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## Letter From the President

Hello 4-H Family,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones healthy and doing well. I'm sure 2020 wasn't what any of us expected it would be. It was definitely a wild ride none of us could have predicted we'd be on, but here we are and the good news is 2021 is just around the corner! It would be really easy to throw in the towel and give up, especially this year. But I am

challenging and encouraging everyone to continue to work hard in their projects, and continue to grow and learn in them. Knowledge is power and there are so many resources available to utilize even while at home. A big THANK YOU also goes out to all the leaders and parents who have worked hard throughout the year and continue to work diligently to provide safe alternatives and opportunities to our youth. Wishing you all a happy, safe and healthy holiday season and all the best to your families in 2021!

Sincerely,

Debra Helbach

President of the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association

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## COVID-19 Update

- **In Person Options - Any face to face 4-H sponsored meeting/event/or activity needs to be pre-approved.**
- Smaller groups (under 10) can be approved for inside or outside or larger groups meeting in pods of 10 outside (max of 50 people).
- **If your club or project would like to plan some small group activities, or a larger meeting with pods of people outside, please do the following:**
  - **Contact Connie to complete a Request for In-Person Programming Form.**
  - **Have a plan for social distancing, sanitation and using PPE (masks, etc.).**
- Guidelines regarding in-person meetings/events will be re-evaluated in March.
- For additional information on FAQ's related to COVID-19 visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### DECEMBER

- 1 New Leader & Mandatory Charter Training, 7:00-8:00pm, Zoom
- 10 New Leader & Mandatory Charter Training, 7:00-8:00pm, Zoom
- 15 DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT
- 15 DEADLINE FOR TEEN AWARD & AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS
- 17 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30PM, Zoom
- 20 4-H Teen Leaders Meeting, 6:00PM, Zoom
- 24 Extension Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)
- 25 Extension Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)
- 30 Deadline for Gingerbread Decorating & Baking Contest

***Note: There will be no 4-H Leaders Board meeting in December***

### JANUARY

- 1 Extension Office Closed (New Year Holiday)
- 7 Interviews for Teen Ambassador & Awards, Zoom
- 16 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 1:00 PM, Zoom
- 16 Market Animal Kick-Off Meeting, 2:00 PM, Zoom
- 17 4-H Teen Leaders Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 18 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom

### FEBRUARY

- 9-11 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Jensen Center, Amherst
- 9-11 Market Animal New Member Orientation/Species Meetings, 7:30pm Jensen Center, Amherst  
(Pre-registration is required)
- 15 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom

**A 4-H Teen Leader Zoom Meeting will be held on December 20th from 6:00-8:00PM to virtual shop for Operation Bootstrap supplies.**

**Zoom link will be emailed to Teens.**

## CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

**WHEN:** TBD in January 2021

**WHERE:** Online via Zoom

This training is for current officers and youth interested in becoming officers. It is designed to help presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers, reporters, historians, and any other club officers understand their role as an officer and the importance of teamwork, as well as how they can work to make the club more successful.

**All 4-H club officers are expected to attend. Please stay tuned to your email. Planning is currently underway and more information will be sent once final decisions are made.**

## 4-H TEEN AMBASSADOR & AWARDS REMINDER

We will still be interviewing for the Ambassador Delegates, Key Award, and Leader of Tomorrow Award.

Award and ambassador applications are due December 15th! Award interviews will be held on January 7th.

Award/Ambassador application is available at <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/> (under the 4-H Forms and Applications page)

## Hula Hoop Grab & Go Project Bag

### Make your own Hula Hoop

Sign up for a Grab & Go Project Bag and make your own Hula Hoop! You can make yours with others via Zoom or get all the supplies and make it yourself. Hula hoops inspire movement and fun for all ages!

**Cost:** \$5

**Zoom Date:** January 25th @ 6:30—7:30pm  
(Optional to attend)

**Registration Due:** January 4th, 2021

**To Register go to:** <https://tinyurl.com/HulaHoopProjectBag>

Directions on how to make hula hoops and all the supplies needed will be included in your project bag. Including tape to decorate you hula hoop!



After your hula hoop is complete, learn games and activities you can do with a hula hoop at club meeting or just for fun.

## 4-H Member Spotlight

Congratulations to Abigail H. of the Tomorrow River Voyagers! Abigail applied for and was chosen to serve on the Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council through the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. 15 Wisconsin high school seniors make up this Council. Goals of the

council are to highlight Ag related career opportunities in state government, share state tools available to support Wisconsin farmers, provide insight on how to engage in state ag policy development and increase networking opportunities for participants in the agricultural industry. Job well done Abigail!





# Virtual Gingerbread Decorating & Baking Contest



*The contest is open to all Portage County 4-H members, Cloverbuds, immediate family members of 4-H members, parents and leaders.*



You can enter once in each class of your age category and family category. You must be in the picture of the Gingerbread entry. Make sure you have the Division and Class listed in the picture you send as well. Include your 4-H Club or the 4-H family you are a member of. Cloverbuds can participate in all classes, but also have their own class. Gingerbread structure must be a structure that can be lived in such as a house, castle, barn...

## **Divisions:**

### **Cloverbud:**

**Kindergarten - 2nd grade**

### **Junior:**

**3rd - 5th grade**

### **Intermediate:**

**6th - 8th grade**

### **Senior:**

**9th grade or older**

### **Family**

## **Classes:**

- **Gingerbread structure made from a kit. Must be a structure that can be lived in such as a house, castle, barn, etc. Take a picture of you (or family) with your item. Provide 2 to 4 pictures. At least 2 sides of item.**



- **Gingerbread-like structure made from graham crackers, pop-tarts or other edible items. Take a picture of you (or family) with your item. Provide 2 to 4 pictures. At least 2 sides of item.**
- **Homemade Gingerbread House: Take a picture of you (or family) with your item. Provide 2 to 4 pictures. At least 2 sides of item.**
- **Cloverbuds Only—Decorate a Gingerbread Man/Woman Cookie (Either bought or homemade is fine. Cookie will be judge on decoration). Take a picture of you and your item.**

**Entries are Due by midnight  
Thursday, December 30, 2020**

**For Registration and Photo  
Submission details go to:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/4-HGingerbreadContest>**

**Judging Results will be announced  
as soon as possible.**

**Awesome Prizes Will be Awarded!**





# 4-H AWARDS PROGRAM



4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H youth will be recognized for these life skills at a Virtual Portage County 4-H Awards Program to be held in January 2021. More details and Zoom connection information will be sent once plans are finalized.

All 4-H youth leaders are encouraged to complete a 4-H record book that summarizes their yearlong efforts in their 4-H club and their project work. The following County awards will be presented based on this past year's leadership:

- The Club Secretary Award goes to Madison Metzler (Carson Climbers), Sydney K. (Casimer Boosters), Kjersten K. (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), and Taylor M. (Tomorrow River Voyagers)
- The Club Historian Award goes to Shyann S. (Carson Climbers), Juniper R. (Casimer Boosters), and Jessica O. (Nelsonville Zippy Zees)
- The Family, Health & Home Award goes to Camryn W. (Almond Busy Bees)
- The Plant and Soil Science Award goes to Claressa V. (Sunnyside Climbers)
- The Large Animal Science Award goes to Cody K. (Rosholt Pioneers)
- The Small Animal Science Award goes to Brooke W. (Carson Climbers), Lucy G. (Casimer Boosters), Kjersten K. (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Claire L. (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Cora K. (Rosholt Pioneers), and Daniel S. (Tomorrow River Voyagers)
- The Cultural Arts Award goes to Kaelynn K. (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Annika W. (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Skyler C. (Plover Clovers), and Claressa V. (Sunnyside Climbers)
- The County Youth Leader Award goes to Camryn W. (Almond Busy Bees), Alyse G. (Rosholt Pioneers), and Kailei M. (Rosholt Pioneers)
- The Teen Leader Award goes to Joshua K. (Casimer Boosters), Zachary K. (Casimer Boosters), Emily G. (Junction City Golden Stars), Samantha C. (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Annika W. (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Cora K. (Rosholt Pioneers), Claressa V. (Sunnyside Climbers), and Abigail H. (Tomorrow River Voyagers)
- The Key Award goes to Abigail H. (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Josh K. (Casimer Boosters) and Zoshia Z. (Casimer Boosters)
- Leader of Tomorrow Award goes to Abigail H. (Tomorrow River Voyagers) and Josh K. (Casimer Boosters)
- The 2019-2020 Graduates are: Andrea J. (Casimer Boosters), Zoshia Z. (Casimer Boosters), Morgan M. (Junction City Golden Stars), Maria D. (Plover Clovers), Abigail B. (Rosholt Pioneers), Lydia K. (Sunnyside Climbers)

4-H members receive recognition as they progress through their 4-H career. Youth will be honored for reaching the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Honor, High Honor and Excellence point levels, 4-H Ambassadors, 4-H State Art Team, first-year 4-H members, Cloverbuds, and Portage County 4-H Teen Leaders' Board Members.



## MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT

### ***STRICT DECEMBER 15th DEADLINE!***

If you plan to enter beef, swine, or sheep in the 2021 Rosholt Fair Market Animal Show and Sale, you must sign up for the Market Animal Project by **December 15th**.

You can sign up in multiple ways:

- Complete and mail the form on the next page to: Connie Creighton, Portage County Extension, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481.
- Complete the form on the next page and e-mail a scanned PDF or picture of the form to [lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu](mailto:lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu)
- Enroll **fully online** by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/2021RosholtFairMAC>

## MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

Online via Zoom

The rules will be outlined to project members, and rule books will be distributed by mail or email.

## WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships

**DEADLINE: MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation offers over \$15,000 in scholarships annually to outstanding students pursuing higher education in 2021. Applications include a resume, cover letter, list of 4-H projects, and a recent photo of the applicant. For application instructions, visit:

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

## MANAGERIAL AGREEMENTS

**DUE: APRIL 14th**

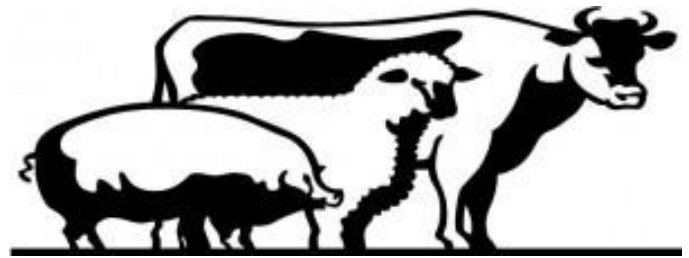
If the animal you are bringing to the Amherst or Rosholt Fair is not owned by the exhibitor or the persons who live at the exhibitor's primary place of residence, you must send a Managerial Agreement to the Portage County Extension office no later than April 14!

Copies available in this newsletter or at <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/> (4-H Forms and Applications).



Pictured above: Ciara W and Samantha & Melanie S. of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees participating in bell ringing.

# 2021 ROSHOLT FAIR MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT SIGN-UP SHEET



**SUBMIT THIS FORM NO LATER  
THAN **DECEMBER 15, 2020****

This form must be completed and submitted on time if you plan to enter beef, swine, and/or sheep in the 2021 Rosholt Fair Market Animal Project. Complete and submit to:

**Portage County UW-Extension  
Attn: Connie Creighton  
1462 Strongs Ave  
Stevens Point, WI 54481**

Or sign up fully online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2021RosholtFairMAC>

MEMBER NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE(S) OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE(S) AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF 4-H CLUB OR FFA CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR IN LIVESTOCK PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

I PLAN TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING MARKET ANIMALS AT THE 2021 SHOW AND SALE - *MAXIMUM OF TWO ANIMALS PER SPECIES, PER EXHIBITOR. PMFBTF DSDMF.*

**BEEF: 1    OR    2            SWINE: 1    OR    2            SHEEP: 1    OR    2**

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS COVERED IN EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS:

\_\_\_\_\_ ANIMAL HEALTH  
\_\_\_\_\_ CONTACTING BIDDERS  
\_\_\_\_\_ FITTING AND SHOWING  
\_\_\_\_\_ MARKETING LIVESTOCK AND MEAT  
\_\_\_\_\_ SELECTION OF PROJECT ANIMAL  
\_\_\_\_\_ TOURS

\_\_\_\_\_ CASTRATING AND DOCKING  
\_\_\_\_\_ FEEDING AND NUTRITION  
\_\_\_\_\_ JUDGING LIVESTOCK  
\_\_\_\_\_ RECORDS

The Market Animal Sale Committee is in need of members to share duties. Adults and members over the age of 13 are urged to join. Please come to the Market Animal Sale Committee meetings if interested.

# Portage County 2021 MANAGERIAL AGREEMENT

(Cattle, Horses, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Dogs, Cats, Poultry, Rabbits, Alpacas)

**Due no later than April 14.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade as of September, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 4-H Club/FFA Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name and address of owner \_\_\_\_\_

Location where animal(s) will be housed \_\_\_\_\_

Date Managerial Agreement will begin \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Feeding:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sanitation (cleaning stalls/pens):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Health Maintenance.** Please include who will pay for vaccinations, health papers, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Any other responsibilities you have which involve the above animal(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of General Leader/FFA Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

**I agree to abide by this Managerial Agreement:**

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Return or mail completed Managerial Agreement to:

**Connie Creighton  
Portage County Extension  
1462 Strongs Avenue  
Stevens Point, WI 54481**



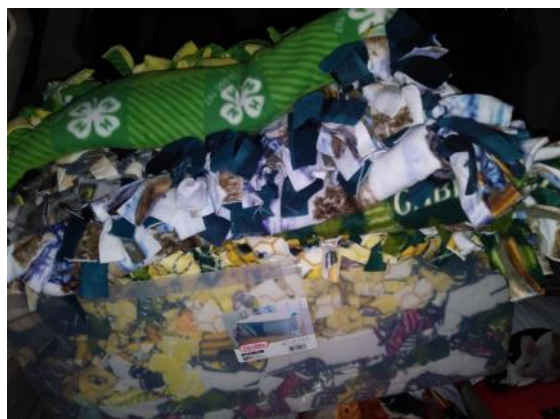
The meeting of the Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H club was called to order by President Sarah T. at 1:03 p.m. on Sunday, October 18th via Zoom. The pledges were also given. Twenty-three members attended. | Get To Know You Activity: The get to know you activity was led by Piper P., which was saying your favorite food and toy. The new 2020-2021 officers introduced themselves. We welcomed the Schulist family, as they are new to our club. | Sunshine Report was given by Abigail H. in place of Oakley F. | Secretary's Report was given by Abigail H. | Treasurer's Report was given by Aleda S. | Leaders Report was given by Debra H. If you haven't already, fill out the Portage County Volunteer Registration Form & Waiver. If you need the form you can contact Debra. Also, make sure to read the Courier, as applications for the county ambassador and awards are in there. | County Agent Report was given by Connie Creighton. There will be a pumpkin decorating contest in Portage County, and the winners of each category will be given Portage County gift certificates. She is looking at doing a "Project in a Box." Not finalized yet, so she is thinking around \$10 per box and will ask clubs to sponsor project kits. | Old Business: Contact Sarah if you have ideas to add to her "Frosted Clovers," vanilla flavored ice cream with chocolate and mint swirl with clover shaped sprinkles for the Cedar Crest ice cream contest. The club discussed how we celebrated National 4-H Week. Record books are due to Debra by October 20th. Everyone should try to come up with more ideas to add to the club activity calendar. Entries for the pumpkin contest are due by midnight, October 23rd. You must enter a picture with you and your pumpkin, information is also in the courier. | New Business: The club voted to donate \$150 to the Community Spirit. Kim and Amara B. talked about 4-H yard clean up day, which would be next week Sunday, October 25th at noon or 1:00 p.m. in Nelsonville. There are 20 people interested, we can do in groups of 10. Make sure to bring your own rake, mask and gloves. 4-H online is open till November 15th, so make sure to enroll. Club dues are \$6 and county dues are \$10, members in the horse project add \$4. Dues should be written out to TR Voyagers. Debra will send out details about making 22 tie blankets for the senior citizens. The Mitten Tree is usually set up at the International Bank of Amherst where community members donate winter clothing to Operation Bootstrap as well as the Amherst School District. The bank will get back to us, as they don't know if they are reopening soon due to the virus. The club decided that for Veterans Day we are going to reach out to King and make cards for the Veterans there. Each officer gave a 4-H fact. A number was picked to win a 4-H cinch bag, and the winner was Sydney S. After the meeting there was litter pick up. | The next meeting will be Sunday, November 15th at 1:00 p.m. via zoom. | The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m. | Date:10/18/2020 | Signed: Abigail H.

## Casimir Boosters Club Report - November 2020

The Zoom meeting started off with pledges and roll call. We had a new member join us today named Felicia. We started the meeting off with old business, which included record books that were due, county pumpkin carving, member recruitment, and the club charter. The charter is completed and in January we will work on goals. We then moved onto new business, which included holiday baskets, enrollments, virtual fall forum (which was held last weekend), and bell ringing. Bell ringing will probably be held on December 14th but no final decision has been made. We can only have 7 people max, at a time, and everyone who attends must be wearing a mask. We also talked about the election of officers. We will most likely keep the same officer positions for this year and maybe do a new election in months ahead. At the end of the meeting, Juniper, one of our recreation leaders, had us do a fun drawing challenge. We then adjourned the meeting. Date: 11/9/2020 —Signed: Lucy G.

The Nelsonville Zippy Zees decided to buy and make gifts for the elderly and disabled at the Portage County Care Center. Homemade cards and tie blankets were made. In

addition, hygiene items, candies, trinkets, books, word finds, puzzles, blankets and more were bought to help lift their spirits!





# 4-Hers in action!



Members of the Tomorrow River Voyagers participated in a Rake-a-thon on 10/25/2020. They cleaned up two yards, one in Amherst Junction, and one in Nelsonville. It was a great opportunity to stay active in the community while still in this time of Covid-19.

*Submitted by Sydney L. club reporter.*



The Tomorrow River Voyagers Club earned a grant last spring from Community Insurance Associates in Amherst. They used those funds to purchase and make tie blankets for senior citizens. They were able to get enough material to make 36 blankets!



Members of the Sunnyside Climbers have been doing family community service projects each month. Projects include raking leaves, filling food pantries and little free libraries and neighborhood garbage pickup.



Pictured above left: Seth & Anna P. | Pictured above right: Allie P. | Pictured right: Elise C. all of the Sunnyside Climbers



# Leader's Board Minutes



## Portage County 4-H Leaders Board - August 2020

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Board meeting of 8-17-20 was called to order by President, Debra Helbach at 6:37 pm via Zoom. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken by answering the question: the best thing I did this past weekend was?

PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Debra Helbach (Tomorrow River Voyagers) Kathy Glodowski and Michelle Waltenberg (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Candice Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars) Paula Kropidowski (County-Wide), Lisa Henriksen, Support Staff and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent | MINUTES: Approved as presented |

OFFICER REPORT: Treasurer's Report: Checking - \$8344.19 Savings - \$3415.59 | Secretary's Report: None

OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 Update – A recent change in policy defines a family pod as a group of people who share the same household. A family pod counts as 1 when determining 4-H group size. Up to 10 family pods will be allowed to meet outdoors or in a large building such as a barn. No food is allowed at the gathering and social distancing must be adhered to. Preapproval is required. | Rosholt Fair Update – Per Rosholt Fair Board there will be a fair this year. Fair packets have been distributed. The 4-H office is working on judging binders. No word on when wristbands will be available. Volunteers are needed to work in exhibit building and help with clean-up. Everyone working in the building needs to wear a mask. | Camp in a Bag – Bags have been delivered. Contents includes owl pellets, tie dying, bubbles and making rockets. 12 families signed up for a total participation of 20. Total included 3 non-4-H members and 5 camp counselors. Four virtual camp meetings were held. | Other - none

NEW BUSINESS: Re-Enrollment in 4-H Online – Cut off date for access to the 2019-2020 information in 4-H online will be August 21st. Program will be transitioned from version 1.0 to version 2.0. New version should be available on September 1st. Version 2.0 should be easier to use and more mobile friendly. It can be used by clubs to take minutes and record attendance. Information from prior year is supposed to roll over with the exception of for the custom reports. | 2020 -2021 Club Charters – Paperwork will be mailed to clubs. A video link that explains the charter paperwork will be emailed. Financial report is due September 1st. This year copies of the club's check register or ledger are also required to be submitted as part of the financial report. There is an online form that can be used. Electronic signatures are acceptable. Remainder of charter documents are due November 1st. | Other: Masks – Lynette reported that the Plover Clovers are making free 4-H masks. Just fill out a request form. | 4-H Program Status - Due to COVID-19, the following programs have been cancelled: Speaking and Demonstration contests, 4-H Awards program and 4-H Leader's banquet. | Record Books – We can still have awards. We need to consider ways to evaluate candidates electronically. Michelle recommended that the general leaders determine which youth in their club should receive the leadership awards. Youth would be required to submit completed youth leadership forms and general leader would need to complete a nomination form for each candidate. Jan pointed out that project records should also be required for the project leadership awards and that the Youth Leadership record needs to be revised. | New Ideas – Debra discussed a 100-day positive deeds chart with stars and being a pen pal. | Agent Report – Currently working from home. Yearly charter meeting will be held via Zoom. Fall Forum will be online this year. We could do leader recognition online. Teen leaders are struggling due to COVID. Ideas for program modifications: Clubs might consider rolling over officers instead of holding elections. Almond Busy Bees is taking garden produce to the Senior Center. Clubs could sponsor programs like aerospace in a box, barn quilts in a box or community service in a box. Leaders were asked to sign off by saying something positive about themselves. Next meeting Date – October 19, 2020 | Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson,

Secretary



# Leader's Board Minutes



## Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - September 2020

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association meeting of 9-21-20, held at the Amherst Fairgrounds, was called to order by President, Debra Helbach at 6:40 pm. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken. PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Debra Helbach and Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers) Kathy Glodowski, Michelle Waltenberg (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Candice and Lynette Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Plat Book, Camp in a Bag, Pumpkin Carving Contest, State Dog Show, Space Camp Donation | MINUTES: In the 7-14-20 meeting minutes, the wording of the motion included under Record Book Sheets should read "to accept the new Food Preservation and revised Photography records allowing Pat and Lisa to make suggested revisions." Minutes were approved as corrected. | OFFICER REPORT: Treasurer's Report: Checking \$13,567.93 Savings \$3415.59 | Secretary's Report: None

OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 Update – State has a video that must be watched as part of requirement to have an outside meeting. Lynette recently held an outdoor face to face club meeting. Debra requested that a written copy of the recent guidelines be emailed to the general leaders. | Rosholt Fair – Kathy reported on the fair exhibits in the exhibit hall. Number of entries were down, but things ran smoothly. A backdrop for weddings has been added to the stage area, so the ceramics, clothing and Cloverbud exhibits had to be relocated in the area that has traditionally been used for club booths. Connie mentioned that club participation in booths has declined. A possible replacement for booths could be a club video. Animal exhibitors were allowed to take animals home after the shows. Connie shared information that dairy exhibitors have requested Jordan Rekowski be the dairy barn supervisor for the Rosholt Fair next year. | 2020-21 Club Charters & Financial Report – Financial reports were due September 1st. Remainder of charter paperwork is due October 15th. Need to work on Leader Association smart goals. | Other: Plat Books – BMO will be selling plat books again. Debra reported that she had been contacted by the Jensen Center about placing Plat Book ads in the Community Spirit again this fall. Motion and second to advertise plat books for hunting and holiday gifts. Motion passed. Jan will get ads placed. Connie reported that Rockford plans to do an updated Portage County Plat Book for 2021. They would like to know if the Leaders Association is interested in selling copies of printed books. Jan will find out more information about what our profit would be if we decided to do this. | Camp in a Bag - Expenses for Camp in a Bag came from Connie's budget. Registration was paid with checks made out to the Leaders Association. Connie needs to meet with treasurer to get checks deposited and be reimbursed.

NEW BUSINESS: Re-enrollment in 4-H Online – New program update to version 2.0. Hopeful that it will be completed by October 1st. | Nomination and Election of Board Members – Motion and second to keep same board members for next year. Motion passed. | 2020 Awards Program and Leader's Banquet – Motion and second to cancel the Awards Program and Leaders Banquet this fall. Motion passed. Still need to interview for Key Award and Youth Leadership Award. Can be done via Zoom. | Record Books – Jan distributed copies of the reformatted version of Michelle's youth leadership record book form. After a brief discussion, the form was approved. Jan requested that general leaders be allowed to determine their record book due date once they know the record book committee due date. The record book committee decided on a due date of October 30th. Entire record books do not need to be submitted this year. Motion and second to have general Leaders submit Awards Nomination forms for qualified youth to the 4-H office. This year, the number of awards presented will not be limited. All who qualify will receive the award. Motion passed. | 2020 4-H Award Nominations (Volunteer of the Year, Friend of 4-H, 4-H Alumni) – Jan recommended that Pete and Laina Zakrzewski receive the Friend of 4-H Award for allowing us to use their warehouse to sort and distribute our plants. Motion and second to suspend the special leader awards and leader years of service recognition for 2020. Motion passed. Leaders anniversary certificates can be mailed. Suggestion that we can still thank Laina and Pete by purchasing a gift certificate and sending them a thank you card. Motion and second to purchase a \$50 gift certificate for them. Motion passed. | Other: Pumpkin Carving Contest –Megan has agreed to virtually judge the contest. Details not worked out yet. Age categories for youth and an adult category. Connie requested financial assistance for prizes. Motion and second that Leaders Association pay cost of up to \$100 worth of \$5 gift cards. Motion passed. | 2022 State Dog Show – Per treasurer, the Association did not contribute financially to the last State Dog Show held in Portage County. Profit from show was over \$5000. Motion and second to approve that the State Dog Show in 2022 be held in Portage County at the Amherst Fairgrounds. Motion passed. | Personal Trip Donation – A member of the Plover Clovers received a donation check for 4-H Space Camp that was made out to the 4-H Leaders Association. Can check be deposited in the Leaders Association account and held over until Space Camp next year? Per Connie, all the 2021 trips have already been cancelled since reservations and down payments would already need to be completed this year. Check should be returned to donor or youth could ask donor if the money can be donated to the Plover Clovers or the Leaders Association. | Agent Report. Per Connie, she did not pass on the invoice for State 4-H membership dues to the treasurer. Paying these dues is voluntary and she feels we are struggling financially and do not need to pay them. She knows of other counties that do not pay these dues | Next meeting Date – November 16, 2020 | Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary





## What does 4-H stand for?

**Head, heart, hands, and health** represent the 4 H's. Each meeting begins with a recitation of pledges, including the **4-H Pledge**. While the 4-H pledge has a very direct meaning for our 4-H clubs and members, there are additional ways that adults can apply the pledge before, during, and after club meetings and events.

### I pledge

#### My head to clearer thinking

It's normal for youth to have questions or be unsure about things. Give your youth the information you can to help them plan, organize, make wise decisions, and problem solve. It will encourage your child to think critically and use this knowledge throughout life.



HEAD



HEART

#### My heart to greater loyalty

Success is awesome. Some failure is inevitable. Both help youth develop strong personal values and a positive self-concept. Encourage and support all youth, especially your own, to have empathy and concern for others. Show your child, by example, how to cooperate and communicate with those around them.

#### My hands to larger service

When you help your family's club, you model volunteerism, community service, and inclusiveness to your youth. If you don't have the time to be a volunteer, you can help in many equally important ways. If you do want to learn more about volunteering, contact the Extension Office!



HANDS



HEALTH

#### My health to better living

In addition to keeping youth physically healthy—body and mind—it is important we provide them the skills to make healthy decisions and to lead healthy lifestyles. You can help create safe spaces to support youth learning and character development.

**for my club, my community, my country, and my world.**

4-H does not happen without supportive adults serving as positive role models. Stay involved as a family/caregiver as best as you can; it makes the experience much richer for everyone. The more involved our 4-H members are, the more impactful they are upon the world around them.



# Exploring 4-H for New Families

Member Edition



I pledge

**My head** to clearer thinking,

**My heart** to greater loyalty,

**My hands** to larger service, and

**My health** to better living

for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

## The 4-H Pledge

4-H meetings start with pledges, including the 4-H Pledge. In each leaf of the clover below, write what each “H” might mean for you!

I would like to learn...



My hobbies...



We could help our community by...



Just for fun we could...



## What does the 4-H Pledge mean to you?

*Adapted from “Design Your Own Clover,” Dr. Darlene Z. Millard, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension, by Ben Hoppe, Brown County 4-H Program Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension.*

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Since Nelsonville Zippy Zees club members couldn't have their traditional Halloween party, were "boo'd" by their general leader.



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