



Portage County 4-H Courier

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PORTAGE COUNTY

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Letter From the President

Hello everyone,

I hope you all have been doing well. Well, here we are again, another month has passed and we are already into June! I am always amazed at how fast time goes by. It doesn't stand still for anyone. I think back to the fall being the start of our new 4-H year. A fresh, new exciting year lays ahead. Many exciting 4-H activities are being planned, new friendships will be made along with cherished memories. But then...COVID-19 came into all our lives like a wrecking ball. So much has changed and we have had to adapt and find a new normal and I'm sure will continue to do so for some time. It has exposed many of our strengths and weaknesses. That's not necessarily a bad thing. We can learn from it and become stronger as individuals, families and clubs and as a county. This will forever be a part of our history and it's up to us how we choose to respond.

4-H truly is an amazing organization consisting of nearly 6 million youth. 1.8 million youth in urban areas, 1.6 million in suburban areas and 2.6 million in rural areas. That's an astounding number of youth! According to a study completed by Tufts University on 4-H youth and positive youth development, it was found that 4-Hers are four times more likely to contribute to their communities. They are two times as likely to be civically active and two times more likely to make healthy choices. That speaks volumes. Please continue to be strong leaders, optimistic and engage in meaningful opportunities to make our world a better place. We've got this and are stronger together even though we are currently apart.

Sincerely,

Debra Helbach

Portage County 4-H Leaders Association President



COVID-19 Update

With the recent changes affecting the governor's "safer at home" order, there have been questions about how this affects 4-H. As a program of UW-Madison's Division of Extension, 4-H is following UW guidance, informed by the Badger Bounce Back public health plan.

- All overnight camps are canceled for the remainder of the summer.
- For June: still holding virtual events with rare exceptions of limited in-person gatherings of up to 10. These meetings and programs will require the Educator/Volunteer to demonstrate both the need and a thorough plan for maintaining safety guidelines.
- Out-of-state 4-H program travel is also not permitted through the summer.
- For July: Virtual and no-contact events continue. More exceptions granted for small gatherings, with a formal approval process. Online training on Extension's guidelines will be offered to staff and related resources available to volunteers and participant
- Beyond: We will continue to monitor the outbreak of the virus. Keep in mind, the rates of COVID-19 infection have not decreased. How the virus tracks will inform our decisions and process. Extension will also work closely with state and UW-Madison Campus leadership and follow the guidelines for those institutions. We will continue to monitor the outbreak of the virus. Keep in mind, the rates of COVID-19 infection have not decreased. How the virus tracks will inform our decisions and process. Extension will also work closely with state and UW-Madison Campus leadership and follow the guidelines for those institutions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

June

- 3 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30PM- Will be held online via Zoom
- 6 Plant Sale Pickup—Blue Top Farms located at 5613 County Road HH, Stevens Point
- 6 4Hers Teaching 4Hers, 9:00AM—Will be held online via Zoom
- 13 4Hers Teaching 4Hers, 10:00AM—Will be held online via Zoom
- 15 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30PM-Will be held online via Zoom
- 18 Market Animal Sales Promotion Meeting, 7:30PM- Will be held online via Zoom

JULY

- 13 4-H Leaders & Teen Association Meeting, 6:30 pm
(If unable to be held in-person will be held online via Zoom)
- 15 Rosholt Fair Entries due in FairEntry

More information and Zoom meeting links will be emailed to individuals.

Amherst Fair Update

We are very sorry to report that we have received word from the Amherst Fair Board that the 2020 Amherst Fair has been cancelled.

That said, there will still likely be a demolition derby held on July 18th at 3:00pm. The Amherst Fair Board is also working on ways to still allow youth to safely show their animals (for ribbons only - no premiums). The cancellation of the fair also means that there will be no Amherst Fair 4-H food stand as well as club booths.

As decisions are made more information will be sent out.

4Hers Teaching 4Hers: Saturday Learning Sessions!

Thank you to Harleigh C. from the Tomorrow River Voyagers and Annika W. from the Nelsonville Zippy Zees for teaching/demonstrating an advanced rabbit showmanship class. Also thank you to Brooke & Breanna W. from the Carson Climbers for teaching a cat showmanship class. These 4-H youth leaders did a tremendous job teaching, answering questions, and interacting with participants over Zoom!

Information on the next learning sessions is below:

- June 6th, 9:00a.m. Basics of Flower Arranging, Led by Stacy & Clare V.

Learn how to make a flower arrangement for the fair, and find out what the judge is looking for.

- June 13th, 10:00a.m. Beginner Dog Obedience. Led by Cora K. -

New to the Dog Project, thinking about joining the dog project, or do want a little refresher? We will be demonstrating what equipment you need to be successful in showing your dog correctly and 'tricks' for members that are either new to showing or may want to show.



We are still looking for youth to do a demonstration or teach a project over Zoom! If you have a demonstration or project you'd like share with others please email connie.creighton@wisc.edu.



June Dairy Month



Thank you dairy farmers! Plover Clovers
4-H Club supports June Dairy Month!
We are proud of our milk mustaches!



ROSHOLT FAIR 2020

SEPTEMBER 3-7, 2020

ROSHOLT FAIR ENTRIES

The Rosholt Fair will be using the same online system as last year: **FairEntry**.

- **Entries are open from June 8th to July 15th!**
- 4-H exhibitors will sign up for exhibits using their 4-H Online Account information. Exhibitors will be able to indicate whether they want to show an entry through their 4-H club or FFA chapter.
- Cloverbuds do not add entries; they can just bring their exhibit to the fair. You do not need to add them to your family's account.
- If you are entering a club booth: there's no form this year! Just let Lisa know at 715-346-1462 or lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu that your club would like space for a booth. Also let her know if you will need to be by an electric outlet.
- Have questions or need help with FairEntry?
 - Click-by-click guides are available online on the home page of <http://rosholt.fairentry.com>
 - If you are having trouble registering exhibits call 715-346-1462 or email Lisa at lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu.



READ BEFORE YOU START!

ONLINE ENTRIES FOR THE ROSHOLT FAIR!

Visit <http://rosholt.fairentry.com> to add your entries for the Rosholt Fair!

All entries are due in the system by July 15th!



YOU STILL NEED TO USE YOUR FAIR BOOK!

Each exhibit you sign up for in FairEntry has a description to help you select the right one. The description does not contain all of the rules or requirements for the exhibit. You still need to consult the Fair Book to learn what the judge will be looking for. For an online copy of the Fair Book:

<https://tinyurl.com/PortageCountyFairBook> to reference the 2019-2022 Portage County Fair Book.

“CONTINUE TO PAYMENT” WILL NOT CHARGE YOU!

There are no entry fees for the Rosholt Fair.

You will submit your entries by clicking

“Continue to Payment” and following the instructions, but **no fees will be charged**.

 Continue to Payment

COMPLETE YOUR WHOLE FAMILY BEFORE SUBMITTING

The “Continue to Payment” button is the final submission of all entries for all exhibitors in your family. Please make sure you have created all exhibitors and added their entries before clicking “Continue to Payment.” Once submitted, you won’t be able to add any new exhibitors or entries until your first ones get approved.



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4-H Club Reports

Tomorrow River Voyagers Club Report - April 2020

The April meeting of the Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H club was called to order by President Abigail H. at 6:47 on April 29 on Zoom. 36 members were present. | The American Flag and 4-H club salute were led by everyone. | There was no get to know you activity. | There was no sunshine report. | Our leader's report was a reminder to stay safe and positive during this time of a pandemic. Debra Helbach also told us about positivity signs for our community to see. She also told us about the online record book meetings and demonstrations. We are hoping by June we will be able to meet in groups of at least 50 people and will be able to have in person meetings again. As of right now the Amherst Fair is still on. | Our old business consisted of seeing the new club t-shirts. They look really good. We found it a new way to do our clay corner activity. As of April we could do curbside pickup or delivery. The empty bowls project which is the reason for the activity is on October 17, at Spash. The flower fundraiser pickup date is at Blue Top Farms on June 6. 13 families from our club sold a total 111 plants, which was \$3,137.50. We are still unsure how much money our club will receive from that. June Dairy Days is now canceled due to COVID-19. We are also unsure if we will be able to do litter pick up this year. | Our new business consisted of Amherst Fair entries open May 1 and end June 1. The YCQA had to be done by the end of April in order to still be able to use the coupon. We discussed Harleigh's online goat demonstration and the Record Book session. They both went good and are hoping to see more demonstrations for projects. We are still sponsoring the sheep trophy for the Amherst Fair. We changed our by-laws this year to only having to attend 4, 4-H activities due to COVID-19. We also donated \$100 worth of food to track in Amherst. | Our club meeting ended with us all singing baby shark led by Connie. The next meeting will be held on May 17 at 1:30 | Meeting adjourned at 7:34 | Recorded by secretary Taylor M. Submitted by reporter Colton V.

Tomorrow River Voyagers Club Report - May 2020

The May meeting of the Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H club was called to order by President Abigail H. at 1:30 on May 17, on ZOOM. 18 members were present. | The American Flag and 4-H club salute were led by everyone. | There was no get to know you activity.

Mia gave the April and May Sunshine report. | Our leader's report was a reminder fair entries are due by June 1, and that the Amherst Fair is still on as of right now. Our club also received a \$400 grant for the tie blankets activity. Our leader, Debra Helbach also told us that there will be no overnight camps and no traveling trips this year through the 4-H. | Our old business consisted of t-shirts and a reminder to pick them up at plant pick up. Plant pick up is on June 6 at Blue Top farms. We will have to follow social distancing rules. Only 10 people are allowed in the building, so if more than 10 people are in the building you will have to wait in your car. We are unsure if we will be doing the clay corners activity due to COVID-19. Amherst Fair entries are due by June 1. We also discussed litter pick up. A few families are interested and we also were reminded kids have to be 11 years old or in 6th grade. | Our new business consisted of deciding on a club theme for the animal barns and our booth. We voted in favor of having a theme throughout the animal barns and there will be emails about setting up committees to figure the themes and plans out. We also voted in favor of doing the Rosholt Swine Special. This is a basket that is sold during the market animal sale at Rosholt. We voted to spend around \$100 on the basket. If you have any ideas email them to Debra. Their will be a teen leaders meeting on May 18 at 6:30 on ZOOM. Sixth grade and up can attend. This will also count as an activity to be able to show at the fairs. | Clayton then demonstrated how to tie knots/. | The next meeting will be held on June 21 at 1:00 | Meeting adjourned at 1:57 Recorded by secretary Taylor M. Submitted by reporter Colton V.

To Make the Best



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