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Letter from the President

Hello leaders, parents and 4-H'ers,

I am amazed at how fast each year seems to fly by. The fair season is coming to a close, school will be starting and it will soon be time to re enroll for the new 4-H year. With the start of a new 4-H year it's a great time to set individual and club goals that will help to continue to make our county 4-H program even stronger. I would like to encourage our youth to take active leadership roles. Could you help mentor a family new to 4-H or hold an officer position within your club, or perhaps join the county Teen Leaders Association? I also highly recommend parents get involved in attending the club meetings as well as the county leaders board meetings. Whether you are a youth or parent there are so many rewards to being involved. Sometimes the best things happen by stepping out of our comfort zones.

Thank you to all those who work so hard to make our clubs and county 4-H program the best that it can be. Wishing you all a great year at school and in 4-H!

Sincerely,
Debra Helbach
Portage County 4-H Leaders Association
President

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National 4-H Week

October 3-9, 2021

The 4-H leaders would like to encourage every member, family, and club to get involved promoting your 4-H program. One way to promote the 4-H program is to set up a 4-H display in business areas and public places such as a library or school. Each club that sets up a 4-H promotion display for up to a week - or more than two hours - **anytime during the year**, will receive \$20.00 from the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association (limit one per club per year). Each club must submit a photo of their display with the following information:

- When and where the display was set up?
- How long the display was set up?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

AUGUST

29 Rosholt Fair Clean-Up Day, Rosholt Fairgrounds, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

1 4-H Re-Enrollment Period Begins in 4-H Online
 2 Bring Exhibits and Set Up Booths at Rosholt Fair, 1:00 - 8:00 PM
 2 Rosholt Fair Cloverbud Judging, 6:00 - 8:30 PM
 3 Rosholt Fair Begins
 3 Judging of Exhibits in Youth Exhibit Building starting at 9:00 AM
 4 Beef, Rabbit, Swine, and Sheep Judging
 4 Market Animal Sale, Pinkerton Building, 7:00 PM
 5 Horse, Cat & Small Animal, Dairy Goat, Dairy, Alpaca , and Poultry Judging
 6 Animals released at 8:00 AM
 6 Dog Show, Camp Bandy, 8:00 AM
 6 Exhibits released at 4:00 PM (must be removed by 6:00 PM)
 9 Carcass Contest
 16 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
 20 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, Online via Zoom, 6:30PM
 TBD 4-H Teen Leaders Association Meeting



OCTOBER

3-9 National 4-H Week
 18 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, Online via Zoom, 6:30 PM
 21 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM



NOVEMBER

6 4-H Fall Forum, Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI
 14 4-H Awards & 4-H Leader's Appreciation Program Jensen Center, Amherst, 1:00 PM
 15 4-H Re-Enrollments Due in 4-H Online (<http://wi.4honline.com>)
 15 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, Online via Zoom, 6:30 PM
 18 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
 TBD 4-H Teen Leaders Association Meeting
 25 Extension Office Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)
 26 Extension Office Closed (Day After Thanksgiving Holiday)



Announcements

COVID-19 Update

As we learn more about the more infectious Delta variant of COVID-19, we continue to refine our program safety guidance in alignment with updated recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

- For all Extension programs, we ask that individuals who are not fully vaccinated, including all youth under 12, wear a proper-fitting mask indoors.
- In counties where there is substantial or high transmission, it is strongly recommended that all individuals (regardless of vaccination status) wear a mask when indoors.
- In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors.
- All individuals are encouraged to wear a mask in any program setting, indoor or outdoor, if they are more comfortable doing so.
- While there is no limit on size of indoor or outdoor gatherings, maintaining 6 feet of physical distance from individuals outside your immediate household is highly recommended as a way to further reduce transmission risk. Proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette are also important measures to keep individuals and our communities healthy.
- You can find the FAQs at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

The 4-H Leaders Board Needs You!

We are looking for additional 4-H leaders to serve on the 2021-2022 4-H Leaders Board! If you are interested, please contact current president, Debra Helbach at 715-824-5565. Elections will take place at the September 20th 4-H Leaders Meeting. All 4-H leaders are invited to attend.

4-H Fall Forum

WHEN: November 6, 2021

WHERE: Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake

COST: Minimal (sponsored by the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association)

2021 Fall Forum will be held as a one day in person event at the Green Lake Conference Center.

This year's event will include:

- A keynote address
- Two opportunities to participate in dozens of youth and adult led workshops.
- Introductions to Wisconsin Leadership Council Candidates AND Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Laureates
- Updates from the Wisconsin Leadership Council and the Wisconsin 4-H Program Manager. And so much more!

Celebrate Wisconsin and learn how to represent your county as a leader!

Teens grade 7-13 are encouraged to participate! Adults and youth interested in attending should contact Connie Creighton at 715-346-1320 or connie.creighton@wisc.edu.



mark your calendars!

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Fall Forum

green lake
conference center

Rosholt Fair Judging Schedule

Thursday — September 2nd

1:00 – 8:00 p.m. Non-animal exhibits (including Booths) brought to the Exhibit Building.
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Cloverbud Judging in the Youth Building.

Friday — September 3rd

9:00 a.m. Judging of exhibits in the Youth Building.
2:00 – 9:00 p.m. Animal exhibits may be brought to the fair.
6:30 p.m. Cake Auction – Stage Area
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Market animals will be weighed.

Saturday — September 4th

8:30 a.m. Beef Judging - Pinkerton Building
8:30 a.m. Rabbit Judging - Small Animal Building
10:30 a.m. Swine Judging - Pinkerton Building
12:30 p.m. Sheep Judging - Pinkerton Building
7:00 p.m. Market Animal Sale - Pinkerton Building

NOTE: Horses, cats, dogs, gerbils, hamsters, cavies, cage birds, fish, and other live small pets are brought to the fair the day of judging and taken home when the judging is completed.

Sunday — September 5th

8:00 a.m. Horse Judging - Horse Arena
8:30 a.m. Poultry Judging - Small Animal Building
9:00 a.m. Cats and Small Animals (Pets) Judging - Youth Building
10:00 a.m. Dairy Goat Judging - Pinkerton Building
10:30 a.m. Dairy Judging - Pinkerton Building
2:30 p.m. Alpaca Judging - Pinkerton Building

Monday — September 6th

8:00 AM Dog Show - Camp Bandy
8:00 a.m. Animal Exhibits released
4:00 p.m. Exhibits in Exhibit Building released.
Exhibits must be removed by 6:00 p.m.

Thursday — September 9th

7:00 p.m. Carcass Contest

4-H CLUB BOOTH SET-UP

If your club plans to have a booth at the Rosholt Fair, please notify the Extension office to reserve your spot. Also mention if your booth needs to be near an electrical outlet. **Make sure you get an early start on putting your booths together. You need to be finished and out of the building by 9:00 PM on Thursday, September 2nd .**

We are still in need of volunteers for the Rosholt Fair!

We are in need of volunteers for Thursday evening entry set up/check in, helpers for fair judges on Friday, and Youth Exhibit Building monitors for Friday—Monday. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lisa Henriksen at 715-346-1462 or lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu.

FAIR SETUP DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 | 1:00- 4:00PM

TWO (2) PEOPLE FROM EACH CLUB ARE NEEDED

Help is needed to move things around, clean up the Youth Exhibit Building, organize display racks, and cover display areas with paper.

PLEASE BRING MOPS, BROOMS, BUCKETS, RAGS, STAPLE GUNS, and DRILLS if you can!

Drinks and cookies will be provided for volunteers!

Fair Exhibitor Information

Fair Exhibitor Information

Exhibits must be set up on Thursday, September 2nd between 1:00 and 8:00 PM. **All buildings close at 9:00 PM on Thursday. No exhibit will be accepted as an entry after 8:00 PM.**

Exhibits require an attached entry tag. There is an exhibitor number and barcode on the top and bottom of the entry tag. Information on judging can be found on pages 3-6 of the Fair Book.

Exhibitors will receive their completed entry tags from their club's general leader. Please review them carefully to make sure they are correct. **If there is an error or missing tag, call the Extension Office (715-346-1320) as soon as possible. However, changes and/or additions from your original online submission are not permitted.**

Entry Tag Details

All the information is printed on a card by computer. Tear off the bottom claim check portion and keep it to pick up your exhibit on Monday. On the middle crease, fold the tag and slip it under the tab so that the exhibitor's name does not show. The barcodes will be used to enter your results digitally using scanners.

Entry #

Class / Lot:

01-J Dairy: Dairy Showmanship / 001: Senior (Gr 9 & Up)

Entry Description:

4-H Age Division:

Grade: 12

4-H Age:



BLU RED WHT PNK

Jones, Eric

County:

Club: Four Leaf Clovers



Entry #206

BLU RED WHT PNK

EXHIBIT RELEASE—Monday, September 6

⇒ **Animal Exhibits are released at 8:00 a.m.**

⇒ Exhibits in the Exhibit Building are released at 4:00 p.m. and must be removed by 6:00 p.m. If you cannot pick them up, make arrangements for someone else to pick them up for you.

Exhibits not picked up by 6:00 p.m. will be taken to the Extension Office and held until October 4.

Exhibits not picked up by October 4 will be disposed of. Large or Heavy Exhibits might need to be left at the fair depending on transportation.

Preparing for 4-H Fair/Show Exhibits

Youth Responsibilities

4-H members need to establish a timeline to work on their 4-H projects. They should set realistic goals on what they want to accomplish and set realistic completion dates. **Be sure to read the rules and regulations outlined in the fair book.** Pay close attention to deadlines and specific requirements for each project. It may be helpful to highlight the wording in the fair book for each project in which members are enrolled.

Parent Responsibilities

Parents are encouraged to help 4-H members obtain the materials and resources needed to complete 4-H projects. Adults may answer questions, demonstrate skills, and offer guidance on project work but should not do the work themselves! Parents need to be familiar with the exhibit guidelines and judging schedules so they can help members be ready and on time for the various judging events. Adults can offer encouragement as young people prepare for judging and can provide support and reflection as youth complete the judging experience.

4-H exhibits at a fair or show are designed to showcase the work of young people to others in the community. It provides young people with the opportunity to demonstrate skills and knowledge as well as to gain ideas for improvement. 4-H members are encouraged to try something more challenging each year and to practice good sportsmanship. Exhibiting is designed to be an enjoyable educational experience, not just a contest.

What is Danish Judging?

The Danish system of judging provides more exhibitors a chance to receive a ribbon for their entries. Instead of placing only the best four exhibits and giving them a blue, red, white, or pink ribbon (like in Open Class) all entries are placed.

All entries receive a premium and ribbon.

The number of blue, red, white and pink ribbons a judge hands out in any color group depends on the number of entries in the class. For example, if there are 8 entries in a Lot, up to 2 can receive a blue rating, up to 4 red ratings, up to 6 white ratings and up to 8 pink ratings.

Whose Exhibit Is It...Really?

Fair exhibits are to be made by the youth exhibiting them. The project should be the result of learning in the project throughout the year. The youth—and what they have learned—are far more important than the items they make or grow.

Parents, please do project work with your child, not for your child! Your child needs your interest, enthusiasm, advice, and help, but with that support they need to do the project themselves.

Please remember, **youth do not gain if they:**

- ♦ Purchase an item and show it as though it is a project they have made.
- ♦ Show a project made by another family member.
- ♦ Bring plants they did not grow, vegetables they did not plant or weed, animals they did not care for, etc.
- ♦ Exhibit a project they have shown in a previous year.

Parents—please allow your child to make and exhibit their own work, even if it does not meet your standards of quality or excellence.

Read the Fair Book Carefully!

Don't let your hard work go to waste! Read each department and class description for any instructions. **The description of your lot on your FairEntry tag does not contain all the information you need to show.** The judges will be looking to make sure the fair book rules and requirements were observed!

ATTENTION – Rosholt Fair Cake Decorating Exhibitors

The Cake Auction at the Rosholt Fair will be Friday night, **September 3rd at 6:30 pm.** Cakes may be brought in from 1:00 – 8:00 pm on Thursday.

All cake auction exhibitors are encouraged to be present at the cake auction. If you are unable to be present because of time conflicts with your animal exhibits, etc., it is permissible to have someone else stand in for you as a substitute with the agreement that they turn the money over to you. You need to indicate that you will have a stand in on the form you fill out on Thursday.

If you have any questions please call Kathy Glodowski at 715-677-3840.

What is the Judge Looking For?

While it is not possible to anticipate all of the things a particular judge will be looking for in a fair exhibit, it is possible to learn about the standards of excellence for each project and also for common types of county fair exhibits.

To find out the standards for your projects, carefully read your project literature, talk to your leader, participate in workshops and contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

SCRAPIE REMINDER

To exhibit your sheep and goats at the fairs, you must follow our animal health rules. **Sheep & Goats originating from within Wisconsin:** All sheep and goats of any age must be identified with official scrapie ear tags or other official scrapie identification. Sheep & goats exposed to scrapie will not be allowed. **Sheep & Goats originating from outside Wisconsin:** Must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. All sheep & goats must be identified with official scrapie ear tags or other official scrapie identification. **To obtain official scrapie ear tags and applicator, call the USDA Veterinary Services Office toll-free at 866-873-2824.**



4-H LEADERS APPRECIATION

Thank you to our 4-H Leader's for your years of service to our 4-H program!

This year, 4-H Leader's will be recognized for their years of service along with the youth at the 4-H Awards program being held on November 14th at 1:00PM at the Jensen Center in Amherst.

We would like to recognize the following leaders for their years of service:

One Year of Service

- **Matthew Mlodik** (County-Wide)

Thirty Years of Service

- **Lissa Danforth** (Almond Busy Bees)

Five Years of Service

- **Wendy Carlson** (Nelsonville Zippy Zees)
- **Jessica Heckel** (Casimer Boosters)
- **Sharon Klug** (Nelsonville Zippy Zees)

Thirty-Five Years of Service

- **Betty Pionek** (Casimer Boosters)
- **Louise Skornia** (County-Wide)

Ten Years of Service

- **Karen Trzebiatowski** (Plover Clovers)

Forty Years of Service

- **Janice Miller** (Rosholt Pioneers)

Fifteen Years of Service

- **Jennifer Konkol** (Nelsonville Zippy Zees)
- **Sherry Wanta** (Rosholt Pioneers)

Fifty Years of Service

- **Patricia Mrozinski** (Casimer Boosters)

4-H ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

The re-enrollment period for 4-H will be **September 1 - November 15.**

- During this time, families will need to log in to their 4-H Online accounts at <http://wi.4honline.com> .
- Please use the family enrollment guide at [https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/files/2020/09/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide .pdf](https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/files/2020/09/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide.pdf) for help during the enrollment process.
- For common 4-H enrollment questions please visit the "Join 4-H" tab of the Portage County Extension at <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/join-4-h/>
- **Lost password? Technical problems?** Call 715-346-1462 or e-mail lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu!

Watch your e-mail for reminders about re-enrollment!





RECORD BOOKS



Contact your GENERAL LEADER for the deadline to turn in your record book!
Record books will be judged for the AWARDS PROGRAM which will be held
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, at the Jensen Center, Amherst, 1:00 to 2:00 P.M.

Why Do A Record Book?

4-H Record Books will help you keep track of the achievements and activities that you participate in throughout your 4-H career. The information on the project record sheets may be used to fill out applications for awards, trips, scholarships, and resumes. The information will help you put into writing your accomplishments, recording your growth and development in 4-H.

The following items may be included in the Record Book IN THIS ORDER:

1. **Front & Back Cover** - filled out and up to date.
2. **Portage County 4-H Member Permanent Record Sheets** - Completed each September 15 through September 14 of the current 4-H year.
3. **Cover Sheet (optional)** - Picture of youth (optional but nice), name, age, club, or whatever the youth wants to include about themselves. Should be placed after the Portage County 4-H Member Permanent Record Sheets.
4. **Table of Contents (optional)** - Can be simple with just projects and year listed across from project – page numbers are not needed.
5. **4-H Activity Sheet** - September 15 through September 14 of the current 4-H year.
6. **Activity Pictures* & Newspaper Clippings** - Place following activity sheet. One picture per activity recommended (not more than 2 per activity). Newspaper clippings should pertain to activity.
7. **Youth Leadership Project Sheet** - Suggested one picture or sketching per article or item. Place form right after Activity Sheets and Pictures. ***When applying for a SPECIAL COUNTY AWARD, member must be enrolled in the 4-H Youth Leadership Project, but does not need to be a Youth Leader in the project for which they are applying for an award.***
8. **Project Sheets** – Member must have at least one project sheet for each project they are enrolled in. Some project sheets have room for two projects, one on the front and one on the back, like the PR-Home Form (ex., put pillow made on front page and drawing on back page).
Project Sheets can be found online at: <http://portage.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/>
9. **Project Pictures & Newspaper Clippings** - Place following project sheet. One picture per project recommended (not more than 2 per project). Newspaper clippings should pertain to project.
10. **Market Animal Sheet** - Can be a supplement to project sheet - not in place of sheet.
11. **No loose papers.**
12. **Record Books may be either typed or handwritten**, but must be your own work.

***Pictures:** Pictures are great if built into a little story to help explain your project work. However, too many pictures make a photo album, not a Record Book (one picture recommended - not more than two). Use pictures only about you and your project.

If you are the Club Secretary, what does your Secretary's book need?

The following forms in the Club Secretary Book must be completed: Attendance Record Sheet, Officer Summary Sheet, Club Calendar, monthly Minutes (in order), and Club Evaluation Form. Financial Sheet is optional.

What Is NOT Needed In Record Book:

1. **No** ribbons, letters, certificates, program booklets, score sheets, etc. . . are to be put in your Record Book. These items belong in a scrapbook for your memories!
2. Last year's records are **not needed** and **will not** be considered. They may be left in the record book or taken out at the discretion of the youth.
3. Newspaper clippings **not** related to project/activity.
4. Do **not** include any other project books or literature in the Record Book.
5. Do **not** include Exploring Posters.

**Save
the
Date**



2021 AWARDS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

at 1:00 P.M.

JENSEN CENTER, AMHERST

Amherst Fair Best-of-Show

DAIRY

GRAND CHAMPION : Gracelyn Breitenstein, Almond/Bancroft FFA
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Dambraski Family Farm, LLC*
RESERVE CHAMPION : Faith Sopa, Amherst FFA
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Ski-Glo Farms*
GRAND JUNIOR : Gracelyn Breitenstein, Almond/Bancroft FFA
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Wolosek Family Enterprises*
RESERVE JUNIOR : Kelsie Davis, Rosholt Pioneer
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Portage County Holstein Breeders Association*
BEST UDDER COW : Gracelyn Breitenstein, Almond/Bancroft FFA
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Rosholt FFA Alumni*
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Gracelyn Breitenstein, Almond/Bancroft FFA
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Front Page Dairy Holsteins*
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Kelsie Davis, Rosholt Pioneer
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Ardency Farms*
BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Grace Heus, Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Bart Sopa Family*
CLEAN BARN AWARD : Almond Busy Bees

BEEF

GRAND MARKET : Andrew Helbach, Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Circle P Cattle Co., Gregory Pratt*
RESERVE MARKET : Adison Glodowski, Rosholt Pioneer
TROPHY SPONSOR : *New Hopestead Farm*
GRAND FEMALE BEEF : Candace Lein Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Krutza Lime Spreading, LLC*
RESERVE FEMALE BEEF : Candice Lein, Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Jeff & Suzi Kaminski Family*
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Adison Glodowski, Rosholt Pioneer
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Dambraski Family Farms, LLC*
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Jacob Ross, Rosholt Pioneers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Happy Trails Auction & Sales*
BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Andrew Helbach, Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Roy & Lissa Danforth*
CLEAN BARN AWARD : Almond Busy Bees

SWINE

GRAND MARKET : Alyse Gruna, Rosholt Pioneer
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Niemuth's Steak & Chop Shop, Waupaca*
RESERVE MARKET : Andrew Helbach, Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Warzynski Sand Box Farms*
GRAND CARCASS : Alyse Gruna, Rosholt Pioneer
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Happy Trails Auction & Sales*
RESERVE CARCASS : Candace Lein, Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Zielinski Family Farm*
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Abigail Helbach, Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Allen Peterson Family*
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Josie Lashua, Rosholt Pioneers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *The Potato Plant, LLC, Amherst*
BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Andrew Helbach, Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Bill and Carol Romundson*
CLEAN BARN AWARD : Tomorrow River Voyagers

SHEEP

GRAND MARKET LAMB : Daniel Spoelstra, Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Kenneth Glodowski Busing, LLC*
RESERVE MARKET LAMB : Daniel Spoelstra, Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Heartland Farms*
GRAND MEAT BREED : Emma Reinke, Oasis Prairie Ramblers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Gary & Linda Onan*
RESERVE MEAT BREED : Emma Reinke, Oasis Prairie Ramblers.
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H Club*
GRAND WOOL BREED : Emma Reinke, Oasis Prairie Ramblers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Ardency Farm*
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Harleigh Carlson, Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Tomorrow Valley Comm. and Amherst Telephone Co.*
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Emma Reinke, Oasis Prairie Ramblers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Peplinski Roofing, Amherst*
BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Andrew Helbach, Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Stevens Point FFA Alumni*
CLEAN BARN AWARD : Tomorrow River Voyagers

GOAT

GRAND CHAMPION : Emily Isherwood, Plover Clover
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Wisconsin Silo, Inc.*
RESERVE CHAMPION : Grace Isherwood, Plover Clover
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Helbach Farms*
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Emily Isherwood, Plover Clover
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Precision Cellular & Sound*
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Grace Isherwood, Plover Clover
TROPHY SPONSOR : *International Bank of Amherst*
CLEAN BARN AWARD : Tomorrow River Voyagers
CLEAN BARN AWARD : Almond Busy Bees

HORSE

GRAND CHAMPION : Oakley Franson, Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Amherst Boots & Saddles Club, LLC*
RESERVE CHAMPION : Kaitlin Schimke, River Valley Riders
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Scott Peterson Family*
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Kaitlin Schimke, River Valley Riders
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Miller Angus*
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Kaitlin Cisewski, Carson Climbers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Kubisiak Cattle Kingdom*
BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Phoebe Konopacky, River Valley Riders
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Wierzbza Quarter Horses*

POULTRY

GRAND CHAMPION : Zach Kolodziej, Casimir Boosters
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Dave & Melinda Trzebiatowski*
RESERVE CHAMPION : Lucy Gwidt, Casimir Boosters
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Bob's Heating & Plumbing*
GRAND CHAMP TURKEY : Wyatt Beaudion, Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Falcon One Stop*

Amherst Fair Best-of-Show

POULTRY CONTINUED

RESERVE CHAMP TURKEY : Daniel Spoelstra, Tomorrow River Voyagers

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Rosholt FFA Alumni*

GRAND CHAMP BANTAM : Annika Waltenberg, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Sunnyside Climbers 4-H Club*

RESERVE CHAMP BANTAM : Ciara Waltenberg, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

TROPHY SPONSOR : *PK Auction Service*

GRAND CHAMP WATERFOWL : Ciara Waltenberg, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Lake Elaine Game Farm*

RESERVE CHAMP WATERFOWL : Annika Waltenberg, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Ardency Farms*

GRAND CHAMP PIGEON : Ciara Waltenberg, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Rosholt Pioneers 4-H*

RESERVE CHAMP PIGEON : Annika Waltenberg, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

TROPHY SPONSOR : *A & C Clover Patch Rabbitry*

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Annika Waltenberg, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Community Insurance, Amherst*

INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Noah Spoelstra, Tomorrow River Voyagers

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Krupka Farms*

BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Allison Raddatz, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Casimer Boosters 4-H Club*

CLEAN BARN AWARD : Nelsonville Zippy Zees

RABBITS

GRAND CHAMPION : Claire Lewallen, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Amherst FFA*

RESERVE CHAMPION : Harleigh Carlson, Tomorrow River Voyagers

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Bob's Plumbing & Heating*

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Annika Waltenberg, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Casimer Boosters 4-H*

INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Claire Lewallen, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Ardency Farms*

BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Marcus Kruger, Tomorrow River Voyagers

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Almond Busy Bees*

CLEAN BARN AWARD : Carson Climbers

CATS

GRAND CHAMPION : Brooke Weller, Carson Climbers

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Amherst FFA Alumni*

DOGS

GRAND CHAMPION : Clare Kluck, Howling Huskies

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Rosholt Pioneers*

RESERVE CHAMPION : Clare Kluck, Howling Huskies

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Amherst Veterinary Hospital*

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Clare Kluck, Howling Huskies

TROPHY SPONSOR : *H.O. Walding, Inc.*

INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Ella Plummer, Sunnyside Climbers

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Rural Mutual Ins. Zinda Group*

BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Matthew Carlson, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Starlight Ranch*

GRAND CHAMPION RALLY OBEDIENCE : Clare Kluck, Howling Huskies

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Northpoint Kennel*

RESERVE CHAMPION RALLY OBEDIENCE : Jillian Plummer, Sunnyside Climbers

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Northpoint Kennel*

GRAND CHAMPION AGILITY : Clare Kluck, Howling Huskies

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Timothy M. Perrine*

RESERVE CHAMPION AGILITY : Jillian Plummer, Sunnyside Climbers

TROPHY SPONSOR : *Timothy M. Perrine*

PLANT & SOIL SCIENCE

BEST OF SHOW: Zachary Zolodziej, Casimer Boosters

FLOWERS & HOUSEPLANTS

BEST OF SHOW: Clarissa Viau, Sunnyside Climbers

NATURAL SCIENCE

BEST OF SHOW : Trisha Edmundson, Sunnyside Climbers

BEST OF SHOW : Allison Raddatz, Nelsonville ZZs

EXPLORING

BEST OF SHOW: Analin Padilla, Eager Eagles

CULTURAL ARTS

GRADE 9+ BEST OF SHOW: Annika Waltenberg, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

GRADE 9+ BEST OF SHOW: Emily Hauer, Carson Climbers

GRADE 6-8: BEST OF SHOW: Avary Hamre, Eager Eagles

GRADE 6-8: BEST OF SHOW: Camryn Wade, Almond Busy Bees

GRADE 6-8: BEST OF SHOW: Joshua Czerneski, Carson Climbers

GRADE 3-5 BEST OF SHOW: Rosalyn Knutson, Almond Busy Bees

OVERALL BEST OF SHOW: Mariah Hamre, Eager Eagles

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GRADE 9+ BEST OF SHOW: Annika Waltenberg, Nelsonville Zippy Zees

GRADE 3-5 BEST OF SHOW: Rosalyn Knutson, Almond Busy Bees

CLOTHING

GRADE 9+ BEST OF SHOW: Anna Turney, Eager Eagles

KNITTING & CROCHETING

GRADE 8+ BEST OF SHOW: Anna Turney, Eager Eagles

GRADE 8+ BEST OF SHOW: Aleda Schultz, TR Voyagers

GRADE 8+ BEST OF SHOW: Clarissa Viau, Sunnyside Climbers

GRADE 3-7 BEST OF SHOW: Audrey Raddatz, Nelsonville ZZs

HOME ENVIRONMENT

GRADE 8+ BEST OF SHOW: Juniper Rydberg, Casimer Boosters

GRADE 8+ BEST OF SHOW: Ella Plummer, Sunnyside Climbers

GRADE 8+ BEST OF SHOW: Lucy Gwidt, Casimer Boosters

Amherst Fair Best-of-Show

CAKE DECORATING

GRADE 9+ BEST OF SHOW: Julianna Ross, Rosholt Pioneers

FAMILY & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

GRADE 8+ BEST OF SHOW: Avery Hamre, Eager Eagles

FOODS & NUTRITION

GRADE 9+ BEST OF SHOW: Emma Reincke, Oasis Prairie Ramblers

MECHANICAL SCIENCE

GRADE 9+ BEST OF SHOW: Micah Turney, Eager Eagles

YOUTH BOOTH

GRAND CHAMPION : Carson Climbers 4-H Club

SPONSOR: Vista Royale Campground

RESERVE CHAMPION : TR Voyagers

SPONSOR: Vista Royale Campground

AG OLYMPICS

SENIOR CHAMPION : Showers

JUNIOR CHAMPION : After Shock

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

2021 State 4-H Dog Show



Samantha and Matthew Carlson of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees competed at the 2021 State Dog Show.

Samantha placed 1st with the Highest Scoring Dog in Rally Master and a Qualifying Score! She also placed 5th in Pre-Open Obedience, and 3rd in 12th grade Showmanship Class.

Matthew placed 1st in Rally Intermediate grades 3-6, 1st in Pre-novice A obedience grade 3-5, 1st in Showmanship grade 4-5, won Best Junior Handler Grades 3-5 and competed for Best Junior Handler Overall.

Samantha has shown Captain since she was 7 years old in 4-H while Matthew has been showing Carmen for a year and half and this is his first trip to the State Dog Show!

Great job Samantha & Matthew!



Congratulations to all 4-H members representing Portage County at the 2021 Wisconsin State Fair!

Job well done!



Pictured Left: Candace & Nora Lein from the Almond Busy Bees Candace won second in class in the Simmental market steer class and Champion Bred and Owned Simmental steer. She won a trophy and clippers courtesy of Andis. Candace also won Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Simmental heifer and Maine-Anjou heifer that won her class.



Pictured Above Left to Right Noah, Jacob, and Daniel Spoelstra from the Tomorrow River Voyagers. Learning experiences such as communication skills and livestock quiz were a part of their week at the State Fair. They also participated in market classes and showmanship. Great Job!



2021 Wisconsin State Fair Results Cont.



Pictured left & right: Abigail Helbach of the Tomorrow River Voyagers with her Grand Champion Breed Hereford Barrow pig, Tigger. Her pig sold in the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction for \$5,000! She also was awarded a \$1,500.00 Governors Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction Scholarship. Abigail also earned 5th place in class with her Berkshire pig, Pebbles and Reserve Champion 17year old showmanship out of 37 kids.



Pictured Right: Claire Lewallen of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees won the 14 year old showmanship class and placed 6th place in the quiz. She won 4th Overall Showperson. She received Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex for Champaign d'Argent, Flemsh Giant and Polish. Best fur for all of these breeds was won. Claire also takes the designation of having the 3rd Overall Best Rabbit at State Fair with her Champaign!



Pictured Above: Annika Waltenberg from the Nelsonville Zippy Zees won the 17 year old showmanship class, placed 7th place in the quiz and 8th place for communication. She won Reserve Champion Overall Showperson. She received best of breed Dutch, Lionhead and Dwarf Hotot. She also placed Best Opposite Sex Mini Lop and Dutch. She received best fur for Dwarf Hotot, Mini Lop, Dutch, and lionhead.



Pictured Left: Harleigh & Natalie Carlson from the Tomorrow River Voyagers. Harleigh won the 16 year old showmanship class and placed Reserve Champion in the quiz. She won 5th Overall Showperson. In addition, she received best of breed Checkered Giant, Angora, Rhinelander and Satin and best fur for all of these breeds.

Natalie Carlson won the 12 year old showmanship class and placed 8th place in the quiz. In addition, she showed her Himalayan, and received the Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex for her English Spot and Britannia Petite.

Leader's Association Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Board- April 2021

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Board meeting held on 4-19-21, via Zoom, was called to order by President, Debra Helbach at 6:36 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), Lisa Henriksen, Support Staff and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent | ADDITONS TO AGENDA – Graduation Cords, June Dairy Day and Fundraising | MINUTES: Correction: Other – Under Fundraising for Trail Rides the statement should read “Connie was contacted by Crystal” instead of “she was contacted by Crystal”. Minutes were approved as corrected. OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer’s Report: Checking \$12,242.36 Savings \$3471.19 | Secretary’s Report: Thank you from Nancy Seaman and the Honor Flight. Marilyn will send a sympathy card to Betty Pionek. | OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 Update – Revised policy will be coming out this week. Changes will be effective June 1st. Face masks are recommended. Still need to maintain physical distance. No overnight summer camps allowed. Not able to bus anyone to a different location. | Plat Books – Per Debra, plat books are selling like hot cakes. She recommends we order more. Jan will look at total number of plat books actually sold so far. She will also check to see what the cost of postage will be when we reorder. The board is comfortable with Jan making the decision about when to order more books. Should income from plat book sales be taken to the 4-H office or sent directly to Jan? Debra suggested that there is less confusion if it is sent directly to Jan. There are still a few old plat books left at the 4-H office. Rockford determines how frequently a new edition of the plat book is printed. Profit from the first shipment of plat books was \$20 per book because Rockford personally delivered them so there was no charge for postage. | Speaking & Demonstration Contests - Nice group of participants. Seven competed in the speaking contest (three families) and did a really nice job. Two competed in the demonstration contest. | Plant Sale – Jan reported that 1376 plants were sold in 2021 as compared to 1035 plants in 2020. Total dollar amount for sales was \$31,587. Leaders Association profit will be approximately \$2,934. We receive the greatest profit from the sale of the hanging baskets. Delivery date is Saturday, May 15th. Fifteen volunteers will be allowed to help unload and sort plants this year. Last year we were only allowed to have 10. Discussion: It helps if the volunteers are the club's general leaders. Last year, most of the problems occurred because the people coming to pick up plants were not waiting until it was their turn to enter the building. Connie suggested that we have a designated person to patrol the plant pick-up. There was an inquiry about paying for plants online. Per Connie the county does not participate in online payments. Club's can receive funds electronically if they set up PayPal on their Facebook account. | Scholarships - Received five applications. Four recipients were selected. They are: Daniel Spoelstra, Abigail Helbach, Cora Kertzman and Josh Kolodziej. | County Contests – Participation has been good. Connie suggested that we continue to sponsor contests. Pet Look-A-Like contest entries are due April 30th. Suggestions for a June contest: Dairy Poster Contest or Dairy Recipe Contest. Submit any other suggestions you have to Connie. | Summer Camps –No overnight camping. There will be a Day Camp at CWES for two groups, a younger group (grades 2-4) and an older group (grades 5-8). It would be too expensive to bus campers to Upham Woods. Only one person per seat allowed so one bus can only transport 24. There are lots of questions and restrictions regarding camps, especially about food. Connie and Penny will make the decisions about how camp will be run this year. Everything is changing. Registration will be online. Need to make camp affordable. Suggested price was \$35 per camper. Motion and second to charge youth \$35. Motion passed. Several chaperones and counselors are needed to help with camp. Volunteer helpers are not required to pay a registration fee. | Clothing Review – No decision has been made yet. If feasible, would like to do in person. | Ride for Heros- Debra followed up with Crystal to find out more details. Event will be held at the Iola Car Show grounds on September 9th. There will be a 13-mile trail ride and entertainment. Camping will be available. They are in need of food vendors. Money is donated to the fire department, EMTs and local military group. What we would like to know about the event: How many people are expected to attend, when is the registration deadline, what percentage of the money goes to the non-profit and how much do they keep for administrative costs? We also need more information about the types of food needed. Debra will contact Crystal with our questions. Email your questions to Debra. | Other: June Dairy Days – Kathy reported that the event will take place on June 19th at Feltz's Dairy Farm. It will be a drive through meal where food is ordered, paid for and picked up. Serving will begin at 9:30 am. Grilled cheese sandwiches, cheese curds, cranberry juice, chips and milk will be served. Cost is \$5.00. Estimated number of people that will be served is 3,000. The Dairy Day committee is looking for adult volunteers to sign up to work specific shifts.

Leader's Association Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Board—April 2021 Continued

NEW BUSINESS: Amherst Fair Food Stand - Per letter, Debra stated the 4-H food stand will be moved to a location under the grandstand. No further plans have been made yet. | Virtual Programs – Debra is looking into having Alice in Dairy Land do an educational program via Zoom. Connie reported that the Rock Workshops went well. Fifteen youth participated in the workshops. Many of the supplies used in the workshop were donated by Connie's sister. Connie is considering a Camp-in-a-Bag program which could include things like tie dying and a youth project bag. | 2021 4-H Trips – All trips are virtual. Youth need to sign up online. | 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference – Conference will be virtual. Youth need to sign up online. | FairEntry Sign Up – Amherst Fair sign-up is from May 1st to June 1st. Lisa will be sending out email notifications. Rosholt Fair sign-up will begin in early June and end July 15th. | County-Wide 4-H T-Shirts – Discussion: Connie shared a design online that read “We Are Portage County 4-H Strong” that would be printed on the backs of the shirts and club names could be printed on the front. Michelle offered to work on determining a t-shirt design. Debra volunteered to work with Michelle on this project. Connie shared that Dan Poppel (Waupaca) prints the camp t-shirts for \$10.00. | Other: Fundraising- Per Gloria Onan, we could hold a basket raffle at the Amherst Fair. We already have Amherst Fair Board approval to do this. We would need to find volunteers willing to set up and run the raffle. Another idea that Gloria suggested was script cards. Comment made that if we did script, we would be competing with the churches script sales. Debra suggested that we make up an order form to be used to order plat books for the hunting season. | 4-H Graduation Cords – Michelle shared information about 4-H green and white graduation cords with a 4-H charm that can be worn by 4-H members at their graduation ceremony. Michelle's club purchases these cords and is wondering if other general leaders are interested in purchasing them for their graduates. She will write up information for an email that can be sent to the general leaders. | Agent Report – Connie is busy working on summer programming. She is looking for ideas for virtual programming. She is also recruiting teens to participate in a new program called 4-H TechChangeMakers. Program sponsors are: Microsoft, Verizon, Tractor Supply and Land O'Lakes. | Next Meeting Date – June 21, 2021 | Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

Portage County 4-H Leaders Association—May 2021

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association meeting of May 17, 2021 was held via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by President Debra Helbach at 6:30 PM.

Pledges were recited. **Roll call as follows:** Connie Creighton (4-H Youth Development Agent), Lisa Hendrickson (support staff), Pat Mrozinski, Bonnie Ziolkowski and Betty Pionek (all from Casimer Boosters), Candice and Lynette Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Kathy Glodowski and Michelle Waltenberg (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Dr. Barb Kasprovicz (Almond Busy Bees), Debra Helbach and Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Agnes Mallek and Sharon Cisewski | **Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the prior meeting were approved as submitted. | **Treasurer's Report:** Jan Miller reported \$19,407.86 in checking and \$3507.96 in savings. Some 190 plat books were sold since the last meeting resulting in \$7740 in plat book sales. An additional 150 books were ordered. Outstanding bills for advertising are not yet in these numbers. | **COVID-19 Update:** Connie reported that rules have been somewhat relaxed for Covid restrictions. Social distancing is required, hand washing and masks while indoors. 50% capacity allowed for indoor meetings rooms. | **Plat books:** 190 books sold since the last meeting. Additional book order was placed. A discussion followed about additional advertising for Father's Day gifts. It was decided not to advertise any additional at this time. | **Plant Sale:** Jan reported that the plant sale went pretty well. Begonias will be delivered on June 5th. Jan was able to find hibiscus plants but needed to nurse them in her house until the date for the plant pickup. Profit estimated at \$2800. | **Ride for Heroes:** This is a horse trail ride on Sept. 10-12th at Iola. 4-H was offered the opportunity for having a food stand on those dates. It was decided to decline as this is just after the Rosholt Fair and the same weekend as Panacea. | **June Dairy Day:** June Dairy Day is June 19th at the Feltz Dairy Farm from 9-1. This will be a drive thru with a modified menu. Adult Volunteers are needed for that day and the day before. Contact Kathy Glodowski. | **Virtual Cake Decorating Workshop:** This will be held this Tuesday May 25th at 6:30PM. Lisa Hendrickson will send out a reminder tonight or tomorrow. It is open to all families in Portage County. Demonstrator will be Jessica Pieczynski. | **June Dairy Day Contest:** Discussion of the next 4-H contest sponsored by the county. The decision was for “Cheese in Art”.

Portage County 4-H Leaders Association— May 2021 Continued

Summer Camp: Connie reported that the summer camp will be limited to a one-day camp for all aged campers at CWES on June 11th. Camp will be for 3rd grade-7th grade. The counselors will be 8th grade and older. No swimming as the water is too high but there is canoeing and kayaking or fishing available. The cost per camper is \$30. The cost of the camp is \$20 per person for food and \$400 for building rental. No overnight camping or bussing. | **Amherst Fair Food Stand:** The new food stand location under the grandstand will share a wall with the FFA. Considerations are being made for a smaller menu, at this point it will be the same as usual. We will have the same refrigerator, stove and freezer. Candice will discuss with the 4-H Teen Leaders group, closer to the fair date, for getting volunteers to work the stand and for donations of veggies to sell at the stand. | **Alice in Dairyland Presentation:** On June 24th, the current Alice in Dairyland will give a Zoom presentation describing her work as Alice. She will also give a virtual farm tour of her family farm and will have virtual dairy themed games. Please encourage members to attend! | **Fair Entry/Sign Up:** Amherst Fair sign up now and closes on June 1st. Rosholt should open on June 1st and would close on July 15th. Sign up through 4-H online. | **Countywide 4-H T-Shirts:** The design of these shirts is still being worked on. Harley has goat t-shirts available for those in that project. | **New Fundraising Opportunity:** The Tomorrow River Voyagers Christmas Craft Show is held on the 1st Saturday in December. Clubs or the Association could apply for a booth for earning funds for projects. Consider this for your clubs. | **Budget Meeting:** The budget meeting will be held in July a date to be determined.

Cake Auction: Kathy reported that the cake auction will be held. She said Tim says everything is a go at the Amherst Fair! Every Monday from now until the fair is a workday. | **Agent Report:** There is a virtual sewing project meeting this Sunday for lounge pant project. Connie will again work with the Giving Gardens. A part-time summer intern will be hired who must split their time between Connie and the horticultural agent. | **Next meetings:** June 21, 2021 for executive board and in July at Amherst Fair grounds for 4-H leaders association. | **Meeting adjourned.** Submitted by Betty Pionek

4-H Club Reports

Casimer Boosters Club Report - June 2021

The meeting was called to order on June 14, 2021 at 610PM. Pledges were said and roll call was taken.

Old Business: Plant sale pick up was on May 15th. Amherst fair entry sign up and Rosholt fair market sale sign up are both due on June 1, 2021. There was an online cake decorating workshop. Juniper and Glen went to the outdoor Adventure day. They talked about doing different activities including archery. Marcus and Sydney got best of show for the Pet look-alike contest.

New Business: Rosholt fair entry sign up is due on July 15th. June Dairy Days is on Saturday June 19th at the Feltz family farm and dairy stores. There is no meeting in July but talked about having a plan work day. We sang happy birthday to Juniper and Sydney. Motion we made to adjourn the meeting at 631 pm. We then started making plan.

Casimer Boosters Club Report - August 2021

Casimir Boosters 4-H August 2021 Report

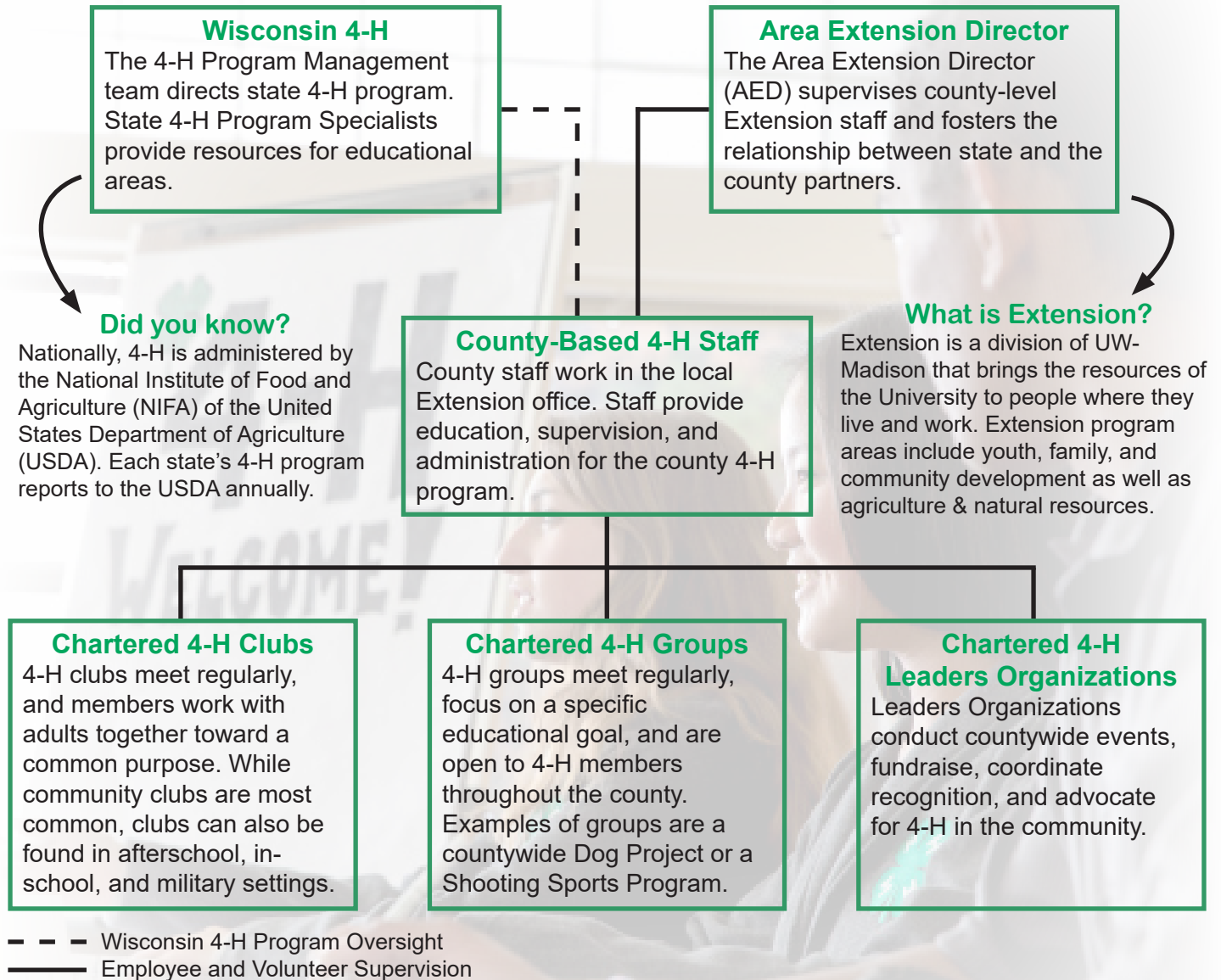
We started off the meeting with pledges, then followed by roll-call secretary's report, and the treasurer's report. We began talking about old business which included rosholt projects sign up and the Amherst fair. Our club went around and named off some special accomplishments each member received at the fair. We moved onto new business which included handing out fair tags for the rosholt fair, and the record book workshop. Bonnie suggested that we should start working on record books now instead of doing them last minute around September. We adjourned the meeting and went outside to play the Wayne Game which was planned by Juniper, one of our recreational leaders. Submitted by Lucy G.





Beyond the Club

You're a part of something big! 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization, with more than 6 million members and over 90,000 clubs. Because of how big 4-H is, it can be hard to understand where you (and everyone else) fits into the greater scope of 4-H from a state and national level.



Where do I fit?

Most members get their start with a 4-H club. If your child wants to get more involved with 4-H beyond the club level, check with your club leader or your county-based 4-H staff to learn about additional 4-H opportunities. Getting involved with your county's groups or the Leaders Organization can be great ways to connect with new opportunities.





YOUTH Matter!

Youth lead and make decisions in 4-H clubs, groups, and experiences. That means that the most important piece of 4-H is YOU. As a 4-H member, you help to make decisions and can make your voice heard.

You can help to lead and make decisions in 4-H. Each statement is a way that you can get involved. Decide if you think the statement shows how you can be involved in 4-H at the club, county, state, or national level. Circle where this might apply. Some statements might apply to more than one level of 4-H.

EXAMPLE Sign up for a committee to help run a local 4-H event.

Club County State National

Vote on topics at meetings.

Club County State National

Represent my region on the Wisconsin Leadership Council.

Club County State National

Lead other young people and be a mentor as a camp counselor.

Club County State National

Attend Leaders Organization meetings and share my opinions.

Club County State National

Apply to be a delegate for National 4-H Conference.

Club County State National

Run for an officer position.

Club County State National

Be on the 4-H Communications Team.

Club County State National

Apply for the 4-H Drama Company.

Club County State National

Be a counselor for Space Camp.

Club County State National

Teach other members something I know.

Club County State National

Be on the 4-H Arts Team.

Club County State National



Credit: Heidi Vanderloop Benson



Credit: Wisconsin State 4-H Communications Team

4-H Drama Company performing at 4-H & Youth Conference

Don't know what one of these statements is talking about? Ask your club leader, county-based 4-H staff, or do an online search with your parent/caregiver!

Which of these leadership opportunities sounded the most interesting?
Why is it interesting to you?

Exploring 4-H for New Families is developed by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator and Ben Hoppe, Brown County 4-H Program Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension.

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Pictured above is the current 4-H Ambassadors. From Left to Right: Ciara Waltenberg and Claire Lewallen from the Nelsonville Zippy Zees, Skyler Cisewski from the Plover Clovers and Juniper Rydberg from the Casimer Boosters.



Annika Waltenberg from the Nelsonville Zippy Zees, conducted an essay contest to give away a show quality rabbit. This was to help give a great start to another 4Her in the rabbit project. She received several essays but one really stood out. She chose Caroline Arneson, from the Eager Eagles, as her recipient.

After growing the rabbit out, Annika chose the rabbit closest to Caroline's specifications. Caroline was recently able to pick it up. Annika gave her a crash course on care, handling and showing. She will also remain a mentor for Caroline as she starts the rabbit project.

Welcome to the rabbit project, Caroline!

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