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Letter from the President

Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and excited for the summer! It is wonderful to slowly be getting back to normal activities as the cases of Covid are going down and restrictions are being updated, allowing for more in person events and meetings. It is exciting to hear that both the Amherst and Rosholt fairs as well as the Wisconsin State Fair will be happening this summer. I know so many youth look forward to this special time of the year. Keep working hard on your 4-H projects and good luck at the fairs!

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Congratulations also goes out to the graduating senior 4-H members. What a year you all have had! Good luck in your post high school plans. You hold the key to your success and the skies the limit! As always, be sure to read through the Courier so you don't miss out on additional 4-H opportunities and see what other exciting activities your fellow clubs are up to.

Yours in 4-H,

Debra Helbach

President of the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JUNE

- 1 Amherst Fair Entry Forms Due
- 11 4-H Outdoor Adventure Day, Central WI Environmental Station (CWES)
- 16 Area Animal Science Day - Marathon County
- 17 Market Animal Committee Meeting , 7:00 pm
- 19 June Dairy Lunch Drive-Thru—Feltz Family Farms & Dairy Store, Stevens Point
- 21 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 22 Area Animal Science Day - Jefferson County
- 24 4-H Celebrates June Dairy Month with Alice in Dairyland, 7:00-8:00pm

JULY

- 5 UW-Extension Office Closed (Independence Day)
- 12 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, Amherst Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM
- 12 4-H Teen Leaders Meeting/Food Stand Cleanup, Amherst Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM
- 15-19 Portage County Amherst Fair
- 20 **Rosholt Fair Entries due in FairEntry (PLEASE NOTE: NEW DEADLINE THIS YEAR!)**

AUGUST

- 5-15 Wisconsin State Fair
- 16 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 29 Rosholt Fair Clean-Up Day — **NEED TWO PEOPLE FROM EACH CLUB**

SEPTEMBER

- 2-6 Rosholt Fair
- 2 Exhibits are brought to the Rosholt Fair
- 9 Rosholt Fair Carcass Contest
- 20 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM

Wisconsin 4-H Policy for Participation in Parades

The policy for participation in parades has been updated. The most notable change is that parade drivers of 4-H parade floats need to be an authorized driver of the University of Wisconsin –Madison. To read the full parade participation policy click [here](#). For the University of Wisconsin –Madison driver authorization request form please visit: <https://businessservices.wisc.edu/documents/volunteer-driver-form/>

COVID-19 Update—New Guidelines as of June 2nd

Effective June 2, all fully vaccinated Wisconsin 4-H staff, volunteers and participants are no longer required to wear masks during programs.

We ask that individuals who are not fully vaccinated, including youth under 12, continue to wear masks. Staff and volunteers will not enforce mask wearing or ask for proof of vaccination for those not wearing masks. Masks may still be worn if preferred and individual masking choices should not be interpreted as an indicator of vaccination status.

- **Outdoors:** Physical distancing is no longer required outdoors for vaccinated people. Individuals who are not vaccinated should maintain 6 feet of physical distancing and, if physical distancing is not possible, wear a face covering.
- **Indoors:** There are no group size limits on indoor gatherings as long as a minimum of 6 feet of physical distancing is able to be maintained, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Transportation:** Any individual who is not vaccinated should wear a face covering when driving or riding with others. Vehicle occupancy is recommended to be no more than 50 percent of capacity when travelling with an unvaccinated individual(s).
- **Read the updated FAQs** with changes effective June 2nd. You can find the FAQs at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

4-H Celebrates June Dairy Month with Alice in Dairyland

Come celebrate June Dairy Month with Alice in Dairyland! Julia Nunes, the 73rd Alice in Dairyland will be joining us to talk about her time as Alice in Dairyland, the Dairy industry in Wisconsin, and give a tour of her family's dairy farm in Chippewa Falls, WI. We hope you can join us! Please register using the link below for the Zoom connection information.

When: June 24th at 7:00pm

Where: Online via Zoom

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/AliceinDairyland>



Members of the Tomorrow River Voyagers club participated in road-side litter pick up for their Adopted-A-Highway.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make 4-H Outdoor Adventure Day a success! A special thank you to our camp counselors and chaperones!





Portage County 4-H Cheese Art Contest



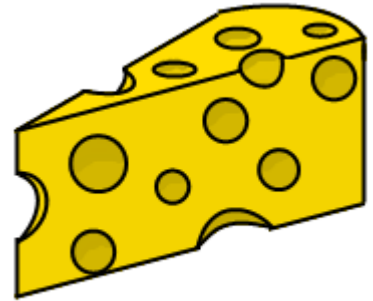
Set your mind at cheese, it's here the contest you have been waiting for...the June Dairy Month 4-H Cheese Art Contest! Gouda luck everyone!

Contest Rules:

- ⇒ Using Cheese and toothpicks design a structure: building, shape, tower of cheese, person, animal, etc.
- ⇒ Any type of cheese can be used except soft cheeses (cream cheese, spray cheese, spreadable cheese, etc.)
- ⇒ Only materials that can be used are to create the cheese art are cheese and toothpicks (toothpicks can be different colors).

Classes:

1. Tower of Cheese – creativity, stability, and yes height!
2. Cheesy people or animals
3. Anything else cheese



To enter the contest submit a picture of your cheese structure. Make sure you list what your cheese structure is, the division, class, and your 4-H club or the 4-H family you are a member of when you email your photo submission.

This contest is open to all Portage County 4-H members and Cloverbuds. Parents and immediate family members are eligible to be included in the family division.

Divisions:

Cloverbud:

Kindergarten - 2nd grade

Junior:

3rd - 5th grade

Intermediate:

6th - 8th grade

Senior:

9th grade or older

Family

**Entries are Due by midnight
Friday, June 25th!**

For Registration and Photo Submission details go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/cheeseartcontest>

Judging Results will be announced as soon as possible.

Awesome Prizes Will be Awarded!



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AMHERST FAIR



This Year's Theme: " 3rd Time is a Charm" "

The Amherst Fair will be here quickly. As we, the board, plan for the fair, we ask that club leaders, parents, and FFA and 4-H members plan also. Not only working with their animals, finishing projects, but also helping/volunteering at the fair. **We especially need help on Friday, July 16th, helping with judging and Saturday, July 17th. We will be having fair work nights on Monday, July 12th and Tuesday July 13th as well from 6:00-9:00PM and could use volunteers.**

Please contact Tim or Sue Pederson at 715-824-2620 to volunteer. Your help is GREATLY appreciated.

Amherst Fair Food Stand

The 4-H Teen Leaders recognize that it has been 2 years since they operated the Food Stand at Amherst. They could really use your continued support. This Food Stand supports teen and some family programing in Portage County. Once again they are asking each club to take a shift operating the Food Stand. They are some major changes this year:

- For each Club shift on Friday and Saturday up to 4 adults will be reimbursed the cost of a day pass (\$5) to get into the fair to work a shift.
- The Food Stand has moved. It is under the Grandstand next to the FFA Food Booth.
- The following items have been removed from the menu: nachos & nacho cheese, brownies, coffee, and sundaes.
 - Ice cream scoops (cone or dish) will be served in place of sundaes.
- Shredded cheese will be available to be added to the baked potatoes.
- M&M Cookie Ice Cream Sandwich has been added to the menu.
- Lid with Straws for Lemonade/Ice Tea/Arnold Palmer has been added to the menu.
- We are still asking clubs to bring an ice cream 'pail' of cut and washed veggies.

Please see the next page for the Amherst Fair Food Stand schedule.

Amherst Fair Food Stand Schedule

Each club is required to bring one ice cream pail of vegetables

FRIDAY, JULY 16 - Stand opens at 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

7:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Junction City Golden Stars
9:50 AM to 1:00 PM	Casimer Boosters
12:50 PM to 3:30 PM	Eager Eagles
3:20 PM to 5:30 PM	Rosholt Pioneers
5:20 PM to 8:00 PM	River Valley Riders
7:50 PM to 10:00 PM	Almond Busy Bees



SATURDAY, JULY 17 - Stand opens at 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM

8:00 AM to 10:30 AM	The Silver Knights & Howling Huskies
10:20 AM to 1:00 PM	Sunnyside Climbers
12:50 PM to 3:30 PM	Rosholt Pioneers
3:20 PM to 6:00 PM	Tomorrow River Voyagers
5:50 PM to 9:00 PM	Nelsonville Zippy Zees



SUNDAY, JULY 18 - Stand opens at 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Carson Climbers
11:30 AM to 2:00 PM	Tomorrow River Voyagers
2:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Plover Clovers
4:30 PM to Close	Teen Leaders (Cleanup and Close)

If your club absolutely cannot work as scheduled, it is **your club's responsibility** to contact another club to change with. Notify Connie Creighton at 715-346-1320 or 715-572-7942 during the fair if you are having problems with the schedule.



ROSHOLT FAIR 2021

SEPTEMBER 2-6, 2021

ROSHOLT FAIR ENTRIES



The Rosholt Fair will be using the same online system as last year: **FairEntry**. Instructions for setting up your account and adding entries are on the next page.

• **NEW THIS YEAR: All entries are due in the system by July 20th!**

- 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 need computer assistance, feel free to set up an appointment to use a computer and add entries at the Portage County Extension Office (715-346-1462).



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.



ROSHOLT FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Sunday, August 29 @ 1:00 PM - Rosholt Fair Clean-Up Day**

We need at least two volunteers from each 4-H Club to help!

- **Thursday, September 2 - Monday, September 6**

Volunteers are needed to help place exhibits on Thursday, to help with judging on Friday, and to help watch the Exhibit Building on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Please contact 715-346-1462 or lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu if you can lend a hand for any amount of time! Your help is deeply appreciated!

READ BEFORE YOU START!

ONLINE ENTRIES FOR BOTH AMHERST & ROSHOLT FAIRS!

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

AGAIN THIS YEAR: All entries are due in the system by July 20th!



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. Many exhibits have size requirements or special instructions, such as including a 3x5" card with information about the exhibit.

Please visit <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.



HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?

- Visit <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/> hover your mouse over “4-HYouth” and select “Rosholt Fair Entries” on the menu. Here you will find screenshot guides that will take you through adding entries click-by-click. There are also frequently asked questions available.
- Contact 715-346-1462 or lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu with any questions along the way!





PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS RESULTS



Levi Trzebiatowski of the Plover Clovers—Best of Show Poetry Reading Grade 5 and Under, Blue Ribbon Storytelling Grade 5 and Under, and Demonstration Contest Best of Show Grades 3-5



Brooklynn Trzebiatowski of the Plover Clovers—Best of Show Poetry Reading Grades 6-8, Blue Ribbon Prose Reading Grades 6-8, and Demonstration Contest Best of Show Grades 6-8



Katherine Schoenecker of the Eager Eagles—Best of Show Poetry Reading Grade 5 and Under



Matthew Schoenecker of the Eager Eagles—Cloverbud Ribbon for Prose Reading Cloverbud Division



Left: Elizabeth Schoenecker of the Eager Eagles—Blue Ribbon Poetry Reading Grades 6-8



Above : Samantha Carlson of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees—Best of Show Prose Reading Grade 9 and Up



Andrew Schoenecker of the Eager Eagles—Red Ribbon Poetry Reading Grade 5 and Under

Right: Matthew Carlson of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees—Red Ribbon Poetry Reading Grade 5 and Under

4-H Senior Spotlight

In this issue of the courier, it is our pleasure to spotlight our senior 4-H members. Every stepping stone in life deserves some special recognition and this is no exception. Each 4-H member creates their own journey. It is yours and yours alone. We hope you look back on your journey and smile and remember those experiences that helped you grow. Thank you for your dedication and leadership to you clubs and community. Your 4-H family is so proud of you all! Best of luck to our graduates! Always remember to be yourself, dream big and continue to work hard. May you continue to shine bright in your future endeavors!



Grace Beggs

8 year 4-H member of the River Valley Riders Club

Favorite /memorable 4-H memory: We are a horse club so my favorite part was Showing at State.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Be supportive of others, lead by example, and always be kind.

Post High School plans: UW River Falls, Pre-Vet & Business Management



Joshua Kolodziej

9 year 4-H member of the Casimer Boosters Club

Favorite 4-H projects/4-H accomplishments: Raising and showing my own poultry.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Do not be afraid to try new things.

Post High School plans: ROTC at UWSP with a major in Pre Med Biochemistry.



Cora Kertzman

8 year 4-H member of the Rosholt Pioneers Club

Favorite 4-H projects/4-H accomplishments: My favorite 4-H project is the Horse Project. I'm really proud of myself for accomplishing personal goals through my projects.

Favorite /memorable 4-H memory: My favorite 4-H memories are the times when all the fair kids are just sitting around in lawn chairs laughing and talking.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Get involved. Even if you're scared that none of your friends are doing the same projects and activities as you, I promise you'll make some great memories and meet lifelong friends.

Post High School plans: I will be attending the University of Arkansas to double major in Agricultural Business and Animal Science.



Faith Kildahl

13 year 4-H member | Current Club: Sunnyside Climbers

Favorite 4-H projects/4-H accomplishments: Arts and crafts project and becoming a 4-H ambassador .

Favorite /memorable 4-H memory: Hosting Tohko from Japan through 4-H international .

Advice for younger 4-H members: 4-H isn't just about doing projects. It's about being a part of a group and community that can make a difference. Be a part of that difference.

Post High School plans: A degree in early childhood development. My goal is to own and operate my own daycare.



Ellie Villnow

9 year 4-H member of the River Valley Rider Club

Favorite /memorable 4-H memory: My favorite memory is my very first horse show at my hometown fair, the Portage County Fair in Amherst. It was so fun to be there with my Haflinger, Brea, and to feel the excitement of the event! My girl, Brea, was amazing and helped me show all the fans that she is my best friend!

Advice for younger 4-H members: The club meetings are a great opportunity to network, learn and grow! Be sure to attend every meeting and get involved!

Post High School plans: I received a scholarship and plan to attend Lindenwood University in Missouri to study psychology and I will also be a student athlete on the Lindenwood Women's Rugby team.



Samantha Carlson

10 year 4-H member

Current Club: Nelsonville Zippy Zees Club

Favorite 4-H projects/4-H accomplishments:

My favorite project is the dog project.

Favorite /memorable 4-H memory: My best memory is winning the Grand Champion Rally, Reserve Champion Rally and Grand Champion Obedience all in the same year with the dogs I trained.



Advice for younger 4-H members: The advice I have for the younger kids is to explore as much as you can in 4-H then find the thing you love and give it your all.

Post High School plans: My Post High School plans are to pursue Veterinary Medicine.

Daniel Spoelstra

11 year 4-H member

Current Club: Tomorrow River Voyagers

Favorite 4-H projects/4-H accomplishments:

My favorite 4-H project is the sheep project.

Advice for younger 4-H members: If you think you are interested in doing a 4-H project, try it out. All of them are fun to the right people.

Post High School

plans: Attend UW-Oshkosh and majoring in Business Management.



Abigail Helbach

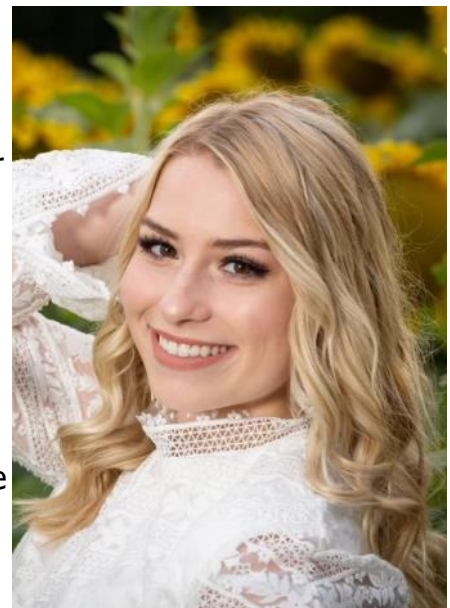
8 year 4-H member of the Tomorrow River Voyagers Club

Favorite 4-H projects/4-H accomplishments: My favorite project is the swine project.

Favorite /memorable 4-H memory: Two of my favorite memories are going to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia and the American Spirit Trip on the east coast.

Advice for younger 4-H members: My advice to younger 4-H members is to participate in everything you can before life starts to get busy. Go on trips, participate in contests, be a member of the Teen Leaders Association, show animals, take projects to the fair. Your 4-H career will help you greatly in the future!

Post High School plans: This August, I will be attending Oklahoma State University to double major in Animal Science and Agricultural Communications.



Hailey Olson

8 year 4-H member of the Rosholt Pioneers Club

Favorite /memorable 4-H memory: I've loved showing all sorts of animals including chickens, alpacas, rabbits and pigs! I was able to show pigs for the first time last year and I loved it!

Advice for younger 4-H members: Try to get involved in the animal projects, they all are super fun! Also, try to get involved in volunteer work in 4-H, it's great opportunity to learn how to be selfless.

Post High School plans: I am going to be doing summer staff at my camp, then I will do a gap year bible program. After all of that I am going to go to school for something the medical field.



Hailey Sawyer

2 year 4-H member of the Almond Busy Bees Club

Favorite 4-H projects/4-H accomplishments: My favorite 4-H project is the lamb project.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Don't be scared to ask older members for advice. If you want good results out of your project you need to work for it!

Post High School plans: Attending Mid-State Wisconsin rapids for cosmetology, graduating in December of 2021.



Anna Trzinski

9 year 4-H member of the Rosholt Pioneers Club

Favorite /memorable 4-H memory: Attending the Citizenship Washington Focus trip.

Post High School plans: Plans to attend UWSP to study Data Analytics with an interest in Sports Analytics. She will also minor in Mathematics for a Teacher Certification.



Pictured Above: Graduating members from the Tomorrow River Voyagers Club. From left to right are Daniel Spoelstra, Sarah Turner & Abigail Helbach.

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Board - February 2021

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association Board meeting of 2-15-21, held via Zoom, was called to order by President, Debra Helbach at 6:45 PM. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken. PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Debra Helbach (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Kathy Glodowski and Michelle Waltenberg (Nelsonville Zippy Zees) Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth

Development Agent

ADDITONS TO AGENDA – Fund Raising for Trail Rides

MINUTES: Approved as presented

OFFICER REPORT: Treasurer's Report: Checking \$8511.84 Savings \$3432.81 Mary Ellen Hardin donated \$100 to Leaders Association. Income from plat books was \$200. Expense for Awards program was \$310 for gift certificates and \$133 for items purchased from A&T Industries. Secretary's Report: Marilyn will send a thank you card to Ellen Hardin

OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 Update – No changes expected until status of COVID-19 is re-evaluated in April. There may be new program guidelines April 1st. Have not received any information about county fairs yet. | Awards & Ambassador Interviews – Virtual interviews worked well. Three youth, Clare L., Sierra W. and Skyler C. , applied to be Ambassadors. Harleigh C. and Annika W. were selected as Leader of Tomorrow recipients and Key Awards went to Maria K. Annika W. and Clare V. | Plat Books – Email from Susan Snyder stated that plat books would be shipped the first week in March. | Club Officer Training – Kailei M., Candace L., Cody and Jaclynn K. led a virtual officer training session. 24 youth registered for training. One adult was present in each group session. | New Adult Leader Training- Will be offering another training in March. | Winter Camp – Virtual camp (Hootenanny) was held last Friday night through late afternoon on Saturday. Over 40 youth enrolled. Four youth from Portage County participated in event. Virtual camp went well. Penny Tank led an escape room challenge. Connie led a session on SMART Goals. Youth participated in a Zoom interaction with a goat farm in England where youth had to pick the goat that they thought would be king of the hay stack. | Agri-Business Banquet – Banquet is cancelled. Will they still be awarding the scholarships and recognizing youth for the 4-H Leadership in Agriculture Award? Per Debra, scholarship applications are due Friday, February 26th. | Other - None

NEW BUSINESS: Speaking & Demonstration Contests– Virtual contests scheduled for Saturday, April 10th from 9 am to 12 noon. The speaking contest will be held first followed by the demonstration contest. Youth doing demonstrations will need video access. | Clothing Revue–Not scheduled yet | Plant Sale –Pricing has not changed. Still waiting for plant list. It may be necessary to add a new plant if one that was sold last year is not available. Motion by Marilyn, second by Michelle to allow Jan to make an independent decision if a plant substitution is required. Motion passed. Per Connie, we do not need prior approval to sell the plants. A COVID safety statement will be added to the plant sale letter. | Scholarships – Due date may be delayed until the next Courier is published. | Other- Fundraising for Trail Rides: Debra presented information about a possible fundraiser. She was contacted by Crystal about running a food stand during the Ride for Heroes scheduled for September 10th -12th. Event will be held at the Iola Car Show grounds. If interested, we will need to contact Crystal by the beginning of August. Not enough information was provided to make a decision at this meeting. | June Dairy Days Update – Per Kathy, the committee plans to have a drive-through dairy brunch. Possible menu could be grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, milk and ice cream. Educational displays would be available but visitors would not have access to cows and calves. Tentative date is Saturday June 19th from 10 am to 1 pm. Committee is looking for volunteers to help bag lunches. Location for event will require a long driveway. Location has not been decided yet but it will probably be at Feltz Dairy Farm. | Agent Report – Connie is working on a few more projects in a box. Sewing leaders are planning a beginner sewing workshop.

Next meeting Date – April 19, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Yours in 4-H

Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - March 2021

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association meeting of 3-15-21, held via Zoom, was called to order by President, Debra Helbach at 6:35 PM. 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), Candice Wolosek and Lynette Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Betty Pionek and Pat Mrozinski (Casimer Boosters), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Dr. Barb Kasprowicz and Jaime Sanford (Almond Busy Bees), Harleigh Carlson (Teen Leader), Lisa Henriksen, Support Staff and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent| ADDITONS TO AGENDA – Memorial Donation for Bernie Seaman MINUTES: Minutes were approved as presented.| OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Checking \$9750.34 Savings \$3471.19 Income: Plat Books \$360 Dues \$804 UPS Donation \$62.50 Secretary's Report: None

OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 Update – 4-H program guideline changes for April 1st through June 1st are: Number of people who can attend event has increased to 30% of room capacity with a maximum of 50 people for indoor events and 150 people for an outdoor program. Pod size has increased to 20 people. Maximum length of an indoor event has increased to 4 hours. Use of face coverings, no food or drinks inside, physical distancing and use of hand sanitizer and disinfectants are still in place. Plans for summer programming are being worked on. Clubs can meet in person if they follow the new guidelines. Paperwork must still be completed and approved. | Plat Books – Agreed to sign off on plat book proof. Lots of open spaces in plat book. Recommendation that we ask Rockford if 4-H promotional information can be used as a filler. Plat books will be printed and shipped next week. OK to go ahead with advertising. Discussion on adding Point/Plover Metro Wire to list of advertisers used. Cost is \$30 per month. Decision not to use them at this time. Will reconsider for deer hunting season. Discussion on how to distribute books. Debra volunteered to purchase 8 or 9 plastic stands from the Dollar Store to hold laminated copies of the plat book covers that would include pricing. | New Adult Leader Training – Wood County is offering a virtual training on March 23rd from 6 to 8 pm. Leaders interested in attending need to register with Wood County. | County Sponsored Contests – Prizes for the Build a Snowman Contest came from Shop 4-H. Peeps Diorama is planned for April. Connie is considering something involving pets, project animals or stuffed animals for a contest in May. | 4-H Youth Leadership in Agriculture Awards – Kailei M. was selected to receive the 4-H Youth Leadership in Agriculture Award. |

NEW BUSINESS: Speaking & Demonstration Contests – April 10th – No applicants yet for this virtual contest. Deadline for sign up is April 2nd. | Plant Sale – Plant prices and choice of plants remains the same. Pictures on brochure were changed to reflect the change in colors for the scaevola and calibrachia plants. Delivery date is May 15th. We are able to add on to the initial order up to the time of delivery. | Scholarships – Applications due March 15th. Received three applications so far. Number system will be used to score applications. Pat, Betty, Kathy and Candice will score applications and select scholarship recipients. | Summer Camps – Junior Camp will be a day camp at CWES. Portage County is working with Waupaca County for a two-day/one-night Intermediate Camp at Upham Woods. A \$2000 down payment is required. Would need to abide by COVID guidelines. Participants need to feel safe in the environment. Betty volunteered to help chaperone. | Amherst Fair Food Stand- UW Madison Extension Division will be sending out guideline for food stands. Lynette and Karen have agreed to help with food stand again this year. | June Dairy Day – Event will be held June 19th from 10 am to 1 pm. Location of event has not been determined yet. A drive through sack lunch with grilled ham and cheese sandwiches and ice cream will replace the usual pancake breakfast. Educational signs will be placed along the driveway. Dairy Days Committee will meet again at the end of March. | Ride for Heroes- No new information available at this time. | Goat Fair Book Revisions – Handouts were reviewed. Jaime and Harley were concerned that the purebred requirement for the dairy and meat goat classes could be restrictive. Addition of doe entry for goats under two years old in Class D was also discussed. Motion to approve goat changes as discussed. | Other: YQCA Training - (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Required for all beef, sheep and swine exhibitors. Training done online. Fee for training is \$12.00 | Memorial Donation for Bernie Seaman – Per Connie, discussion on state 4-H has guidelines about where charter organizations can spend funds. Motion to donate \$50.00 to the Honor Flight in memory of Bernie Seaman, former club leader of the Almond Busy Bees 4-H Club and member of the Market Animal Committee. A card with the donation will be sent by Marilyn. | Agent Report – 4-H Tech Change Maker is a statewide program where youth teach adults how to be more tech savvy. It would be a great opportunity for 4-H youth to build life skills. Looking for youth volunteers. Connie will work with clubs to identify potential youth participants.

Next Meeting Date – May 17, 2021 | Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

Casimer Boosters Club Report - April 2021

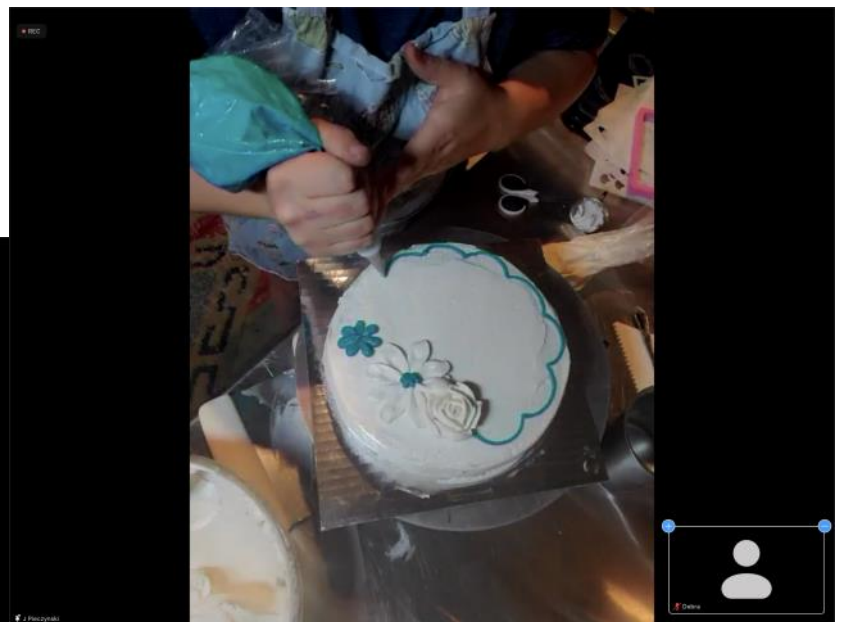
4-H Club Reports

The meeting was called to order on April 12, 2021 at 6:03pm. Pledges were said and roll call was taken. We welcomed Jillian and Chelsea into our club. Old Business: Our club sold 129 plants for a total of \$2,471.50. Project sign up due date was April 1, 2021. Leo got first place in the snowman making contest. New Business: Juniper talked about the Rock workshop that is on zoom that will continue on Sunday April 18, 2021. We talked about the Wisconsin 4-H service learning shop. It is a Wisconsin state project where you can make mats for the homeless. There will be a pet look a like contest for all members. All you have to do is send a picture of you and your pet. Deadline is April 30, 2021. We also talked about the Raptor Education with Tomorrow River Voyagers. We decided on looking for different opportunities. We are going to look into getting permission for Highway cleanup for early May. Our area is from North Second Street to Maple Drive. Juniper is planning on presenting to the club in May. We sang Happy birthday to Mrs. Gwidt. We talked about having an outside meeting in May. We also discussed the opportunity for 9th graders and above to be camp counselor. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm. The Gwidts then presented their video about how they feed their chickens and gave a tour around their coops. Sydney K. Club Secretary

Casimer Boosters Club Report - May 2021

The meeting was called to order on May 10, 2021 at 6:05pm. Pledges were said and roll call was taken. Old Business: Juniper and Glen talked about what they made at the rock workshop. We are starting to collect plastic bags for the Wisconsin 4H Service Learning shop where you can help make plarn mats for the homeless. The pet look-a-like contest was due April 30, 2021. The speaking and demonstration contest was on April 30, 2021. We had some of our members go to the highway cleanup on May, 8, 2021. They went from North Second to Dewey on Highway X and we are planning on finishing Dewey to Maple in the late summer and early fall. We will try to be in-person from now on going forward. New Business: The plant sale pickup will be on May, 15, 2021. The Amherst fair entry sign up is due June 1, 2021. The Rosholt fair market sale sign up is also due on June 1, 2021. We are planning on finishing Juniper's plarn presentation in June and were thinking about making homemade ice cream. The new elections will take place in October. Chelsea's grandma made our club members 4H pillow cases and we wrote her a Thank you card. The 4H rabbit essay contest is due May, 15, 2021. We also sent a card to Betty Pionek because her ex-husband passed away. We sang Happy Birthday to Felicia and Zach. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm. Juniper then presented how to make the plarn and will continue her presentation in June.

A virtual cake decorating workshop was held on May 25th. Thank you to Jessica Pieczynski for being our demonstrator! A recording of the workshop is available to be viewed. If you are interested please contact the Extension Office.





Learn the Language

4-H uses terms that may be unfamiliar or used differently than what you've experienced in other places. Some of those words are explained here, but there may be some more terms you hear that aren't listed. Don't be afraid to ask your club leader if you're not sure what something means. The number next to each **bolded** word corresponds to the answer in the crossword puzzle on the opposite page.

4-H words you might hear in your **Club**

A 4-H **club**¹¹ is made up of youth **members**³ and caring adult volunteers who meet regularly. Clubs typically conduct business, serve the community, and have fun! Clubs can also be school-based, afterschool or have a project area focus. A **Cloverbud**¹¹ is a 4-H member in grades K-2. All clubs have at least one adult club **leader**¹⁰ who works with youth leaders to guide the group. 4-H clubs often do **community service**² projects to make a difference in their community. Some clubs also have their members track project progress throughout the year (and their 4-H career) through a **record book**¹. Clubs may also encourage members to give a **demonstration**⁶, where they teach a project-based skill to other members.



Credit: Ben Hoppe

4-H words you might hear across your **County**

County 4-H programs offer opportunities for youth such as project days, camps, and more. For many 4-H members, one of the highlights of the year is showcasing their hard work at a local **fair**¹⁷. At the fair, members enter their project as an **exhibit**⁸. Many counties also have a **Leaders Organization**¹⁶ made up of adult volunteers and youth leaders. This group provides education, raises funds, and promotes 4-H throughout the county. The organization is usually known as a Leaders Federation, Leaders Association, or Leaders Council.

4-H words you might hear across **Wisconsin**

In 1914, the Smith-Lever Act established a partnership between the USDA and land-grant institutions. In 1890, it expanded to include historically black colleges and universities, and in 1994 added tribal colleges. This partnership is known as Cooperative **Extension**⁷. In Wisconsin, Extension is a division of UW-Madison and is home to the Wisconsin 4-H program. UW-Madison employs a county **4-H educator**⁴ who leads and coordinates the county's 4-H program. Wisconsin 4-H uses the web platform, **4-H Online**,⁹ to keep in touch with 4-H members. On this website, members can also enroll in an **educational experience**,¹⁹ which is an educational travel opportunity organized by the state 4-H office.

4-H words you might hear across the **country**

The 4 H's are **Head**⁵, **Heart**¹⁴, **Hands**¹⁵, and **Health**¹⁸. These are all part of the 4-H **Pledge**,¹² which is usually recited at the beginning of meetings. The 4-H **Motto**¹³, adopted nationally, is "To Make the Best Better."



Credit: Alyssa Zirbel



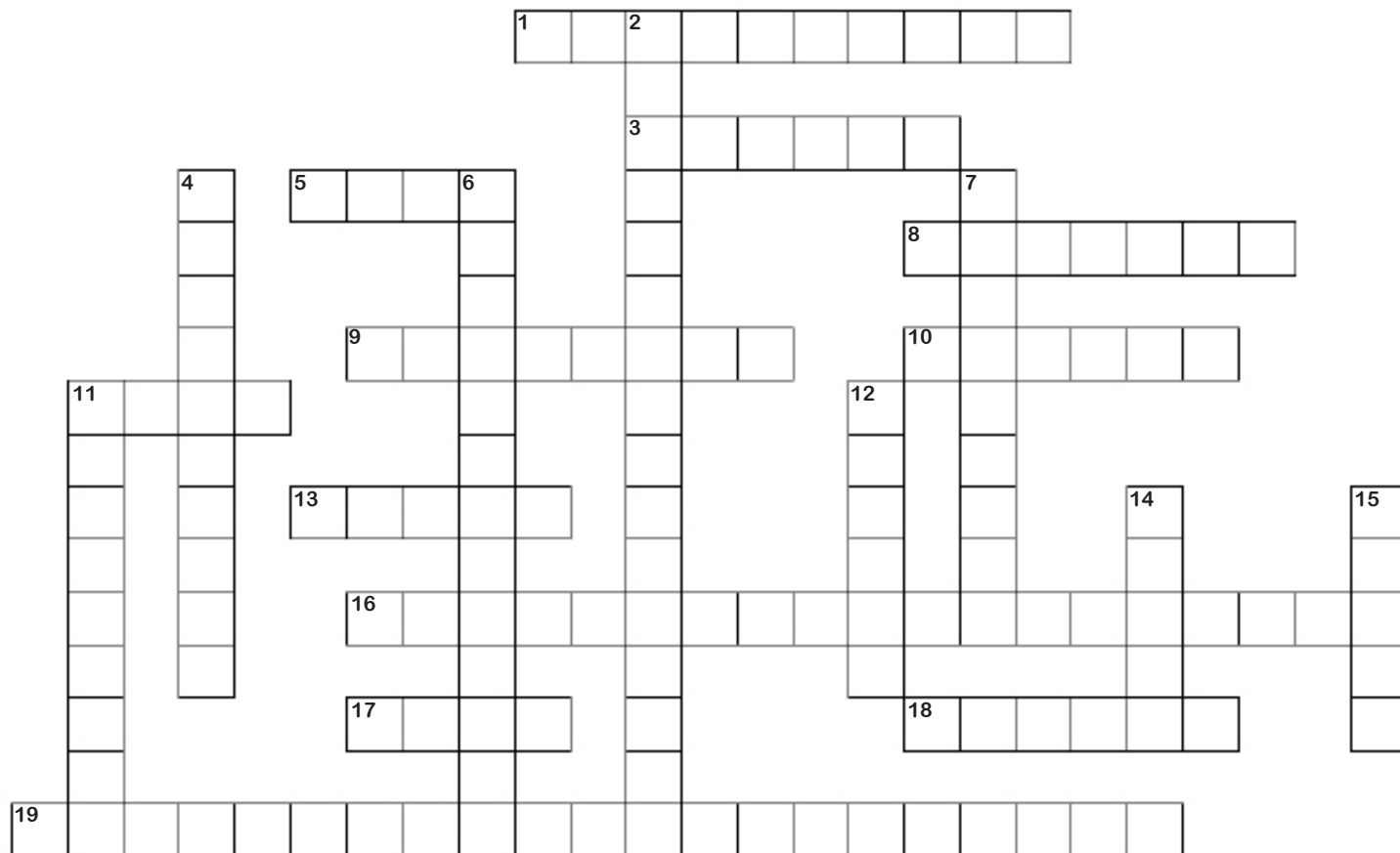
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Common Word Crossword

4-H has a lot of words that might not get used in other places. See if you can fill in the word that matches each definition!



ACROSS

1. Where you keep track of all your 4-H project work in a year (2 words)
3. Any young person signed up for 4-H
5. I pledge my _____ to clearer thinking
8. Item you enter into the fair for judging
9. Website where adults sign youth up for 4-H (2 words)
10. Adult volunteer who helps youth in 4-H
11. Group of 4-H members who meet regularly to conduct business, learn about projects, do community service, and have fun
13. The 4-H _____: To Make the Best Better
16. Leadership group made of volunteers and youth leaders from around the county (2 words)
17. Event where 4-H youth may exhibit their projects
18. I pledge my _____ to better living
19. Travel opportunity that explores other places with Wisconsin 4-H members (2 words)

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2. Project or event done by 4-H members to help make the community a better place (2 words)
4. Person who leads and coordinates the county-level program
6. Presentation by a 4-H member where they teach a project-based skill to other club members
7. System that is home to the 4-H program, established by the Smith-Lever Act (2 words)
11. 4-H member in grades K-2
12. Commitment or promise; most clubs recite this to start each meeting
14. I pledge my _____ to greater loyalty
15. I pledge my _____ to larger service

Stuck on a clue? That's ok! You can find the answers on the opposite page!

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THANK YOU!



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