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Letter From the President

Hello leaders, parents and 4-H'ers,

I am beginning my year as president of the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association and look forward to working with you all in the coming year. As we all look forward to the new year I'm going to ask you consider two quotes that I found interesting and applicable for the new year.

"Live and work but do not forget to play, to have fun in life and really enjoy it." - Eileen Caddy



Have a great holiday season and a happy new year!

Betty Pionek

Portage County 4-H Leaders
Association President

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Just a reminder we have a Portage County 4-H group on Facebook! Members can get program updates, share updates from their clubs and connect with other Portage County 4-Hers! Search "Portage County 4-H, WI" to join!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DECEMBER

Nov.

- 30 Mandatory Charter Training, 6:30-8:00pm, Zoom
- 2 Robotic Workshop Class 1—6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.—Pinery Room, PoCo Library, Stevens Point
- 4 Robotic Workshop Class 2—9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. – Pinery Room, PoCo Library, Stevens Point
- 9 Club Officer Training, 6:30pm, Online via Zoom
- 11 Robotic Workshop Class 3—9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.—Pinery Room, PoCo Library, Stevens Point
- 13 Teen Leader's Assoc. Bell Ringing– 6:00-8:00pm, Trigs
- 15 DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT
- 15 DEADLINE FOR TEEN AWARD & AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS
- 16 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 17 Conservation Poster and Speech Contests Deadline
- 18 Teen Leader Assoc. Holiday Basket Shopping, 2:00pm, Meet at Walmart
- 24 Extension Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)
- 25 Extension Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)

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

JANUARY

- 1 Extension Office Closed (New Year Holiday)
- 3 Deadline for Gingerbread Decorating & Baking Contest
- 5 New Adult Leader Training (VIP)
- 6 Interviews for Teen Ambassador & Awards
- 8 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 10:00 AM, Portage County Library, Stevens Point
- 8 Market Animal Kick-Off Meeting, 11:00 AM, Portage County Library, Stevens Point
- 17 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 24 4-H Family Winter Party, 6:00-8:00pm, Iverson Park (Weather Permitting)
- 28-29 4-H Teen Leadership Winter Camp, Wisconsin Lions Camp
- 31 Mandatory Charter Training, 6:30-8:00pm, Zoom



COVID-19 Update:

- For all Extension programs, we ask that individuals who are not fully vaccinated wear a proper-fitting mask indoors. 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.
- We continue to require all staff, volunteers, and participants to stay home when they have signs of infectious illness.
- For full policy details please visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-covid-19-policy/>

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

WHEN: Thursday, December 9th, 6:30pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom with Waupaca County 4-H

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 complete the below registration to get the Zoom connection information and officer packet emailed to you.

Registration is due Friday, Dec. 3rd

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/4-HClubOfficerTraining>



Roller Skating Pizza PARTY!

WHO: All 4-H Members, Families, and Friends!

WHEN: Thursday, December 30, 6:30-9:00 PM

WHERE: Skate City, Wisconsin Rapids

(Highway 54, behind Mark Motors)

COST: \$8.00 per person (details below)

Celebrate the end of the year with a 4-H pizza and skating party! Cost includes admission, choice of skate or inline rental, pizza, soda and ice cream. Each person will receive a 1/4 slice of pizza, one 12 oz. soda and one 4 oz. ice cream cup.

We will have a reserved seating area. Non-skating adults can chaperone at no cost.

Note: When you arrive, please identify yourself as part of the Portage County 4-H Party.

Please pay Jan Miller, Leader's Association Treasurer, the night of the event.

PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CHANGE or check payable to: Portage County 4-H Leaders Assoc.

TEEN BELL RINGING AND HOLIDAY BASKET SHOPPING!



WHO: Teens Grade 7 and Older

Bell Ringing

When: Monday, December 13th from 6-8pm

Where: Trigs, Stevens Point

Holiday Basket Shopping

When: Saturday, December 18th at 2:00pm

Where: Walmart in Plover (Meet inside through the Home & Pharmacy Door)

This is a great way to get together and do good with your fellow 4-H teens this holiday season!

FAMILY WINTER PARTY!

WHO: All 4-H Members, Families, and Friends!

WHEN: Monday, January 24, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

WHERE: Iverson Park, Stevens Point

****Weather Permitting****

Tobogganing, sledding, ice skating, cocoa and hot dogs! This is 4-H fun for the whole family, sponsored by the 4-H Teen Leaders Association! Please bring warm clothes, saucers, sleds, or ice skates (toboggans will be provided). The Teens will bring the hot dogs and cocoa, though each family is asked to bring a treat to share.

**PARENTS AND LEADERS WILL
BE NEEDED TO SUPERVISE
SLEDDING HILL!**



Lego Robotics Workshops

Introduction to Lego Robotics (Grades 4-12)* This class is for BEGINNERS or FAMILIES

The Portage County 4-H program will be offering 4-H Robotics classes! We will meet at the Portage County Library and be using LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3, the Third generation of robotics products from the LEGO group. These robots will introduce entry-level robotics with state-of-the art hardware and easy-to-use programming software. In this robotics workshop series youth will spend three sessions building and programming the LEGO MINDSTORMS Robots. From using light sensors, touch sensors, ultrasonic sensors to using sound sensors. Youth grades 4-12 will use their critical thinking skills. Space is limited. Five Robotic Kits are available.

Pinery Room at the Portage County Library, Stevens Point

December 2nd 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Build Your Robot

December 4th 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Move Your Robot

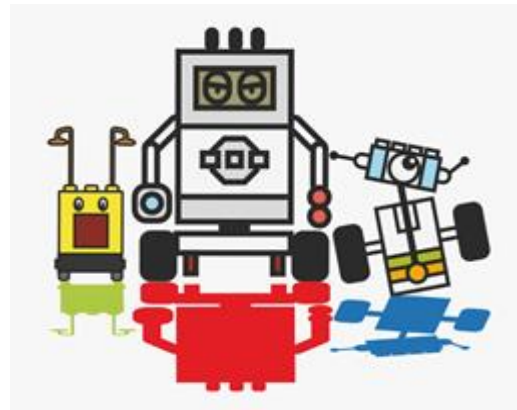
December 11th 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Objects and Obstacles

Cost: \$3/person or \$5/family

Youth in Grade 4-5 should have an older youth or family member paired with them.

It is recommended that maximum of 2-3 participants per robotic kit. (families, including parents, can sign up and participant as a family unit.)

To register go to: <https://tinyurl.com/4-HRoboticWorkshop>



WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships

DEADLINE: MARCH 15TH

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation offers over \$15,000 in scholarships annually to outstanding students pursuing higher education in 2022.

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/>

COMING SOON IN 2022:

TEEN LEADERSHIP WINTER CAMP

YOUTH IN GRADES 7 - 13
SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 28 - 29
LIONS CAMP • ROSHOLT, WI
REGISTRATION IN 4-H ONLINE 2.0 SOON

What's sparking our fire?
Games - Prizes - Challenges - Snacks - Outdoor Recreation
- Campfire - Movies - Learning - Leading - Living LOUD
MORE COUNTIES = MORE FUN

4-H TEEN AMBASSADOR & AWARDS REMINDER

Award/ambassador applications are due Dec. 15! Award interviews will be held on Jan. 6th.

We will be accepting applications and interviewing for the 4-H Ambassador Delegates, Key Award, and Leader of Tomorrow Award. Copies of the Award/Ambassador application are available at <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/> (under the 4-H Forms and Applications page).

4-H AMBASSADOR: The Ambassador term will start in March. Ambassadors will serve an active term of one year but will also be an associate member of Ambassadors for the duration of their 4-H membership. Requirements: Must be in 6th grade or higher; must exhibit leadership ability and potential; must exhibit personal appearance and poise; must exhibit knowledge of 4-H. When: 4-H Ambassadors serve a one-year term beginning in March. They will be recognized in October at the end of their career at the 4-H Leaders Banquet. Maximum Number: Up to 4 Ambassadors are chosen. Duties: Present the 4-H story at community activities and events and promote 4-H. Responsibilities: Hand out ribbons and trophies at the Amherst and Rosholt Fairs; participate in the Amherst and Rosholt Fair parades; make presentations to groups (we will train you); presentation of flags and pledges at the 4-H Leaders' Banquet and Award program; help with the 4-H Awards Program; be available to represent 4-H at other events during the year.

WISCONSIN KEY AWARD: Requirements: Must be in at least 10th grade of the current year, have at least 3 years' experience in 4-H and 1 year of enrollment in the Youth Leadership project. Maximum Number: Up to 3 recipients. This is the highest state 4-H award offered. It is based on all 4-H work done by the member since joining 4-H, including youth leadership.

LEADERS OF TOMORROW AWARD: Requirements: Must in at least 11th grade, and exhibit leadership ability and potential. Maximum Number: Up to 2 recipients. Recognizes character, balanced personal development, and excellence in leadership.



Wisconsin 4-H Policy for Participation in Parades

The policy for participation in parades has been updated. **If you are planning on driving a vehicle or pulling a float in a parade your driver must be an authorized driver of the University of Wisconsin–Madison.**

For the authorization request form please visit: <https://businessservices.wisc.edu/documents/volunteer-driver-form/>. Once you have completed the form please send to Lisa Henriksen at lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu. Driver authorization is good for one year.

To read the full parade participation policy click [here](#).

4-H PROGRAM CANCELLATION POLICY

4-H programs are automatically cancelled if:

- 1) The local school districts close due to inclement weather.
- 2) We are under a Winter Storm Warning.

The Extension Office will notify you, if possible, by:

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

Program cancellations will not be announced on WSPT Radio.

Mandatory Charter Training

In order to renew its charter, each 4-H club/group must send at least one youth or adult leader to a designated training each year. This year, 4-H Fall Forum or the Annual Leader training will satisfy this requirement.

One person from each club/group needs to attend one (or both) of these trainings.

November 30, 2021

Online via Zoom
6:30-8:00pm

Registration Link: <https://go.wisc.edu/7r9x64>

January 31, 2022

Online via Zoom
6:30-8:00pm

Registration Link: <https://go.wisc.edu/vze9e3>



LEARN TOGETHER, LEAD TOGETHER: YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS

YOUTH AND ADULTS: JOIN US!

LEARN ABOUT YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS, AND HOW WE CAN LEARN AND LEAD TOGETHER!



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

NOVEMBER 30, 2021

6:30-8:00PM

FOCUS: RELATIONSHIPS, COMMUNICATION AND INCLUSIVITY

REGISTER HERE:

<https://go.wisc.edu/7r9x64>



JANUARY 31, 2022

6:30-8:00PM

FOCUS: VOICES, ROLES AND PARTICIPATION

REGISTER HERE:

<https://go.wisc.edu/vze9e3>



NEW 4-H ADULT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

In order for new 4-H adults leaders to become certified they must complete Volunteers in Preparation (VIP) training. Details about the training is below:

WHEN: Wednesday, January 5th 6:30—8:30 PM or Monday, February 7th 6:30—8:30 PM

WHERE: Online via Zoom

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/4-HVIPTraining>

If you would like to become a 4-H leader, you are required to attend a two-hour orientation/training, complete a background check through the state's background check system, and complete an online mandatory reporter training.

The orientation will help you learn more about 4-H and your role as a volunteer, to strengthen your understanding of how to work with youth, and to encourage safe practices.

Note: The mandatory reporter training must be completed before you attend the New Volunteer Training. You can find training materials under the "trainings" tab of your 4H Online account.

4-H



Make a World of Difference



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
Monday, January 3, 2022

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

<https://tinyurl.com/20214-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 were recognized for these life skills and volunteer 4-H leaders were recognized for their continuous years of service and dedication at the Portage County 4-H Awards Program held on November 14th.

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 were presented based on this past year's leadership:

- The **Club Secretary Award** goes to Kailei Mlodik (Rosholt Pioneers).
- The **Club Historian Award** goes to Brenna Lockman (Plover Clovers) and Anna Peters (Sunnyside Climbers).
- The **Family, Health & Home Award** goes to Brooklynn Trzebiatowski (Plover Clovers).
- The **Mechanical Science Award** goes to Sydney Krueger (Casimer Boosters).
- The **Plant and Soil Science Award** goes to Kjersten Kazda (Nelsonville Zippy Zees).
- The **Large Animal Science Award** goes to Brooklynn Trzebiatowski (Plover Clovers) and Jacob Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers).
- The **Small Animal Science Award** goes to Noah Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers) and Jacob Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers).
- The **Cultural Arts Award** goes to Sydney Krueger (Casimer Boosters) and Kaelynn Kazda (Nelsonville Zippy Zees).
- The **County Youth Leader Award** goes to Harleigh Carlson (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Daniel Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Noah Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Jacob Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers), and Amara Beaudoin (Tomorrow River Voyagers).
- The **Teen Leader Award** goes to Juniper Rydberg (Casimer Boosters), Kailei Mlodik (Rosholt Pioneers), Samantha Simonis (Rosholt Pioneers), Harleigh Carlson (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Daniel Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers), and Jacob Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers).
- The **Key Award** goes to Maria Kildahl (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Clare Viau (Sunnyside Climbers), Annika Waltenberg (Nelsonville Zippy Zees).
- The **Leader of Tomorrow Award** goes to Harleigh Carlson (Tomorrow River Voyagers), and Annika Waltenberg (Nelsonville Zippy Zees).

2022 4-H Leaders Association Board: President: Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Vice President: Malayna Polum (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Secretary: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Treasurer: Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Past President: Debra Helbach (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Directors: Kathy Glodowski (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Debra Helbach (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Paula Kropidlowski (County-Wide), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars), Michelle Waltenberg (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Candice Wolosek (Plover Clovers).

The **Friend of 4-H Award** was presented to Pete & Laina Zakrzewski of Blue Top Farms for their generous support of our 4-H program.

4-H members receive recognition as they progress through their 4-H career. Youth were honored for reaching the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Honor, High Honor and Excellence point levels, along with 4-H Ambassadors, 4-H State Art Team, first-year 4-H members, Graduates, and Cloverbuds.

MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT

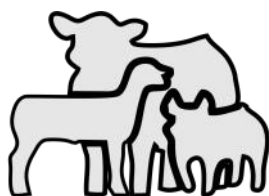
STRICT DECEMBER 15 DEADLINE!

If you plan to enter beef, swine, or sheep in the 2022 Rosholt Fair Market Animal Show and Sale, you must sign up for the Market Animal Project by **December 15, 2021**.

You can sign up in multiple ways:

- Complete and mail the form on the next page to: Connie Creighton, Portage County UW-Extension, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Additional copies are available to download from <http://portage.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/>
- Complete the form on the next page and e-mail a scanned PDF or picture of the form to lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu
- Enroll **fully online** by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/PortageCountyMAP>

A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you as soon as you complete the form!



PORTAGE COUNTY
MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT

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).

MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022—11:00AM

Portage Co. Library Stevens Point

1001 Main St, Stevens Point WI

Members will receive their rule books and an explanation of the project. Members who do not get their rule book at the Kick-Off Meeting will need to pick it up from the Extension Office.

Conservation Poster and Speech Contests

Calling all 4-Hers ! Sharpen your colored pencils, crayons, and your artistic skills! Get your voice in top shape!

The Portage County Land and Water Conservation Committee and staff encourage you to enter either or both of the 2022 contests. The theme for the 2022 Conservation Poster Contest is **"Healthy Soil Healthy Life"**. Poster contest divisions are: Grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. **Posters are due in the Land and Water Conservation office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17th.**

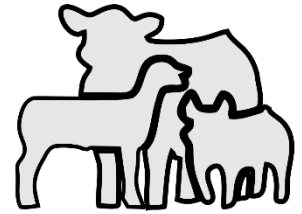
The deadline to register for the Conservation Speech Contest is Friday, Dec. 17 at 4:30 p.m. Speeches will be performed and judged at the Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 6:00 p.m. Speaking Contest divisions are: Elementary - grades 5-6 (3-5 minute speech), Junior - grades 7-8 (4-6 minute speech), and Senior – grades 9-12 (5-7 minute speech). Speeches must promote the conservation of natural resources and the protection or enhancement of environmental quality.

Awards are given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each division for each contest. First place finishers in each contest advance to the Area contest, then the State contest. Awards vary at each contest.

Guidelines and entry information can be found online –

<https://www.co.portage.wi.us/departments/planning-zoning/land-and-water-conservation/youth-and-community-events>

2022 ROSHOLT FAIR MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT SIGN-UP SHEET



PORTAGE COUNTY
MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT

**SUBMIT THIS FORM NO LATER
THAN **DECEMBER 15, 2021****

This form must be completed and submitted on time if you plan to enter beef, swine, and/or sheep in the 2022 Rosholt Fair Market Animal Project. Complete and submit to:

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

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

MEMBER NAME(S): _____ DATE(S) OF BIRTH: _____

AGE(S) AS OF JANUARY 1, 2022: _____ 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 2022 SHOW AND SALE - **MAXIMUM OF TWO ANIMALS PER SPECIES, PER EXHIBITOR. PLEASE CHECK BOX NEXT TO NUMBER.**

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.

Casimir Boosters Club Report - August 2021

4-H Club Reports

The meeting was called to order on August 16, 2021 at 6:05PM. Pledges were said and roll call was taken. **Old Business:** We talked about the Amherst fair and what entries and awards our members won. The Rosholt fair entries were due on July 15, 2021. **New Business:** Bonnie handed out the Rosholt fair tags and instructions. The record books are due in September and there was time at the end of the meeting to work on them. We sang Happy Birthday to Leo. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:25PM. After the meeting we played the Wayne game led by Juniper. Submitted by Sydney K.

Casimir Boosters Club Report - September 2021

The meeting was called to order on September 13, 2021 at 6:08PM. Pledges were said and roll call was taken. **Old Business:** We talked about the Rosholt fair and who showed in it. We also talked about our Plarn project. Addy volunteered to make the matt after we put the plarn together. **New Business:** Re enrollment for 4H and projects is due November 15, 2021. Records books should be turned into Bonnie by September 24, 2021. We talked about the club charter and we will keep getting updates. The Amherst fair premiums were handed out for everyone who participated in the fair. We talked about 4H promotion. Some ideas we had for a fall activity are tie-dye, corn maze and Put-n-Play. We talked about having a contest for club T-shirts. Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:29PM. After the meeting we had mini presentations for everyone who won awards at the Amherst and Rosholt fairs. Submitted by Sydney K.

Casimir Boosters Club Report - October 2021

The meeting was called to order on October 11, 2021 at 6:04PM. Pledges were said and roll call was taken. **Old Business:** Re-enrollments for 4H are due by November 15, 2021. Record books were due on September 24, 2021 and were handed back. The Amherst fair premiums were handed out at the September meeting. Juniper was on the radio for 4H promotion as an ambassador. **New Business:** We talked about bell ringing sometime in December. Our club also discussed doing a Holiday basket and Thanksgiving cards for the nursing homes in our area. We also talked about doing a haunted corn maze on October 22, 2021. The club would pay \$10 dollars for every ticket. We set goals for our club Charter including having an agenda at every meeting and doing some kind of 4H display or promotion. We then elected new officers for our club and sang Happy Birthday to Ella and Lucy. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:33PM. Submitted by Sydney K.

Casimir Boosters Club Report - November 2021

We called the meeting to order on November 8th at 6:00 pm. We said both of the pledges, did the roll call, and both the secretary's and treasurer's report. For **old business**, we discussed re-enrollments, the election of officers, the corn maze, the pumpkin decorating contest, and Fall Forum. Fall forum is a statewide meeting for teen leaders and from our club, Juniper helped with this virtual meeting. For **new business**, we discussed many things. One of them being, bell ringing. This will take place at Trigs on December 6th from 4-6 pm. There will be a sign up for certain times on Facebook. After bell ringing, we would go somewhere for pizza and have our December meeting there too. We also talked about holiday baskets (we have our club submitted to get a family), the robotics workshop, and the 4-H awards program. The 4-H awards program will be on Sunday, November 14th at 1 pm at the Jensen center in Amherst. We then adjourned the meeting and did an activity making thanksgiving cards for nursing home residents. Submitted by Lucy G.

Eager Eagles Club Report - November 2021

The regular meeting of the Eager Eagles 4-H Group was held on November 1st, 2021, at the Portage County Public Library. The meeting was called to order by Jane S. at 3:00 p.m. The members said the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was answered by 13 members and 0 guests were present. The Treasurer's report was given. **Old Business:** Last month we held elections of new rolls. We also disturbed family jobs to families for special activities/events throughout the year. **New Business:** The Pizza Ranch Fundraiser is next Monday! There are different times slots if you would like to help with that. It would be greatly appreciated. Next month is our Christmas party! Please bring a white elephant present and possibly a treat to share. It was moved by Jane S. that the meeting was adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. After our meeting we made Veteran's Day Cards for the King Veteran's Home in Waupaca. Submitted by secretary of the Eager Eagles Club, Ava A.

4-Hers in action!



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



Pictured left: the Key Award Winners Annika Waltenberg from the Nelsonville Zippy Zees and Maria Kildahl from the Tomorrow River Voyagers with presenter Lee Miller. Not pictured is Key Award winner Clare Viau of the Sunnyside Climbers.



Pictured Left: Calee & Colton Schulist from the Tomorrow River Voyagers put up their clubs "Mitten Tree" at the International Bank of Amherst to collect new winter items to be distributed to the Amherst School District as well as Operation Bootstrap.



Pictured Below: Members of the TR Voyagers Club during a dog agility demonstration at Camp Bandy. Where members also made dog toys.



Pictured Above: Plover Clovers club members Brooklyn Trzebiatowski, and Colin & Brenna Lockman promoting 4-H at the Trunk or Treat event in Stevens Point.



4-Hers in action!



Cloverbud members of the Tomorrow River Voyagers club making their craft project—turkeys. Pictured left is Joshua Kildahl and pictured right is Ramsey Beaudoin with their turkeys.



Have a cool club event or club activity you want to highlight?

Submit a photo and caption by email to

lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu!



Tomorrow River Voyagers Club members bell ringing for the Salvation Army on multiple nights.



Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Board - August 2021

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association Board meeting of 8-16-21, held via Zoom, was called to order by Vice-President, Betty Pionek at 7:00 pm. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Kathy Glodowski and Michelle Waltenberg, (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Candice Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golder Stars) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent.

MINUTES: Minutes were approved as corrected. Under Plant Sale the words "large farm shed" were added after the words "Debra offered her".

OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Checking \$23,988.48 Savings \$3,547.32

Secretary's Report: None

OLD BUSINESS: COVID Update – Going back to virtual Leader's meetings and mask wearing inside for club meetings.

Plat Books- 359 books sold. Profit from sales so far is approximately \$7,180. Number sold per month has decreased from 131/month in April to 41/month in July. We see the largest profit the first year of sales. Then number decreases with time.

Amherst Fair Food Stand – Up to fair board if we can sell water. Need to prepare ahead of time for increased customers during the grand stand events. Concern that online sign-up would leave shifts with no workers and result in someone making calls to fill slots. Need to make sure clubs understand what vegetables to bring. Candice had to leave early. She will have full food stand report for the September meeting.

Rosholt Fair Clean Up - Start time is 1 p.m. Need at least two volunteers from each club.

Rosholt Fair Volunteers – Still need volunteers to help with judging on Friday. Have about 3500 exhibits.

2022 Budget – Motion to present budget to Leaders Association for approval.

Disposal of Old Plat Books – Gave 4-H office permission to save a few 2017 plat books and recycle the rest.

Clothing Revue – Only 3 responded to survey so will not hold one this year.

Charters & Financial Reports – Financial reports separate from charter renewal. Due September 1st.

Re-Enrollment in 4-H Online – Will occur in October

Cloverbud/Explorer Program – Two-night virtual program. Will tie dye one night and make bird seed cookie cutter hanger second night. Five signed up so far. Encourage youth to participate.

Award Program and Banquet – Will combine Youth and Leader programs and hold at Jensen Center on a Sunday afternoon from noon to 3 pm. Kathy checked on dates. 7th and 14th are open. November 14th is best date. Could have a grab-a-snack item on their way out.

Nominations for Board Members- Need 1 or 2 more directors for total of 8. Fair is a good place to recruit. Jan will check with Rachel Snyder, general leader of the Eager Eagles and Lynn Martins. Betty will check with Casimer Boosters.

Friends of 4-H and 4-H Alumni – Will present Laina and Pete with Friends of 4-H Award at Jensen Center. Will wait until next year when we have actual banquet to present 4-H Alumni Award.

Other: River Valley Riders Club Disbanding – Connie will be meeting with retiring leader, Joanna Beggs, to finalize club financial report and discuss club funds. No one is willing to step up and take over the club leadership.

Agent Report – Office will be closed Tuesday, August 17th. Connie is taking a professional development day to work on financial reports. There is a box in the hallway outside the office door to drop off items. 4-H Ambassadors will be interviewed by channel 7 at the fair grounds at the end of August. Summer agent is working with them. State Fair went well. The following youth took animals to the State Fair: Waltenbergs -rabbits, Abigail Helbach – swine, Spoelstras – sheep and Candace Lein -beef.

Next Meeting Date – October 18, 2021 | Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - September 2021

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association meeting of 9-20-21, held via Zoom, was called to order by President, Debra Helbach at 6:32 pm. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Kathy Glodowski, Malayna Polum and Michelle Waltenberg, (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Pat Mrozinski and Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Sharon Cisewski (Plover Clovers), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Dr. Barb Kasprowicz (Almond Busy Bees), Debra Helbach (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Lisa Henriksen, Support Staff and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent.

MINUTES: Minutes were approved with the following correction: Add Abigail Helbach's name to the list of guests in attendance at the July meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Checking \$22,269.99 Savings \$3,547.32 Secretary's Report: None

OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 Update – Per Connie, the latest update from August 5th recommends that masks be worn indoors, especially by the youth. There is no size limit for indoor or outdoor events. Hand washing and social distancing should be practiced. Masks are required at all times inside the county buildings. Switching the Leader's Association meetings from virtual meetings to face to face meetings at an alternate site was discussed. | Rosholt Fair – Fair went well. Clean-up day was the worst ever. Most volunteers were working at the bottom of the hill. The Exhibit Building cleaning and set-up was not completed until 4:30 pm. Per Connie, the youth were amazing during the fair. Only three booth exhibits this year. We are no longer allowed to attach anything to the walls. Connie is concerned about the outdated shelving and equipment in the building. Display cases in the center of the building are falling apart and the wheels are coming off. This is a fair board issue. Connie suggested we work on getting as estimated for the cost of replacing the display cases. Per Kathy, 25 cakes were sold at the cake auction. The cake sale was held inside the Exhibit Building this year. Needed more chairs. | Club Charters & Financial Report – All but two clubs have completed their financial reports. Club charters are due November 1st. Charters are completed online. No signatures are required. | Plat Books- 27 books were sold in August generating an income of \$1067.46. An additional 150 books were ordered and have arrived. Of the original 500 ordered, 477 have already been sold.

NEW BUSINESS: Approve Budget – Discussion: Increase Leader Training to \$400, budget \$500 for 4-H State Youth Conference (\$100 each for 5 delegates or divide equally among applicants if more than 5 apply), \$150 for Fall Forum to be distributed to youth applicants, increase Ambassador Program funding to \$430.00 to cover expenses already paid this year for garments and parades. Decorations purchased for parade can be used again. Thank you to Sharon for her work with the Ambassador float and for becoming an authorized 4-H driver. Motion and second to approve the proposed budget with changes listed above. Motion passed. | October Pumpkin Contest – Ready to go | Meeting Locations- Suggestions for meeting sites: Whiting Municipal Building, Jensen Center, Plover, Municipal Center and Whiting Town Hall. | Re-Enrollment in 4-H Online – Time frame to re-enroll is September 1st through November 15th. After November 15th, if re-enrollment is not completed, former members will no longer receive 4-H notifications. Projects do not roll over from year to year. They need to be re-entered every year. Contact Lisa or Connie for assistance. County dues will remain at \$10.00 per members including Cloverbuds with an additional \$4.00 fee for Horse and Horseless Horse members. | Nomination and Election of Board Members- Discussion, motion and second to elect the following slate of officers President – Betty Pionek, Vice-President – Malayna Polum, Secretary – Marilyn Pederson, Treasurer – Jan Miller, Past-President – Debra Helbach, Directors – Kathy Glodowski, Agnes Mallek, Candice Wolosek, Paula Kropidlowsk, Michelle Waltenberg, Sharon Cisewski. Motion passed. | 2021 Award Program and Leader's Banquet – Joint program will be held at the Jensen Center. Need a planning committee consisting of youth and adults to plan event. Betty, Kathy and Debra volunteered to help. Program will consist of presentation of Friends of 4-H, Leader Volunteers Years, Youth Awards and a slide show presentation. Teen Leader President will be the MC. | Record Books - Due date is October 4th. Committee volunteers: Kathy, Candice, Betty, Debra and Karen | Fair Book Change – Due to an incident that occurred at the Rosholt Fair, the Leaders Association recommends that the following statement be added to the General Rules and Regulations section of the Fair Book: "The use of cable halters is prohibited at the fairs." Fair board approval of this change is required. Additional discussions about the issue will be occur at the Youth Exhibit and Market Animal Committee meetings. | Shooting Sports – Lee Miller and Adam Klapperich attended the Air Rifle Discipline training at the State Shooting Sports Leader Training in Marshfield. The Leaders Association reimbursed them for their training fees (\$72 each) plus mileage. | Other: Artwork Donation - Artist Jerry Gadamus, former 4-H member, has donated 500 copies of a cow/calf print to the Portage County 4-H to be used as a fundraiser. Prints are currently being stored at Koerten Gallery who estimates that the prints have a value of \$100 each. Debra, Malayna and Sharon volunteered to work with Connie and Koerten Gallery to determined how the prints will be used. Suggestion made to check with the Holstein Association for ideas. | State Dog Show – Portage County will be hosting the event at the Amherst Fairgrounds in 2022.

Next Meeting Date – November 15, 2021 | Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary



Making Memories at 4-H Camp

4-H camp provides a unique opportunity for all youth to develop life skills. It helps youth build confidence and meet new people in a safe, supportive environment! Camp is meant for everyone, and campers come from all walks of life. Camps can be offered overnight, as day camps, or have a project focus. 4-H staff are committed to making accommodations to ensure that all youth have a chance to learn, grow, and have fun at summer camp!

Why is camp **important**?

Campers and youth counselors both have a lot to gain from camp! For some youth, this is their first time away from home. For others, it is an opportunity to get back together with friends. 4-H camp gives youth the opportunity to develop independence, build self-confidence, and master new skills. Youth make new friends and get to spark new interests through camp programs. Camp counselors serve as role models and develop valuable leadership skills that will be useful for a lifetime!



Credit: Heidi Vanderloop
Benson

Each camp provides a **unique** experience.

Most camp programs are based on a specific theme each year. Campers are divided into small groups to create a positive learning environment during the program. They participate in a wide variety of activities. Typical activities at camp include: learning sessions taught by counselors or adult volunteers, swimming, canoeing, hiking, campfires, arts and crafts, and more!

We've done this for awhile. **Trust** us!

4-H camps rely on years of youth development experience using research and best practices from across the nation. 4-H educators use these best practices to develop camp programming alongside their youth counselors and adult volunteers. Making camp a safe place, both physically and socially, for youth, is a priority. All youth and adult leaders receive training and educational resources to help youth work through their new experiences away from home—whether it be the campers' first time or their tenth time!



Credit: Kelsey Dralle

If you're still not sure how camp may be a fit for your youth member or if you need to know about special accommodations, please reach out to your local 4-H educator!





Go Pack!

Going to summer camp means you need to pack your bags for a fun time! The items below are important items to bring. Before you leave for camp, make sure you have everything you need. See if you can track down all of the items and practice getting packed for your big adventure.

Sleeping Bag

Pillow

Pajamas

Sweatshirt for nighttime

3 pairs shorts/pants & t-shirts

Underwear

Swimsuit

Water Bottle

Closed toe shoes (tennis shoes)

Waterfront shoes (footwear that can get wet)

Toothbrush/Toothpaste

Shampoo/Conditioner

Towel

Sunscreen

Sunglasses

Hat

What did we miss?

Were there some items that you think should be on the list? List them here, and then try and get everything packed to make sure you can carry it all! Remember, you can't bring everything!



Every camp is different!

Some camps require that you bring certain items. Make sure you also check with the camp you're attending to see if there is anything special you need to bring along.

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