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Letter From the President

Hello leaders, parents and 4-H'ers,
I'm writing this note when the morning temperature is -20* degrees. When the weather is like this, it's a great time to work on the projects that you will be showing at the fairs this summer. Pick a good cold day to practice your baking project to warm up the house. Or a cozy inside day to complete a painting, woodworking or sewing project. Your fair animals would love a visit to be sure they are staying warm and safe in these temperatures. You may be the person who loves the cold weather and are enjoying the sunny days, that comes with the cold, by participating in winter sports! We can look forward to the coming of spring and summer days when the outside is greening up BUT don't forget to enjoy the present day!

Betty Pionek

Portage County 4-H Leaders Association President

"There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow, so today is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live." Dalai Lama

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4-H'ERS.
GREEN 365 DAYS
A YEAR.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

FEBRUARY

- 7 NEW Adult Volunteer Training, 6:30-8:30PM, Zoom
- 10 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Jensen Center, Amherst
- 10 Market Animal New Member Orientation/Species Meetings, 7:00pm Jensen Center, Amherst
(Pre-registration is required)
- 11 Market Animal Project Agreements Due to Extension Office (from back of rule book)
- 19 Tech ChangeMakers Social Media Workshop, 10:00AM, Pinery Room, PoCo Library, Stevens Point
- 21 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 25 Entries due for the Snowman Building Contest

MARCH

- 1 Registration Due for Neillsville Rabbit Fun Show
- 15 Portage County 4-H Scholarship Application Due
- 17 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Rosholt Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
- 17 Market Animal Project Practical Applications Meeting, 7:00 PM, Rosholt Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
- 21 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 25 Wisconsin 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Registration Due
- 25 Last Day to Register for the 4-H Speaking and Demonstration Contests

APRIL

- 1 Last Day for Project Changes in 4-H Online
- 9 Wisconsin 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon, UW-Madison Animal Sciences Building
- 4 4-H Speaking Contests, 6:00PM, Pinery Room, Portage County Library, Stevens Point
- 5 4-H Demonstration Contests, to 6:00PM ,Pinery Room, Portage County Library, Stevens Point
- 14 Managerial Agreements Due to Extension Office
- 18 Registration due for 4-H Meats Judging Contest
- 18 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 21 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 30 Market Animal Project Members Tour of UW-Madison
- 30 4-H Meats Judging Contest, UW-Madison, Meat Lab
- 30 Neillsville Rabbit Fun Show, Clark County Fairgrounds

4-H Volunteer of the Year

At their January meeting the Portage County 4-H Leaders Board unanimously voted to present the 2021 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award to Debra Helbach.

Debra has been a 4-H leader for the past 8 years serving as the general leader of the Tomorrow River Voyagers club for the last 4 years. Not only is Debra involved at the club level she also devotes much of her time to the Portage County 4-H program at the county level as well. In 2021 she served a second year as the Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Association President which due to the COVID pandemic proved to be a very challenging year.

Debra supports the Portage County 4-H program in several other ways as well. She has greatly contributed to the success of the plat book fundraiser. She delivers plat books and picks up money from 8 or 9 different sites and continues to promote sale of plat books by initiating the club order form.

Thank you Debra for your continued support and dedication to Portage County 4-H! It is Leaders like you that make our program the best it can be. Your dedication to youth and the 4-H program is absolute and your sacrifice and service to 4-H is incredible. You might not hear how much you mean to this program, but please know we deeply appreciate all the time and effort you have given and continue to give.



April 1st Project Change Deadline

**The last day to update your project list
in 4-H Online is APRIL 1, 2022**

Please take some time before April 1st to review your project list and make any changes necessary.

- 4-H exhibitors at the 2022 Portage County Fairs of Amherst and Rosholt will only be able to enter exhibits for which they are enrolled in related projects (see the [2019-2022 Portage County Fair Book](#) for details).
- Please keep in mind that Explorers (3rd-graders and first-year 4th-graders) are allowed to enroll in only **two** additional projects besides Exploring, only one of which can be a large animal project.
- Kindergarteners, 1st-graders, and 2nd-graders can enroll only in the Cloverbud project.

For click-by-click instructions on updating your project list in 4-H Online, visit the following link:
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/families-editing-a-project-or-club/>

Please contact the Extension office at 715-346-1462 or email lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu if you have any questions.



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.

CONTEST RULES

- Members may submit up to 2 entries in any speaking category. Please make topics appropriate for all ages.
- Groups (2-6) are allowed for any category, but compete as individuals. The grade of the oldest person in the group will decide in what division the group competes.
- Judging will use the Danish system. Awards are Certificates of Participation, ribbons, and Rosholt Fair premiums. A Best of Show will be selected for each age division.

2022 Portage County 4-H Speaking Contest

WHEN: Monday, April 4th at 6:00PM
(Tentatively scheduled)

**WHERE: Pinery Room, Portage County
Library (1001 Main St, Stevens Point)**

SPEAKERS ARE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Did the presentation grasp interest from the start?
- Were important points stressed with emphasis/gestures/facial expressions?
- Did it fit the time limit?
- Did the speaker show enthusiasm for the topic?
- Did the speaker make eye contact with the audience?

<u>DIVISIONS</u>	<u>TIME LIMIT</u>
GRADES K - 2	2 - 4 MINUTES
GRADES 3 - 5	2 - 4 MINUTES
GRADES 6 - 8	3 - 5 MINUTES
GRADES 9 & UP	6 - 8 MINUTES

- **Original Speech** - A speech written by the speaker on any topic, possibly pertaining to 4-H, such as his/her projects or activities. An introduction and closing are required and included in the time limit. Speaker may use notes. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.
- **Prose Reading** - An interpretive reading of a short story or a cutting from a novel, play or essay. A series of prose readings or cuttings from readings on the same subject or theme (with appropriate transitions) may also be used. Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Reader must read prose from the printed page and stands during presentation. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.
- **Poetry Reading** - An interpretive reading of a poem or a cutting from a poem. A series of poems or cuttings from poems on the same subject or theme (with appropriate transitions) may also be used. Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Reader must read the poetry from the printed page and stands during presentation. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.
- **Storytelling** - A telling of a story, such as a folk tale or fairy tale, without memorizing exact words. Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Notes are not allowed. Storyteller sits during presentation.
- **Play Acting** - An acting out of a play or a cutting from a play performed by an individual or group (2-6). Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Must be memorized. Actors may sit or stand. No costumes, sound effects, or props (other than chairs). Emphasis is on character development through voice, movement, facial expressions, and gestures.

To register go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2022SpeakingContest>

Deadline for Registration is March 25th

2022 Portage County 4-H Demonstration Contest



WHEN: Tuesday April 5th at 6:00PM (*Tentatively scheduled*)

WHERE: Pinery Room, Portage County Library
(1001 Main St, Stevens Point)

Depending on the number of entries we may move the demonstration contest to after the speaking contest on Monday, April 4th.

CONTEST RULES

- Demonstrations may be done individually or by a team of two youth.
- The brochure, ***Let's Demonstrate***, is available at the Extension Office.
- Judging will be on the Danish system. Rosholt Fair premiums are included as awards (Cloverbuds receive participation ribbon).
- Awards and Best of Show will be offered for each age division.
- Please make demonstration topics appropriate for all age groups.

Enter in One of These Categories:

- Family, Home & Health / Cultural Arts
- Animal, Plant, or Soil Science
- Mechanical or Natural Science

DIVISIONS

TIME LIMIT

GRADES K - 2	5 - 10 MINUTES
GRADES 3 - 5	5 - 10 MINUTES
GRADES 6 - 8	8 - 12 MINUTES
GRADES 9 & UP	8 - 12 MINUTES

To register for the go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2022DemoContest>

Deadline for Registration is March 25th

Could you use help when it comes to navigating social media?

Then join the Portage County 4-H Teen Tech ChangeMakers as we teach 4-H leaders, parents and grandparents understanding of social media & social media safety! This workshop will cover the basics of the social media platforms Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & TikTok. Must be 18 & older to participate.

When: February 19th at 10:00 am

Where: Portage Co. Library Pinery Room
(1001 Main St., Stevens Point)

To Register: <https://tinyurl.com/4-HTechChangeMakers>





Portage County 4-H Snowman Building Contest



Do you wanna build a snowman?

**We are looking for the best snowman builders in
Portage County 4-H!**

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

To enter the contest submit a picture of your family-friendly snow creation. Your submission photo of the snowman must have at least one of the builders in the photo. Families and groups in the pictures are welcomed. Make sure you list the Division, Class, your 4-H Club or the 4-H family you are a member of when you email your photo submission.

You can enter once in each class of your age category and family category.

Classes:

- Best Snowman
- Best Snow Creation (examples—snow family, snow animals, snow sculpture...)

Entrants are encouraged to add their own creative touches that will make their snowman unique. It doesn't need to be a traditional snowman! Get Creative!

For safety reasons no hollowed out snow structures will be allowed.

Divisions:

Cloverbud:

Kindergarten - 2nd grade

Junior:

3rd - 5th grade

Intermediate:

6th - 8th grade

Senior:

9th grade or older

Family

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

For Registration and Photo Submission details go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/20224-HSnowmanContest>

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

Awesome Prizes Will be Awarded!



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-H YOUTH

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/>



2022 AG SOURCE DHI FOUNDATION PORTAGE COUNTY FUND GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships awarded for:

- College students having already completed a college semester and evidence of continued college enrollment
- Adults seeking continuing education
- Those wanting to attend professional ag related seminars, conferences, or courses

Scholarship requirements include:

- Applicant, Parents, or Grandparents must have been a DHI member from Portage County
- No application will be accepted if applicant applied for other DHI Fund Groups
- College students must maintain 2.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Include two letters of recommendation or ag related seminar/course brochure
- Application must be postmarked by May 1, 2022

Application can be found on page 10 of this newsletter. Send completed scholarship application to:

ATTN: Ag Source Scholarship Portage County Extension 1462 Strongs Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54481

PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS!

DEADLINE: MARCH 15TH | AWARD: \$250

Scholarships are available for eligible Portage County 4-H members and leaders pursuing higher education! Turn to the next pages of this newsletter for an application or an application can be found at <http://portage.extension.wisc.edu> (Under the 4-H Youth Forms & Applications).



The scholarship requires letters of recommendation and a signature from your General Leader. Please start soon to give your mentors time to write a thoughtful letter!

Qualifications:

- Must be a present or former Portage County 4-H member or leader
- May study in any field at an accredited school
- Must be used within 1 year from time of award
- Minimum of 2 years as club project/youth leader
- Minimum of 3 years of participation in 4-H
- Scholarship can be received only once
- A member needs their general leader's signature
- A leader's form must be signed by their general leader or the county agent.

PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

QUALIFICATIONS

- ✿ Must be a present or former Portage County 4-H Member or Leader.
- ✿ May apply to any field of study (post high school) at any accredited school.
- ✿ Must be used within one year from the time of scholarship award or money must be returned to the 4-H Leaders Association
- ✿ Minimum of 2 years as a project or youth leader at the club level. Provide detailed list of experiences where projects are listed on this application.
- ✿ Minimum of 3 years participation in 4-H.
- ✿ Scholarship can be received only once.
- ✿ A leader's form must be co-signed by a general leader or county agent.
- ✿ A member's form must be signed by their general leader.



DATE: ____ / ____ / ____

NAME: _____ PARENTS NAMES: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PRESENT ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT): _____

PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN PORTAGE COUNTY (CHECK ONE):

____ FARM

____ RURAL AREA

____ VILLAGE OR TOWN

____ CITY

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION YOU ARE OR WILL BE ATTENDING:

WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN THE FIELD OF STUDY YOU ARE PURSUING? FOR WHAT REASON DID YOU CHOOSE THE SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND?

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OUTSIDE OF 4-H
(YOU WILL HIGHLIGHT YOUR 4-H BACKGROUND ON THE NEXT PAGE).

4-H BACKGROUND

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY. **BE CONCISE BUT THOROUGH.**

YEARS ENROLLED IN PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H: _____
YEARS ENROLLED IN ANOTHER COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM: _____
TOTAL YEARS IN 4-H: _____

ALL CLUB OFFICES HELD

ALL COUNTY OFFICES HELD:

ALL HONORS WON IN 4-H:

ALL 4-H PROJECTS:

ALL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

PROJECT LEADERSHIP (INCLUDE NUMBER OF YEARS IN YOUTH AND/OR PROJECT LEADERSHIP):

WRITE A PARAGRAPH ON ANY OTHER THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO ADD.

FURNISH AT LEAST THREE (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, WITH AT LEAST ONE BEING FROM A 4-H LEADER.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE.

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: _____

GENERAL LEADER'S SIGNATURE: _____

RETURN FORM TO: PORTAGE COUNTY EXTENSION, 1462 STRONGS AVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2022

2022 AG SOURCE DHI FOUNDATION PORTAGE COUNTY FUND GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships awarded for:

- College students having already completed a college semester and evidence of continued college enrollment
- Adults seeking continuing education
- Those wanting to attend professional ag related seminars, conferences, or courses

Scholarship requirements include:

- Applicant, Parents, or Grandparents must have been a DHI member from Portage County
- No application will be accepted if applicant applied for other DHI Fund Groups
- College students must maintain 2.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Include two letters of recommendation or ag related seminar/course brochure
- Application must be postmarked by May 1, 2022

Send completed scholarship application to:

ATTN: Ag Source Scholarship
Portage County Extension
1462 Strong's Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____ Major _____ GPA _____

Applying under herd number and farm name _____

Name and address of school attending or seminar, conference, or course wishing to attend _____

Using additional pages, please respond to the following:

1. Activities – school (students only)
2. Activities – community
3. Family Farm History
4. List employment in agribusiness
5. List goals and plans for the next five years

Limiting yourself to one page, please describe the following

How will your educational experiences help meet these goals?

What challenges do you foresee and how will you overcome them?

I certify that all information given on this application is true, correct, and completed to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Scholarship's amount may differ based on availability and need. Preference may be given to students in agriculture related field. Portage County Fund Group reserves the right to make the final decision.

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).

4-H State Meat Judging Contest

This contest tests the knowledge of youth in placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, retail cut identification and a quiz. This contest occurs annually with the teams traveling to Kansas City, MO and Denver, CO for national competition. There is a Junior Division as well at the state level.

WHEN: Saturday, April 30, 2022

TIME: Registration 8:30 am

Contest begins at 9:00am

WHERE: UW-Madison Meat Lab

***Deadline for registration is April 18, 2022.
Register through 4H Online.***

More information can be found at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/>



Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skill-a-Thon

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions.

Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills.

All 4-H members are welcome to form a team of 3-4 members! (contestants participate according to their grade).

When: April 9, 2022

Time: Registration 9 a.m., Competition starts 9:30 a.m.

Deadline for registration is March 25, 2022. Register through 4H Online.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/>

2022 Neillsville Rabbit Fun Show

WHEN: April 30, 2022

**WHERE: Clark County Fairgrounds,
1121 E. Division St, Neillsville, WI 54456**

Registration by 8:30 a.m. | Show starts at 9 a.m.

15 and under \$.50 per rabbit | 16 and up \$1.00 per rabbit | Costume contest is \$2.00

All Ages Welcome. **All Breeds Welcome**, even a Crossbred Class

Awards will be given. | 50/50 raffle and silent auction | Show Animals will be on Auction

Please RSVP on Facebook on the [Neillsville Rabbit Fun Show page](#) by March 1, 2022.

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Board - October 2021

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association Board meeting of 10-18-21, held via Zoom, was called to order by Vice-President, Betty Pionek 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), 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 presented

OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Checking \$22,923.10 Savings \$3,584.71 September income from plat book sales \$953.73 (24) | Secretary's Report and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS:

COVID-19 Update – Going back to virtual Leader Association meetings and mask wearing inside for club meetings. | Re-Enrollment in 4-H Online – Due November 15th. Program is allowing youth in 4K to enroll as Cloverbuds even though they are not eligible to join the 4-H program. | Record Book Update – Large number of applicants for Youth Leadership Awards. Request made to increase number of Large Animal Awards from 2 to 3. | Club Charters & Financial Report – Club Charter paperwork is due November 1st. | Fall Forum – Virtual program scheduled for November 5th and 6th. Three youth and three adults (includes Connie) have registered for the event. | Shooting Sports – Informational meeting for Air Rifle Project is scheduled for 6 pm, October 25th at the Rosholt American Legion Hall. | Award Program and Leader's Banquet – Names of Leadership Award recipients from last year will also be included in this year's program. Need to keep program short. Youth receiving awards will receive all their awards at one time while on stage. This year cost of pins and certificates for program will be \$300.00. Company that makes plaques with name plates is closed due to COVID so no plaques will be presented this year. Cody Kaminski, outgoing president of the Teen Leaders Association, will be the MC. Connie requested \$100 to pay for door prizes for the Awards Program and for contest prized. Motion by Jan, second by Michelle to budget \$100 for door prizes and contest prizes. Motion passed. | Other - None

NEW BUSINESS:

October Pumpkin Contest – Already have eight entries. Per Connie, this is a popular contest that we should continue to sponsor. | Charter Renewal Training – Has not been released yet. Expect it to be offered early in the new year. | Print Donation – Jerry Gadamus donated 500 prints to the Portage County 4-H. Debra, Sharon and Malayna will be working with Connie and Koerten Gallery to determine how they will be used. Committee has not met yet. Connie will send an email. | Ambassador Program and Interviews – Interviews for Ambassadors, Key Awards and Leader of Tomorrow Awards will be scheduled sometime in January. Suggestion made to have past ambassadors continue to serve as long as they are willing to do so. Connie will ask Sharon to work with the incoming Ambassadors. | County Officer Training for Youth – Training will be held in December. Not sure if it will be an in-person or a virtual training. | Changes to Club Secretary Book – Jan requested that the forms in the Secretary Record Book be simplified. Per the written recommendation from the State 4-H on how to use the 4-H Multipurpose Club Record, only the Attendance Record and minutes of regular club meetings are the responsibility of the club secretary. The other forms are for use by the General Leader. Kathy commented that there was only one Club Secretary Record submitted for an award this year and agreed that the required forms should be simplified. | Club Order Forms for Plat Books – Recommendation from Debra at a prior meeting. Debra planned to work with Lisa to develop a club order form. No additional information available at this time. Discussion of form tabled until more details can be provided. | Meeting Location – Possible meeting locations are the Stevens Point Public Library and the Stevens Point Schools. The November meeting of the Leaders Association will be held at the Stevens Point Public Library. | December Meeting Cancelled | Other - None | Agent Report – None

Next Meeting Date – February 21, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm

Yours in 4-H,

Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - November 2021

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association meeting of 11-15-21 was held at the Portage County Library. Leaders were also able to participate in the meeting via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by President, Betty Pionek at 6:34 pm. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Kathy Glodowski, Malayna Polum and Michelle Waltenberg, (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Betty Pionek and Pat Mrozinski (Casimer Boosters), Debra Helbach (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Sharon Cisewski (Plover Clovers), Barb Kasprowicz and Jaime Sanford (Almond Busy Bees), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golder Stars) Heidi Cocoran (and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent. | **ADDITONS TO AGENDA:** Roller Skating and Winter Camp | **MINUTES:** Minutes were approved as presented. | **OFFICER REPORTS:** Treasurer's Report: Checking \$23,418.78 Savings \$3,584.71 \$1200.00 income from sale of 30 plat books in October | Secretary's Report and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 Update – No changes for clubs. Wearing masks is recommended. University staff must be vaccinated by January 4th. | Re-Enrollment in 4-H Online – No big changes. Number of new families has increased. Encourage families to re-enroll by November 15th so they continue to receive emails and newsletters. | Pumpkin Contest Update – Very Popular contest. Had 59 entries this year. Gingerbread contest is next and will run through January 1st, followed by the snowman contest. Money for prizes is a line item in the 2021-2022 budget. | 2021 Awards Program and Leader's Banquet – Jensen Center is good location. Total of 87 in attendance, 42 adults and 45 youth. Best turnout of award recipients. MC and presenters did a nice job. Ambassadors helped give out documents. Youth took more ownership of the program. Michelle and Candice kept everything organized. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to make this program a success. Comments from those in attendance: Missed youth trip presentations. Suggestion made to have clubs share what they have done. This would be a good way to promote 4-H. | Fall Forum – Virtual conference this year. Sharon and Skylar Cisewski, Debra Helbach, Camryn Wade, Juniper Rydberg and Betty Pionek participated. Sharon reported that she would have liked to attend in person. There were many workshop choices. Two that she mentioned were the Cloverbud and Club Barn Quilt workshops. Betty learned about knowing your audience, curiosity popcorn, Iowa warships, Icelandic sheep and mental health. Youth were presenters for many of the workshops. Attendance at the Fall Forum counts as a Charter Training session. | Club Charters Update – Connie shared information from Leaders Association goals for Expanding Access: To learn more about the people in our community, create a community profile and bring in guest speakers to meetings. Other goals are to add 25 members by April 1st and to retain 97% of members. | **NEW BUSINESS:** Plat Book Club Order Form – Per Debra's suggestion, Lisa designed a plat book club order form that was reviewed via zoom during the meeting. Is this something we want to pursue? The following discussion occurred: Yes, this is a good idea. An electronic copy of form could be sent to the General Leaders to solicit orders from their club families. Orders would need to be paid for in advance. Club leaders would pick up plat books from the Extension Office and distribute to club families who ordered them. Concern expressed regarding length of time it will take if extra books need to be ordered from the printer. Per Jan, turnaround time for orders is very short. Betty and Connie will work on this project. Plat book ads will be in the December newspapers. Deadline for advertising in the November issue of the Community Spirit was missed. | Awards & Ambassador Applications Due – December 15th | Awards & Ambassador Interviews – Virtual interviews will be held January 6th. | New Adult Leader Training (VIP) – January 5th – January 9th. Please let new leaders know about training dates. | Charter Training: Learn Together, Lead Together: 2021 Annual Leader Training- One member from each club is required to attend a charter training session. Virtual trainings are scheduled for November 30th and January 31st. Attending Fall Forum also counts as a charter training. | Club Officer Training – Scheduled for December 9th. This will be a joint virtual training with Waupaca County. Will need teen volunteers to be presenters and enough adult volunteers for each break out session. | Robotics Workshops – Three families and three individuals, totaling 10 youth participants have signed up. Three beginner face-to-face classes will be held on December 2nd, 4th and 11th at the Portage County Public Library. Families will work as groups to build movable robots. Considering charging for snacks. | National Rabbit Show – Michelle shared that someone from Waupaca County is interested in holding a National Rabbit Show in central Wisconsin. She is considering the Rosholt Fair grounds as the show location. Possible show dates are April 8th - 10th or Mother's Day weekend. The show planner wants to know if our organization is interested in running a food stand during the show dates. An estimated 200 people with 900 rabbits could attend the show. Discussion was tabled until January. Michelle also mentioned a fundraising opportunity for 4-H clubs. Clubs are welcome to sell food and crafts from 6 am until noon at the KP Swap Meets. 4-H Clubs would not be charged a booth fee. In addition, the Leader Association could also generate extra income by selling food at these Swap Meets. | Other: 4-H Winter Camp – Overnight event at the Wisconsin Lions Camp from January 28th to January 29th. Six counties are interested in participating. Cost for food not known yet so camper's fee has not been determined. Since UW Madison signs the contract, they will be paying for the camp. Then each county will pay UW Madison for their campers' expenses. Leaders Association budgeted \$1800.00 for winter camp. Connie and Jan will work together to determine what the fee for the Portage County campers will be. | Roller Skating – Jan will check on dates and provide the information to Lisa for distribution to the 4-H families. Per Connie, masks are optional. | Shooting Sports – We need more communication about the program. Connie will discuss with Lisa. | Agent Report – None | Next Meeting Date – January 17, 2022 Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

December 13, 2021 | Meeting called to order at 6:38

Pledges were stated. Minutes read.

Old Business: make sure you have registered. Pay your dues to NZZ 4h club. Dues are \$10 per member. Checks are requested.

New Business: Winter camp will be Jan 28-29. It is for grades 7-12 and will be held at the Rosholt Lions camp. Bowling party is Jan 16 at 1 at Whitetail Lanes. We voted and the club will pay for shoe rental and 2 games of bowling Ayden made the motion, 2nd by Hazel | Gingerbread contest runs until Jan 3rd | Ambassador project was mentioned | Rosholt market animal project deadline is December 15, 2021 | County Club Officer training was mentioned | Managerial agreements and new leader training was mentioned. The training will take place Jan 5th | Sledding party at Iverson's Jan 24 | Rollerskating Dec 30 WI Rapids

Sunshine post-Raliegh and Anthony have birthdays this month

Motion to adjourn Rodney, 2nd Ethan | Adjourned at 6:53 | Gift exchange to follow

Respectively Submitted, Secretary Allison R.

Eager Eagles Club Report - January 2022

The regular meeting of the Eager Eagles Club was held over Zoom on January 10th 2022. The meeting was called to order by Jane. S, our club's president at 3:00 in the afternoon. Roll call was answered by 12 members. There were 9 girls and 4 boys present. We had one guest attending. The members then said the 4-H pledge.

Old business included getting 4-H dues from the Rosholt fair. Our club's 4-H Christmas Party was held last month. We celebrated by playing some fun games! New Business included organizing the idea of possibly making cards next month. It was moved by Jane S. that the meeting was adjourned. The Motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was then adjourned at 3:10.

One of our club's families suggested having a guest speaker lead a presentation about Banding Birds. After the meeting was adjourned the guest speaker had a slide neatly put together about how they were safely Banding Birds and the different tools they used. It was quite fascinating! Thank you Susan. S for the awesome slide and presentation. It was deeply appreciated.

An email most likely will be sent out on when our club will meet next in February.

Sincerely, Your Club's Secretary Ava A.

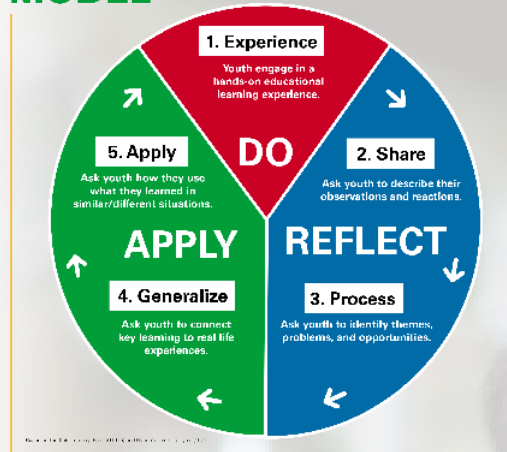


Members of the Sunnyside Climbers club were spreading holiday cheer and promoting 4-H in the Stevens Point Holiday parade!



Learn By Doing

4-H® EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING MODEL



Since 4-H started in the early 1900s, the idea of “learning by doing” has defined the program. This hands-on process allows youth to understand not only how to do something but also why they’re doing it. This model is known as the Experiential Learning

Failure is OK!

One of the biggest challenges (and benefits) of experiential learning is not always being successful immediately. It might be hard to sit back and watch your youth struggle, but it’s a valuable lesson. 4-H is supposed to be a place where you can fail in a safe environment. Learning is a process—change from failure is ok!

Support your youth and encourage them! The first arrow in an archery lesson might miss the target, but you’ll be amazed how your youth progresses after ten, fifty, one hundred more attempts.

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Car Ride Questions

It’s pretty common for 4-H members to share what they learned with their peers and the adults leading a project. The learning doesn’t end when youth leave the activity and head home! Take time with your 4-H member to reflect on their experience. Ask some questions to see what they learned and to help them think critically about the activity they just did. Reflection is an important part of learning by doing, and you as a caregiver can help support the process. Here are some questions you could ask:

- What was the easiest part of the activity? What surprised you?**
- What were some problems that came up over and over? How did you handle them?**
- What was the most challenging part of the activity? Why? How did you solve it?**
- What advice would you give to someone who wants to do this activity?**
- How can you use what you learned?**

Source: Reflection Questions for Experiential Learning Activities, UW-Madison Division of Extension (2015) by Brianna Stapleton Welch

Encourage your youth 4-H member to try the origami activity on the opposite page. Then reflect with some of these questions!

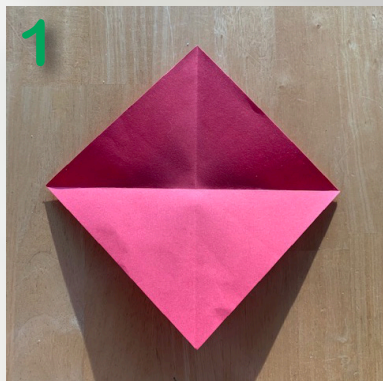
Do you have special skills or knowledge that you would like to share with 4-H youth? Check with your local 4-H educator and ask about signing up as a Project Leader!





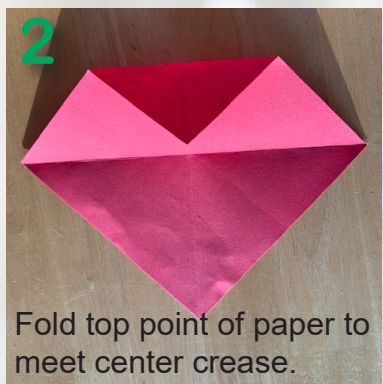
Origami Hearts

Have you ever tried origami before? Origami is the art of paper folding. Try to make a heart out of a square piece of paper by following these steps! If you have questions or don't understand a step, ask an adult for help!

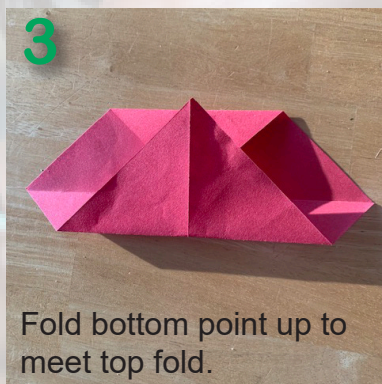


Start with a 6" x 6" square piece of paper. If you're using origami paper, put the side with the color pattern face down on the table.

Fold paper in half on the diagonal, bringing top corner to bottom one. Unfold. Fold in half again, bringing right corner to left one. Unfold.



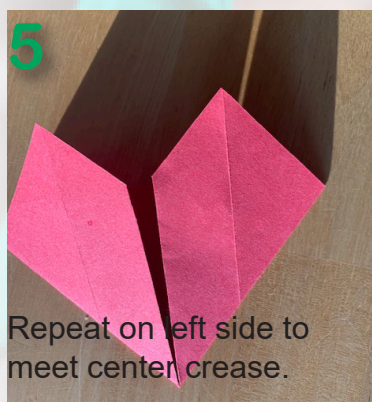
Fold top point of paper to meet center crease.



Fold bottom point up to meet top fold.



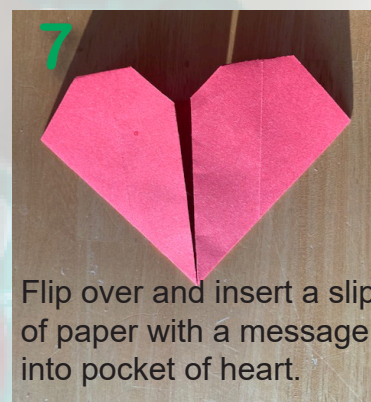
Fold right side up diagonally to align with center.



Repeat on left side to meet center crease.



Flip over folded paper; fold side and top points in 1/2".



Flip over and insert a slip of paper with a message into pocket of heart.

Instructions used with permission from Amanda Kingloff, ProjectKid.com, "[Origami Heart Valentines](#)." Photos by Heidi Vanderloop Benson.

How did it go?

Did you get it right the first time? If you did, great job! If you didn't, try it again! It's normal to not get an origami fold perfect on the first try. Try to see if you can perfect the skill. After you have this one down, try to create some other new folds!



Pictured above: Members of the Casimir Boosters 4-H club braved the cold weather to ring bells for the Salvation Army



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Pictured Left: Members from the Tomorrow River Voyagers had a lot of fun participating in the Tomorrow River Business Association Holiday Parade

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