YOU CHOOSE THE SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND?

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OUTSIDE OF 4-H
(YOU WILL HIGHLIGHT YOUR 4-H BACKGROUND ON THE NEXT PAGE).

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4-H BACKGROUND

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY. **BE CONCISE BUT THOROUGH.**

YEARS ENROLLED IN PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H: _____
YEARS ENROLLED IN ANOTHER COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM: _____
TOTAL YEARS IN 4-H: _____

ALL CLUB OFFICES HELD

ALL COUNTY OFFICES HELD:

ALL HONORS WON IN 4-H:

ALL 4-H PROJECTS:

ALL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

PROJECT LEADERSHIP:

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.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE.

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: _____

GENERAL LEADER'S SIGNATURE: _____

RETURN FORM TO: PORTAGE COUNTY EXTENSION, 1462 STRONGS AVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 13, 2020

Cultural Arts

2020 Portage County 4-H Clothing Revue

WHEN: Monday, May 4, 2020 @ 6:00pm

WHERE: Courthouse Annex, Rooms 1 & 2

REGISTER BY: April 20, 2020

Clothing Project members, Exploring Project members, and Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate in the Clothing Revue! This is an opportunity for 4-Hers to show off their skills with clothing they made themselves or their consumer savvy with garments they purchased. (Cloverbuds receive participation ribbons and Explorers receive premiums under the Exploring Class unless also enrolled in the Clothing Project).

Clothing Revue registration forms are available online through the 4-H Forms & Applications Page (bottom of the page) at <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/> or contact the Extension office to have registrations forms sent to you.

Changes have been made regarding the Wisconsin State Fair Clothing Revue deadlines and entry procedure. Youth no longer need to be selected at a County Level Clothing Revue Show in order to apply to participate in the State Fair Clothing Revue. Funding from the Portage County 4H Leaders Association will be available for the two top members competing in the County Style Review competition.

Cloverbuds and Explorers who are not enrolled in the Clothing Project do not need to fill out a registration form, but their parents do need to contact the Extension Office at 715-346-1462 to let us know they are attending.



From left to right: Ciara (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Brianna (Rosholt Pioneers), Annika (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), and Claire Nelsonville Zippy Zees) attended the Holiday Wisconsin Rabbit Breeders Association show on December 28 in West Bend. Annika won BOB and BOS Dutch and BOB Dwarf Hotot at both shows. Ciara won BOB and BOS Argent Brun and BOB and BOS Silver at both shows. Claire won BOB and BOS Champaign Dargent at both shows and BOB and BOS French Lops at one show. Brianna won BOB Thrianta at both shows. They also had other great placings in many of their other breeds in a competitive field. Great job representing Portage County!

2020 Portage County Demonstration Contest

Saturday, April 25th 9:30am
Portage County Public Library
(1001 Main St., Stevens Point)
Prairie Room



CONTEST RULES

- Demonstrations may be done individually or by a team of two youth.
- The top demonstrators aged 14 or older as of January 1, 2019 will be eligible to represent Portage County at the State Fair in August.
- No live animal demonstrations are allowed at the State Fair and no refrigerators, microwaves, or ranges are provided.
- The brochure, ***Let's Demonstrate***, is available at the Extension Office.
- Judging will be on the Danish system. Rosholt Fair premiums are included as awards (Cloverbuds receive participation ribbon).
- Awards and Best of Show will be offered for each age division.
- Please make demonstration topics appropriate for all age groups.

Enter in One of These Categories:

- Family, Home & Health / Cultural Arts
- Animal, Plant, or Soil Science
- Mechanical or Natural Science

<u>DIVISIONS</u>	<u>TIME LIMIT</u>
GRADES K - 2	5 - 10 MINUTES
GRADES 3 - 5	5 - 10 MINUTES
GRADES 6 - 8	8 - 12 MINUTES
GRADES 9 & Up	8 - 12 MINUTES

DEMONSTRATION CONTEST ENTRY FORM

You can also register online by going to <https://tinyurl.com/PortageDemo2020> or mail this entry form to: Portage County Extension, 1462 Strong's Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Entry forms can also be found online at <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/> under 4-H Youth > 4-H Forms & Applications.

Entry forms are due April 10, 2020

NAME(S): _____

CLUB: _____

DEMONSTRATION TITLE: _____

CHECK ONE: INDIVIDUAL
 GROUP

CHECK ONE: FAMILY, HOME & HEALTH/CULTURAL ARTS ☒ _____
 MECHANICAL OR NATURAL SCIENCES ☐ _____
 ANIMAL, PLANT OR SOIL SCIENCES ☐ _____

CONTEST RULES

- Members may submit up to 2 entries in any speaking category. Please make topics appropriate for all ages.
- Groups (2-6) are allowed for any category, but compete as individuals. The grade of the oldest person in the group will decide in what division the group competes.
- Judging will use the Danish system. Awards are Certificates of Participation, ribbons, and Rosholt Fair premiums. A Best of Show will be selected for each age division.

SPEAKERS ARE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Did the presentation grasp interest from the start?
- Were important points stressed with emphasis/gestures/facial expressions?
- Did it fit the time limit?
- Did the speaker show enthusiasm for the topic?
- Did the speaker make eye contact with the audience?

2020 Portage County Speaking Contest

Saturday, April 25th 10:30am
Portage County Public Library
(1001 Main St., Stevens Point)

Pinery Room

DIVISIONS	TIME LIMIT
GRADES K - 2	2 - 4 MINUTES
GRADES 3 - 5	2 - 4 MINUTES
GRADES 6 - 8	3 - 5 MINUTES

- **Original Speech** - 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.
- **Prose Reading** - An interpretive 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 is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Reader must read prose from the printed page and stands during presentation. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.
- **Poetry Reading** - An interpretive 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 is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Reader must read the poetry from the printed page and stands during presentation. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.
- **Storytelling** - A telling of a story, such as a folk tale or fairy tale, without memorizing exact words. Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Notes are not allowed. Storyteller sits during presentation.
- **Play Acting** - An acting out of a play or a cutting from a play performed by an individual or group (2-6). Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is 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 expressions, and gestures.

SPEAKING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

You can also register online by going to <https://tinyurl.com/PortageSpeaking2020> or mail this entry form to: Portage County Extension, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Entry forms can also be found online at <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/> under 4-H Youth > 4-H Forms & Applications. **Entry forms are due April 10, 2020**

NAME(S): _____

CLUB: _____

TOPIC OR TITLE: _____

CHECK ONE: ORIGINAL SPEECH _____
READING OF PROSE _____
READING OF POETRY _____

STORYTELLING _____
PLAY ACTING (INDIVIDUAL) _____
PLAY ACTING (GROUP) _____



LARGE ANIMAL SCIENCE

4-H State Meat Judging Contest

This contest tests the knowledge of youth in placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, retail cut identification and a quiz. This contest occurs annually with the teams traveling to Kansas City, MO and Denver, CO for national competition. There is a Junior Division as well at the state level.

WHEN: Saturday, April 25, 2020

TIME: Registration 8:30 am

Contest begins at 9:00am

WHERE: UW-Madison Meat Lab

More information can be found at
<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/>

Showing at the State Fair?

Please contact the Extension office as soon as possible at 715-346-1462 or

lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu. We need to know about any animals you are planning to show at the 2020 State Fair.



Pictured above is Candace of the Almond Busy Bees. Candace is pictured with her crossbred steer, "Cream" at the Wisconsin State Fair. He took an honorable 2nd place in his heavy weight crossbred class. Candace has shown steers for 4 years. This was her first time exhibiting at the State Fair. She has also shown beef heifers, dairy heifers and pigs as well. Great job Candace!

Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skill-a-Thon

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions.

Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills.

All 4-H members are welcome to form a team of 3-4 members! (contestants participate according to their grade).

When: March 7, 2020

Time: Registration 9 a.m., Competition starts 9:30 a.m.

Deadline for registration is Feb. 21, 2020, 5 p.m. Only emailed registrations will be accepted, mailed registrations will NOT be accepted.

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

Managerial Agreements Due April 14th

If the animal you are bringing to the Amherst or Rosholt Fair is not owned by you or a member of your immediate family, you **must** send a Managerial Agreement to the Extension office no later than April 14! Copies available in the January newsletter or at

<https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/>
(4-H Forms and Applications).



WHEN: APRIL 27, 2020

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

WHERE: COURTHOUSE ANNEX (1462 STRONGS AVE, STEVENS POINT)

WHAT IS YQCA?

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national certification program available for youth that focuses on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry. This interactive program replaces the (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) program.

This is a required class for any beef, sheep & swine exhibitors showing at the Rosholt Fair, any swine exhibitors showing at the Amherst Fair and anyone showing ALL ANIMALS at the STATE FAIR.

HOW DO I GET CERTIFIED?

Most youth will get certified by taking the YQCA class on April 27, 7:00-8:30 PM at the Portage County Courthouse Annex. By taking the class, youth will be certified for one year.

Youth wishing to exhibit in the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Shows **must** provide his/her YQCA certification number when entering. Youth who do not provide a YQCA certification number, or did not pass the YQCA modules for the current calendar year will not be eligible to participate in the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Shows.

WHAT IF I CAN'T ATTEND?

YQCA certification is offered in two formats to meet varied learning styles and active schedules:

Online – Fee: \$12 at www.yqca.org -OR- Face-to-Face– Fee: \$3

To find a list of face-to-face/trainer-led sessions in Wisconsin, create an account on www.yqca.org. Under the appropriate age in “Course List” choose “Instructor-Led Training”. A drop down box will list all current available options for Wisconsin.

Both certification types (Online and Face-to-Face) must be paid online with a credit card.

Registration is due by April 20, 2020

S I L O

Feeding the world comes at a cost

SILO Film Screening
Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m.
Jensen Community Center Theater
487 N Main St, Amherst, 715-824-5202

The Amherst Fire District, Amherst FFA and Jensen Community Center invite you to this one-of-a-kind movie screening. Inspired by true events, SILO follows a harrowing day in an American farm town. Disaster strikes when teenager Cody Rose is entrapped in a 50-foot-tall grain bin. When the corn turns to quicksand, family, neighbors and first responders must put aside their differences to rescue Cody from drowning in the crop. Film may not be appropriate for children under age 10.

After viewing the film, join in the discussion about farm safety and bring your questions to the Amherst Fire District. See the technical rescue trailer and equipment on display, showcasing Amherst resources and readiness. This is a very important discussion and will be a great community event.

Five seconds. In just a matter of 5 precious seconds a person can be entrapped (buried in grain beyond the point of self extraction) in a grain bin. Shockingly in just under a minute engulfment (being completely submerged beneath the surface of the grain) can occur. By the time you are waist deep in the grain it would take 600# plus your body weight of force to free you. The average rescue time for someone in a grain engulfment is 3.5 hours. In the past 50 years 900 cases of grain entrapment and engulfment have been reported, with a 62 percent fatality rate according to researchers at the University of Perdue. Farming is ranked as one of the most dangerous occupations according to the National Safety Council. In 2018, Wisconsin was one of 5 states with the most reported cases of fatal and nonfatal confined incidents. These are definitely eye opening facts!

There are various reasons why someone would enter a grain bin and possibilities of how entrapment could occur. Sadly these aren't situations that only involve the older generation of farmers, but that of our youth as well who may work alongside their parents or employers. Given the rise of incidents of grain bin related deaths, it is important for us as rural community to address the dangers associated with grain bins and how we can further prevent injuries and fatalities. Grain bin deaths have hit record numbers and now more than ever we need to educate ourselves. Communities across the country are having a SILO movement. Our community will be joining the movement as well. The Amherst Fire District, Amherst FFA Chapter and the Jensen Community Center invite you to save the date and attend the free screening of SILO, join in discussion and see rescue equipment that will be on display. Remember, knowledge is power and in the words of Ben Franklin, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."



I hope to see you there!

Debra Helbach | President of the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association

Leader's Board Minutes

Portage County 4-H Leaders Board— October 2019

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association Board meeting of 10-21-19 was called to order by Past President, Paula Kropidlowski at 7:14 PM in the Courthouse Annex. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken. PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Kathy Glodowski (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars) Paula Kropidlowski (County-wide) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Club Charter Paperwork MINUTES: Approved as presented. OFFICER REPORT: Treasurer's Report: Current Balances Checking: \$5779.66 Savings: \$ 3323.55 Handout which included unpaid income that we will be receiving soon and upcoming expenditures based on last year's figures. Secretary's Report: No correspondence received. OLD BUSINESS: 4-H Online Re-Enrollments Due November 15- Enrollments continue to come in slow and steady. | Amherst Fair and Amherst Fair Food Stand – No report | 4-H Leaders Banquet, Courthouse Annex, November 8 – Letters have been sent. Leaders will bring desserts, and there will be a silent auction. Betty and Kathy are in charge. | 4-H Awards Program, Jensen Center, November 10 | Financial/Fundraising Update: Possibility of selling corn on the cob at the Rosholt Fair during designated hours of the day. Fair board will provide the space. Betty has not drafted a letter to the plat book advertisers yet since we are not sure whether we will do the project again. Potential sources of income: grants, pizzas, fair, Kwik Trip. Betty is willing to lead a committee. | Other: Club Charters – Talked about SMART goals listed in required paperwork. Our goals are to increase participation at leader meetings, county events and the underserved audiences. We could meet with Hmong leaders. We could incorporate SMART goals into our environment. Suggested that we invite Hispanic or Hmong to our 4-H functions so they can observe what 4-H is. What about having an all-county picnic? | NEW BUSINESS: Record Book Committee – No report | Winter & Summer Camp – Winter camp will be at the Lions Camp, January 31st through February 2nd. Six counties will attend. Cost is \$75/camper. Each county has to sponsor one meal and one snack. 8-10 youth usually attend. Motion and second to charge youth \$75 for winter camp (inquire if financial assistance needed). Motion passed. | Summer Camp will be at CWES. Dates are: Intermediate- June 5,6,7,8 and Junior – June 11th and 12th. | Teen Trip Interviews/Financial Support- Interviews will only be done for awards and ambassadors. Letters will be sent out. | Trick or Treat – October 31st - Meet at the annex. Return to annex for pizza. | Mandatory Charter Trainings – Held in conjunction with new leader training. Not scheduled yet. | New 4-H Leader Board Officer & Teen Leaders – New Leader Training | Expansion & Review Committee -Before November Meeting, 5:45-6:45 PM – for leaders, teens and community members. Meeting is required by the federal government. | December Meeting Cancelled | Other – Temple Grandin, renowned autism activist and best-selling author of publications about animal welfare and behavior expert. She will present "Different Kinds of Minds" at the Sentry Theater, December 3rd from 7-9 PM. | Agent Report: Attend Temple Grandin | Pumpkin carving on October 25th at 5:30 PM (age 4-10) Headstart | Next meeting Date – February 17, 2020 | Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary



Pictured Right: Members of the Sunnyside Climbers 4-H Club during the Polonia Christmas parade



Pictured Left: Members of the Carson Climbers 4-H Club during their Christmas party at Sylvan Hill

Congratulations to Annika Waltenberg of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees and Abigail Helbach of the Tomorrow River Voyagers on being chosen to join a group of 60 other rural and Native young people from across the country to the Rural Youth Assembly Summit in McAllen TX in April 2020. They'll meet peers from Alaska to Maine and 24 other states in between. All of them come with powerful stories, identities, differences, and a strong desire to create change together. They will work on current issues affecting Rural America. Congratulations on this opportunity. We know you both will represent Portage County well!!

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BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE NATION

Leader's Association Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - November 2019

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association meeting of 11-25-19 was called to order by President, Debra Helbach at 6:38 pm in the Courthouse Annex. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Debra Helbach and Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers) Kathy Glodowski and Michelle Waltenberg (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Lynette Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent

MINUTES: Approved as presented

OFFICER REPORT: Treasurer's Report: Current Balances Checking: \$6146.55 Savings: \$ 3304.35 Secretary's Report: Fleet Farm donated a coupon book to 4-H. Club leaders each received a \$10 coupon and remaining coupons were divided equally among the thirteen 4-H clubs.

OLD BUSINESS: 4-H Online Re-Enrollments Due November 15- Per Connie, re-enrollments continue to be received. Jan asked what ever happened to the statement in the enrollment guide that recommended youth limit the number of projects they enroll in to eight. Discussion about the importance of providing 4-H youth with educational literature for their 4-H projects followed. The point was made that there are youth who sign up for many projects and do exhibit in all those areas. This would not restrict them from doing so, since it is just a recommendation. Motion and second to include the eight-project recommendation in the enrollment guide instructions. Motion passed.

| 4-H Leaders Banquet, Courthouse Annex, November 8 – Cost for 57 meals was \$798.25. Income was \$680.00. Leader Banquet for 2020 will be scheduled for November 13th. Income from sale of baked goods was \$407.00 | 4-H Awards Program, Jensen Center, November 10 – Excellent attendance of 117 for this year's awards program as compared to 100 in 2018. Kathy asked if 4-H had to pay to use the Jensen Center this year. She was told that organizations would be charged unless they help with concessions at other Jensen Center events. We were not charged this year. If we are willing to sell concessions during shows held at the Jensen Center, we could keep all profits and would not be charged for facility use at our next Awards Program. Schedule of shows can be downloaded. Awards Program for 2020 will be scheduled for November 15th.

| Winter/Summer Camps – Winter Camp (Fire & Ice) will be held at the Rosholt Lions Camp from 1-31 through 2-2. Youth in grades 7 through 13 are eligible to attend. Nine other 4-H counties will also be participating. So far, Portage County does not have any youth registered to attend. Cost is \$75 per camper. Junior summer camp will be at CWES in 2020. Intermediate summer camp location and dates have not been determined yet. Upham Woods does have an 4-H Open Camp that youth in this age group could attend.

| Fundraising – Paula suggested sponsoring a mock dog show (fun show) on a Saturday or Sunday from 9-3 with agility trials at Camp Bandi or at Renee Dahm's facility. Another possibility would be foods sales for shows at Heartland Stables. Other suggestions were fundraisers at Culvers, Buffalo Wild Wings, Polito's or Chili's.

NEW BUSINESS: Awards & Ambassador Applications Due – January 3rd | Awards & Ambassador Interviews – January 14th – Kathy and Jan will help | Club Officer Training – December 5th - Teens will teach training with help from Candice. Reminder cards will be sent to teen and adult leaders.

| NEW adult Leader Training/Mandatory Club Charter Training – December 10th Required for all new adult leaders to become certified. New leaders are also required to complete an online sexual abuse training. This training will also count for the Mandatory Club Charter Training that one representative from each club must attend yearly. Can Town Hall meetings count as Club Charter Training? | Family Winter Party – Will be planned by Candice and teens. Date unknown at this time. | Roller Skating Party – Jan will check on possible dates. She will consider the Thursday, Friday and Monday after Christmas. Connie will check to see if UW Madison has any safely requirements for the event. | Plat Books – Ads will be placed in Community Spirit, Rosholt Record and Buyers Guide for November and December issues. BMO will no longer be selling our plat books. | Other: Record Book Training–Debra Helbach recommended that a record book training be held in the spring. Training should include examples of properly completed record books for youth and parents to look at. | Donation - Christopher Miller has chosen the 4-H Leaders Association as one of the charitable organizations that will receive money from his monthly payroll deduction through his employer, UPS. | Agent Report: Dr. Temple Grandin will be holding a meet and greet for 4-H, FFA and other youth groups and their parents prior to her presentation at Sentry on December 3rd. Club Charter information has been filed. | Next meeting Date – January 20, 2020 | Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary



The Nelsonville Zippy Zees had fun bowling at White Tail Lanes in January 2020.



Rosholt Pioneers 4-H members making valentines for the senior citizen meal site.

4-H Club Reports



Tomorrow River Voyagers Club Report - January 2020

The January meeting of the Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H club was called to order by President, Abigail Helbach at 1:09 on January 19, 2020 at the Jensen Center. 28 members were present. The American Flag and 4-H club salute were led by Charley, Oakley, Desmond. The Get to know you activity was writing down your favorite activities and sharing them with other members. Our Sunshine Report was for Desmond, Chase, Brandon and Miranda. Our leader's report was talking about our holiday basket, signing a card for the Groshek Family and telling us to try to think of ideas for county fundraising. She also talked about doing a mail call during meetings to hand out information to families and reminding us to sign up for the leadership project. Our old business was reflecting on our gift exchange and Christmas caroling after our December meeting. Reviewing the mitten tree. It was the best year yet and we talked about setting up the tree a week earlier. All items donated went to Operation BootStrap and some items went to kids who were in need of winter clothing at Amherst. Due to weather we couldn't go sledding at our January meeting so we decided to go January 26 at 1:00 at Iverson Park. For our February meeting we decided to decorate cookies and play bingo with the residents at Hillside Manor. The committee leader of the cookies is Charley Hornick and the leader of bingo is Otto Schultz. Desmond also offered to make flyers. We are going to do concessions at the Talent Show on April 4. The Snyder family is in charge of that and will be organizing it on Facebook. We decided to push t-shirts back to our February Meeting. We also discussed new ideas for community outreach. Our new business was talking about going to a Timber Rattlers game or a



Otto demonstrating how to make snow cream at TR Voyagers meeting.

Brewers Game. If we go to a Brewers Game we could potentially have a group discount. We decided to have the club pay for our March activity which is going and decorating bowls for the empty bowls project. Registration for Arts Beat is due January 20. It is \$100 to register online and is for grades 3-5. It is a camp and is from March 15-18. Otto Schultz then demonstrated how to make snow cream. The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2020 at 1:00. Meeting adjourned at 1:56. Minutes recorded by club secretary Taylor Modrzewski, submitted by club reporter Colton Vander Laan



Each year, the Tomorrow River Voyagers 4H club puts up a Mitten Tree during the holiday season. This year there were 59 hats, 52 pairs of gloves, 7 scarves, 4 head wraps, 1 pair of slippers, and 4 jackets donated! All donated items go to Operation Bootstrap as well as families in need in the local school district. Special thanks to the International Bank of Amherst for continuing to display the Mitten Tree every year and be a collection point for this charity. Submitted by Colton

Tomorrow River Voyagers
Mitten Tree

Vander Laan, club reporter.

Carson Climbers Club Report - January 2019

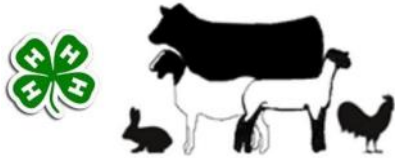
The Carson Climbers 4H meeting was called to order on Sunday, January 12th at 12:45 pm at Brookdale Senior Living. No pledges were recited due to a quick meeting. Officer Reports: Treasurer's report: Emily Hauer handed out Rosholt Fair checks. Historian report: Shyann and Brooke finished the 2017/2018 scrapbooks. Sunshine buddy report: no cards were given Old Business: December Christmas Party was held at Sylvan Tubing Hill in Wausau on December 14th. Everyone who attended said they had a blast! 4-H food stand at Eron's Event Barn on December 13th. We sold all the baked goods, 198 BBQ, 147 hotdogs, 72 nachos, 113 bags of chips, 120 cups of hot chocolate/coffee, 45 waters, and 112 sodas. A special thank you to the Sobczak family for donating the ground beef, Kathy Metzler for making the bbq, and Marg Simkowski for donating baked goods, crock pots, tables, and setting up. New Business: The club voted to do archery at Bucks n' Bulls for our February meeting/field trip. More details to follow. The March meeting will be a painting project. More details to come. Other ideas were cleaning up the environment and Adopt-A-Highway (Annette is looking into it). Welcome our newest member Chase Moscinski and his mom Becky. The meeting was adjourned. By: Madison Metzler (Club Secretary)



Members of the Carson Climbers 4-H Club playing bingo with Brookdale Senior Living residents after January meeting.

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Pictured right is Daniel of the Tomorrow River Voyagers showing his lamb. This is his second year showing at the Wisconsin State Fair. He enjoyed the experience and will be back again next year.



Pictured left is Jacob of the Tomorrow River Voyagers. This is his first time exhibiting at the Wisconsin State Fair. He learned a lot and plans on showing at state fair again next year.



Great work Daniel & Jacob!

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