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Letter From the President

Dear 4-H'ers, leaders and families,

You all amaze me! It seems the busiest people find the time to do more than people who have more time on their hands. 4-H members, leaders and families are perfect examples of this idea coming to life. You create your 4-H projects, attend 4-H meetings and support 4-H in so many ways while maintaining your busy school/work schedules and family demands. My hat goes off to you all!

Spring is upon us! Longer days to enjoy the sunshine and to start your summer projects. Before you do, I challenge you to have some fun by creating an entry in the Portage County 4-H Peeps

Diorama Contest before the April 29th deadline! It's a fun way to use left over Peeps that were not found during your family egg hunt. And it's calorie free!

Enjoy!

Betty Pionek

Portage County 4-H Leaders Association President

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

APRIL

- 1 Last Day for Project Changes in 4-H Online
- 4 4-H Speaking and Demonstration Contests, 6:00PM, Portage County Library
- 14 Managerial Agreements Due to Extension Office
- 18 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 21 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM,
- 21 Summer Camp Counselor Training, 7:00-9:00 PM, Zoom
- 23 UW-Madison Agriscience Tour, 7:00am departure time
- 23 M. A.P. Swine & Sheep Ear Tag Distribution, 9:00-10:00 am, Jensen Center, Amherst
- 24 4-H Sewing Session #1, 1:00-2:00pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst

MAY

- 1 4-H Sewing Session #2, 1:00-2:00pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst
- 2 Deadline for Submitting Tagged Swine Photos
- 7 Lamb Weigh-On Market Animal Project, 9:00-10:00am Amherst Fairgrounds,
- 14 Summer Camp Counselor training and planning, 9:00am, Waupaca
- 15 Discovering Rocks Class 1—Rock Collecting and Polishing, 2:00-3:30pm, Zoom
- 16 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 17 Discovering Rocks Class 2—Creating with Rocks, 6:30pm, Zoom
- 22 4-H Sewing Session #3, 1:00-2:00pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst
- 23 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Rosholt Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
- 23 Market Animal Sales Promotion & Records / Ethics & Sportsmanship Meeting, 7:00PM, Rosholt Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
- 30 UW-Extension Office Closed (Memorial Day)

JUNE

- 5 4-H Sewing Session #4, 1:00-2:00pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst
- 10-11 Junior Summer Camp (Grades 3-4), Central WI Environmental Station in Amherst
- 12-14 Intermediate Summer Camp, (Grades 5-8), Upham Woods near WI Dells
- 20 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom

Discovering Rocks with Portage County 4-H!

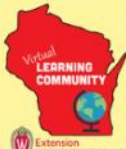
Are you curious about rocks? Join us for Discovering Rocks – a 2-part hands-on workshop on discovering rocks, polishing rocks, and creating with rocks. Discovering Rocks is sponsored by Portage County 4-H and is being held in collaboration with the Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community.

This class is open statewide for youth in grades 5 and up (3rd & 4th graders are welcome with adult help). Supplies will be mailed right to your door free of charge!

Class 1 (Rock Collecting and Polishing) is on May 15 from 2-3:30

Class 2 (Creating with Rocks) is on May 17 at 6:30.

Limited space is available, please register for BOTH classes by May 2nd! You can register via wi.4honline.com; don't have a 4-H account? Register here: Class 1: <https://go.wisc.edu/g38509> and Class 2: <https://go.wisc.edu/ra7td4>



This program is proudly shared through the Virtual Learning Community. For more opportunities like this, please visit:

4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc

DISCOVERING ROCKS

Register for each class separately at wi.4honline.com

1

ROCK COLLECTING & POLISHING

Sunday, May 15
2PM-3:30PM


2

CREATING WITH POLISHED ROCKS

Tuesday, May 17
6:30-8:00PM

ages: 3rd grade and up
Registration deadline:
May 2 | Cost: Free
Materials need to be mailed, register early!

No 4-H Online account?
Register at:
Class 1: <https://go.wisc.edu/g38509>
Class 2: <https://go.wisc.edu/ra7td4>



Discovering Rocks

Finding, Polishing, Creating with Rocks


I. Rock Collecting & Polishing:
May 15th – Sunday 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

II. Creating with Polished Rocks:
Tuesday, May 17th 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

I. Rock Collecting & Polishing

Hand Polish a Petoskey Stone

- ✓ This is a hands-on workshop on discovering rocks, types of rocks & polishing rocks
- ✓ We will hand polish a Petoskey Stone
- ✓ Discuss Polishing with a Rock Tumbler
- ✓ Discuss what rocks are good for polishing





II. Creating with Polished Rocks

- ✓ Make a macramé holder to show off your stone
- ✓ Make a pendant &/or a magnet
- ✓ Learn about wrapping your stone
- ✓ You can use polished rocks to make a Photo Frame or other items
- ✓ Learn different ways to showcase your rock using the macramé holder
- ✓ We are supplying polished stones for this activity
- ✓ Other crafting ideas for polished stone, pendant tag, glue

Grade 5 & up (3rd & 4th graders can attend but need to partner with an adult for supervision). 4-H youth and friends of 4-H youth are invited. Class Limited to 20 participants but if enough interest will offer second class

Cost: Materials donated by Sandy Mooney and Petoskey Stones supplied by Connie Creighton. No cost for the class, but once you receive your materials you should participate in the class or please return the supplies

This class is offered by a self-taught rock hobbyist.



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Your rock collection
Now What

Curious about a rock?
Bring it to Class.

Save the Dates! 4-H Summer Camp is Back!

4-H Summer Camp is back!! Enjoy the outdoors, team building, and making new friends with 4-H youth from both Waupaca and Portage Counties.

Junior Summer Camp

Who: Grades 3-4

When: June 10th – 11th

Where: Central WI Environmental Station in Amherst

Intermediate Summer Camp

Who: Grades 5-8

When: June 12th – 14th

Where: Upham Woods near WI Dells



Watch for more details to come regarding cost and registration!

To offer summer camp, we also need older youth to serve as counselors and adults for chaperones!!

Youth in grades 8 and above are eligible to be camp counselors. Youth in grade 8 would be selected to be counselors for Junior Camp first. Youth in grades 9 and above can be counselors for either Junior or Intermediate Camp. If you are interested in being a counselor there is a training requirement. Dates for this are Thursday, April 21st, 7-9 p.m. via zoom and then training and planning on Saturday, May 14th from 9 a.m. - noon in Waupaca for an in person session. If you are interested in being a counselor please sign up using the link below.

Camp Counselor Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2022SumerCampCounselors>

Calling all 4-Hers who love to eat!

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association is creating a cookbook as a fund raiser.

The cookbook will include all your favorite foods...with your help!

Send the recipes of all your favorite foods. Those recipes will be included in this book which will become a favorite for you and your family for many years in the future. Include that special recipe that you have created or one from your aunt, grandma, dad, other family member or friend.

Submit one recipe or a bunch. Include your name or your family member's name.

Send to towtallyfreds@hotmail.com or mpolum@hotmail.com. Your recipe will appear in the book with your name or the name you provide as the recipe creator.



SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS RESULTS



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: BROOKLYNN TRZEBIATOWSKI OF THE PLOVER CLOVERS, MATTHEW CARLSON AND ANTHONY GARBACZ OF THE NELSONVILLE ZIPPY ZEES WITH THEIR BEST OF SHOW SPEAKING CONTEST RIBBONS



PICTURED ABOVE: NORA AND JACK ERON OF THE CARSON CLIMBERS WITH THEIR SPEAKING AND DEMONSTRATION CONTEST CLOVERBUD RIBBONS



PICTURED RIGHT: BRENNA LOCKMAN OF THE PLOVER CLOVERS WITH HER BLUE AND BEST OF SHOW (NOT PICTURED) DEMONSTRATION CONTEST RIBBON

Demonstration Contest Results

Breanna Lockman, Plover Clovers, Blue & Best of Show Gr. 6-8 Demonstration

Jack Eron, Carson Climbers, Cloverbud Demonstration

Nora Eron, Carson Climbers, Cloverbud Demonstration



Speaking Contest Results

Anthony Garbacz, Nelsonville Zippy Zees, Blue & Best of Show Gr. 9 & Up Reading of Prose

Jack Eron, Caron Climbers, Cloverbud Reading of Prose

Nora Eron, Carson Climbers, Cloverbud Reading of Prose

Levi Trzebiatowski, Plover Clovers, Blue Gr. 5 & Under Reading of Poetry

Matthew Carlson, Nelsonville Zippy Zees, Blue & Best of Show Gr. 5 & Under Reading of Poetry

Brooklynn Trzebiatowski, Plover Clovers, Blue & Best of Show Gr. 6-8 Reading of Poetry

Matthew Carlson, Nelsonville Zippy Zees, Blue Gr. 5 & Under Original Speech

Levi Trzebiatowski, Plover Clovers, Blue Gr. 5 & Under Storytelling

Brooklynn Trzebiatowski, Plover Clovers, Blue Gr. 6-8 Storytelling

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all our Speaking & Demonstration contest participants! Job well done!



Portage County 4-H Peeps Diorama Contest

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 diorama made of Peeps. Your submission photo of the diorama must have at least one of the builders in the photo. Make sure you list the Division and your 4-H Club or the 4-H family you are a member of when you email your photo submission.

Diorama Guidelines

All diorama entries must be based on a 4-H Project and be "Family Friendly" (suitable for all audiences)



- All entries should be around the size of a standard shoe-box, with maximum size of 12" x 18" by 12". Sides may be removed.
- All characters in your scene should be made using Peeps. Dioramas can use any type of Peep.
- Limit one entry per person.
- Limit one entry per family.
- Each entry needs to be titled and related to a 4-H project.



Divisions

Cloverbud:
Kindergarten - 2nd grade

Junior:
3rd - 5th grade

Intermediate:
6th - 8th grade

Senior:
9th grade or older

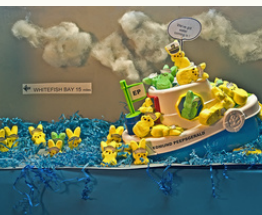
Family

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

<https://tinyurl.com/2022PeepsContest>

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

Awesome Prizes Will be Awarded!



**Entries are Due by
Friday, April 29th**



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Portage County 4-H Sewing Workshops

Are you interested in learning more about how to sew?
Already know the basics? Come and join us! Have a great
time learning to sew and gain valuable knowledge!

It will be sew much fun!

SESSION 1: INTRO TO SEWING

April 24, 2022 1:00-2:00pm

Topics covered will include: review of materials needed for initial sewing kit, introduction and practice with sewing machine.

SESSION 2: SEWING MACHINE

May 1, 2022 1:00-2:00pm

Topics covered will include: introduction of sewing finishes and pressing techniques and construction of a sachet or pillow case.

SESSION 3: SEWING PATTERNS

May 22, 2022 1:00-2:00pm

Topics covered will include: learning how to read and apply a pattern to material, pinning, cutting, and assembling pajama/lounge pants.

SESSION 4: SEWING PROJECT COMPLETION

June 5, 2022 1:00-2:00pm

Topics covered will include: wrap up with completion of sewing project, and hand sewing, mending and sewing buttons.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR INITIAL SEWING KIT

- pin cushion
- seam ripper
- hem gauge
- 8" Sewing shears (or scissors)
- marking pen or chalk
- tape measure
- straight pins
- sewing needles
- small spool of all purpose thread
- piece of cloth
- buttons
- sewing machine (if you do not have a sewing machine accommodations can be made to get you one to use.)

Please have supplies for initial sewing kit purchased prior to the start of session 1 as they will be used during the session.

TO REGISTER GO TO:

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

All sessions will be held at
Peace Lutheran Church
(293 S Main St, Amherst, WI 54406)



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Amherst Spring Showcase

Exciting News! There will be a new pig show in the Wisconsin Show Pig Association Circuit to be held in Amherst!

Date: Saturday, June 11th, 2022

Location: Amherst Fairgrounds, Amherst, WI

Judge: Jenna Siegel

Banners will be given out for the overall top 5 gilts and barrows, GRAND & RESERVE barrows and gilts, showmanship and skillathon. Additional Prizes will be given out to reserves in all divisions!

There will also limited number of trailer spots for sale closest to the ring! (more info to come)

SPONSORSHIPS ARE NEEDED!! We are looking for sponsors for all divisions! Please message Mike or Abby if you are interested in a sponsorship or if you have any questions.

Abby Helbach - 715-204-8700 ; abby.helbach@okstate.edu

Mike Helbach - 715- 572-5951



Stay tuned for more information to come!!

2022 4-H AWARD RESULTS

Congratulations to our 4-Hers who won awards for 2022!

(Listed in Alphabetical Order by Last Name, Not Rank Order)

4-H Ambassador:

Jessica Oliver

Key Award:

Presented at 2022 Awards Program

Harleigh Carlson

Zach Kolodziej

Juniper Rydberg

Leader of Tomorrow Award:

Presented at 2022 Awards Program

Maria Kildahl

Zach Kolodziej





What is YQCA?

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national certification program available for youth that focuses on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.

This training will count as one of the educational credits for Market Animal Project members.

Who is YQCA Required for?

Rosholt Fair: All Beef, Sheep & Swine Exhibitors **(not just the market sale project members)**

Amherst Fair: All Swine and Turkey Exhibitors

State Fair: Anyone Showing Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine

YQCA training will only be available online this year and will cost \$12. Portage County will not be holding a face-to-face YQCA training this year and the Rosholt Fair Market Animal Committee will not be sponsoring coupons to cover the cost of training.

Please note that in order to be eligible to participate in the Rosholt Fair Market Animal Sale you must complete your training no later than July 1, 2022.

Market Animal Project Members: once you have completed your training and receive your certificate, please email a copy to lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu so you can be given credit.

To complete your YQCA training go to: <https://yqcaprogram.org/login/index.php>

For step by step instructions: https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingYourWBTCertification.pdf

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 at: <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/>

TAGGED SWINE PHOTOS

Swine must be identified by May 2nd.

Swine must be identified by May 2nd. Members must tag, photograph, and electronically submit two photos for each tagged hog: one photo of the entire animal and another photo of the animal showing its tag number. Include project member name with correlating ear tag.

Ear tags will be distributed on April 23rd between 9 and 10 am at the Jensen Center in Amherst. Photos must be submitted no later than May 2nd to: portageco.map@gmail.com

YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION E-MAIL AFTER PHOTOS ARE SUBMITTED.

If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail shortly after submission, your photos were not received and you should submit them again.

UW-Madison Agriscience Tour

The Portage County 4-H Market Animal Committee is planning a trip to UW-Madison on Saturday, April 23rd to learn about Agriscience! We would like to invite you to join us as well!

Right now we have scheduled to visit the Genetics & BioTech Center, UW-Dairy Barn, and Dairy Cattle Center in Madison as well as the Arlington Ag Research Station in Arlington.

Departure Time: 7:00 a.m. at the Plover Park & Ride (corner Post Road and School Dr. in Plover)

Return Time: 5:30 pm

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

Registration for non-market animal project youth and all parents is \$15 per person to be paid by April 15th. Registration includes transportation by bus, Babcock ice cream, and all tour fees.

Checks can be made out to the Portage County Market Animal Committee. Payment and all forms can be sent to the Portage County Extension Office at 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Please note: This trip is open for youth in grades 3 and up. However, youth in grades 3-6 will need to be accompanied by an adult to attend this trip.

Space is limited so please register early to secure your seat!



Niemuth Family Memorial Scholarships

Two \$500 Niemuth Family Memorial Scholarships are available for eligible Portage County Market Animal Project members pursuing higher education at an accredited school. An application can be found at <http://portage.extension.wisc.edu> (Under the 4-H Youth Forms & Applications). Due date for the completed applications is August 1st. The scholarship application requires three letters of recommendation and a signature from your General Leader or FFA Advisor. Scholarship awards will be presented during the Portage County Market Animal Sale at the Rosholt Fair.

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 Strongs 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.

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - January 2022

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association meeting of 1-17-22 held via Zoom was called to order by 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, Bonnie Ziolkowski and Pat Mrozinski (Casimer Boosters), Debra Helbach and Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Sharon Cisewski (Plover Clovers), Barb Kasprowicz (Almond Busy Bees), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golder Stars) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent. ADDITONS TO AGENDA: Plat Book Ads, Plant Sale, 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award and Cook Books MINUTES: Minutes were approved as corrected.

OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Checking \$24,927.47 Savings \$3,584.71 | Plat Book Sales: November \$1240 (31) and December \$1046 (26) | Received \$50 donation from Jason and Jennifer Kressin of Gleason, WI | Secretary's Report and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 Update – No changes for clubs. Wearing masks for indoor events is no longer mandatory but still recommended. | Gingerbread Contest – Contest was a big success. The 42 entries are being judged. The information about the Snow Man Contest was sent out today. | Roller Skating Party – Jan reported that there was only one evening date available for a skating party this year. The party was held the day before New Year's Eve. Attendance was less than in the past. A total of 32 youth and adults skated and shared pizza, ice cream and soda as a group. Difference in fees collected and cost of the party and insurance resulted in a \$2.20 cost to the Leaders Association. | Trips and Awards – Jessica Oliver was selected as 4-H Ambassador. | Juniper Rydberg, Harleigh Carlson and Zachary Kolodziej were selected as Key Award winners. | Maria Kildahl and Zachary Kolodziej were selected as Leaders of Tomorrow. | Other: Plat Book Ads – Per Jan, the Rosholt Record charges the 4-H \$29 for a 2 ¼ by 2 ½ inch ad. The ad print listing the names of the businesses that sell plat books is so small, a magnifying glass is needed to read it. In the past, the Rosholt Record has charged \$50 for a larger ad. The Community Spirit only charges \$31 for a much larger ad. Jan recommends that in the future, we do not advertise in the Rosholt Record. Debra pointed out that the Community Spirit is very supportive of all 4-H programs and events and encourages 4-H clubs to send in pictures and articles to Brent Frankenhof, Community Spirit Editor. She also shared information about a Jensen Center maintenance supervisor, Chris Pehoski, who is currently receiving cancer treatments. Marilyn will send a card.

NEW BUSINESS: Charter Training: Learn Together, Lead Together: 2021 Annual Leader Training- One youth or adult leader from each club is required to attend a charter training session. Two Virtual trainings were scheduled. The first was held on November 30th and the second training will be held January 31st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. | Jensen Center Concession Stand – April 9th: Leaders Association has been asked to provide refreshments for the Annual Tomorrow River Variety Show in April. Debra expects there to be a bigger turnout than there was for the previous entertainer's show that we provided refreshments for. Last time we had a variety of baked goods and beverages. Betty recommended that we limit baked goods to finger foods such as bars and cookies. She will work with Mariah from the Jensen Center to come up with a menu. Details will be published in the Courier. | Winter Camp – Originally scheduled for 2 days but has been changed to a one-day camp due to COVID. Date of camp is Saturday, January 29th. So far, a total of 40 youth from multiple counties (Winnebago, Waupaca, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Wood, Shawano, Portage) have signed up. Cost for camp will probably be \$35.00. | American Spirit Scholarship Request – Per written request from Kaydence Burclaw, she had been signed up for the previous American Spirit trip, but was unable to attend because it was cancelled due to COVID. She is signed up to go this year and is asking for financial support from the Leaders Association. Per Jan, out of state trip funding has not been in the Leader Association budget for the past three years. Our current checkbook balance is not a good indication of the financial status for the Leaders Association. For the past three years, our expenses have exceeded our income even though we did not help fund the out of state trips. This is a trend that will continue unless we add another large fundraiser that will generate the income that the plat books used to generate. If we help fund one youth, we will be setting a precedent for future applicants. Dr. Barb has a club member that was interested in attending but did not apply because of lack of funding. The following comments were made: Vote would be needed to add to budget; signup deadline has passed which prevents sign up of other youth who might have signed up if they knew financial assistance would be provided; per, Connie, no vote would be required since funding was not include in the budget. Recommendation that youth interested in attending trips consider other sources for financial assistance such as the 4-H Foundation and their local club.

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - January 2022 Continued

Robotics Workshops – Date for third workshop had to be rescheduled due to Connie's illness. It will be held on January 22nd. Kids seem to really enjoy working with these Lego robotics kits that Connie was able to purchase with grant money. Cost of kits was \$300 per kit. | Virtual Contests – Current contest is the Snowman Building Contest. Entries are due Friday, February 12th. Due to its popularity last year, Connie plans to have another

Peeps Contest in the spring. | Portage County Scholarships – Scholarship application forms will be in the February/March Courier. Scholarship committee volunteers are Jan Miller, Pat Mrozinski, Kathy Glodowski and Betty Pionek. | Other: Plant Sale – Jan contacted Patty at Karthauser right after New Year's Day and requested an updated plant list and pricing for this year by the end of February we could distribute order forms by the first week in March. The green house expects there will be a slight increase in their pricing due to the increased cost of supplies. | 2021 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award - Debra Helbach is the recipient of the 2021 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award. IN 2021, Debra sold 217 plat books. She delivers plat books and picks up money from 8 or 9 different sites. She continues to promote sale of plat books by initiating the club order form. She served a second year as the Leaders Association president because of COVID, and took charge of the fundraiser at the Jensen Center. Connie will present Debra with her certificate and a picture and write up will be included in the next Courier. | Cook Book – Malayna shared information about a cook book she recently worked on for another organization. The cook book included 250 recipes. Cost for printing 200-300 recipes was \$3.75 per book. Number of recipes included in book can be increased. Would the Leaders Association be interested in publishing a cook book as a future fundraiser? Leader Association discussion included suggestions to include 4-H photos or information about the history of Portage County 4-H in the book, a photo contest could be held for the cover and the suggestion that books could be sold at the 4-H food stand. Pat Mrozinski has a copy of a cook book that Wood County published that could be used for ideas. Betty will work with Malayna on putting together a Portage County 4-H Cook Book. | Agent Report – Connie asked about a face-to-face meeting in March. Consensus was to continue with virtual meetings when there is still a chance of inclement weather. The Teen Leader's Family Sledding Party will be held next Monday, January 24th, from 6 to 8 pm at Iverson. If the event needs to be cancelled due to lack of snow or icy conditions, a notice will be sent out.

Next Meeting Date – March 21, 2022 | Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

4-H Club Reports

Carson Climbers - February 2022

The Carson Climbers February 2022 Meeting was held on Sunday, February 13th, 2022 at 1:00pm at the Carson Town Hall. President Koy called the meeting to order. The pledges were recited, and the officer reports were given.

For old business, the County awards were handed out to the recipients. We also handed out the prizes for the gingerbread house making contest. Congrats to everyone who entered. The members discussed the tubing at Powers Bluff on January 16th, fun was had by everyone. After re-enrollment had gone through we had 28 members.

For new business, we discussed how the Czerneski family was making the new designs for the new apparel, thank you Czerneski's for doing that. Our club dues will be \$15 and they should be handed in to Maddy. On March 25th the snowman building contest will be due, good luck to anyone participating. The demonstration and speaking contests registration is due by March 25th. The speaking contest will be on April 4th and the demo contest on the 5th. On March 25th the portage county scholarship applications will be due. Finally on April 14th the managerial agreements are due if you want to use another person's animal for fair.

We decided that our next meeting was going to be on Sunday, March 6th, 2022 and at Sawmill trampoline park. Mackenzie handed out the Carson Climber binders to the families that were present at the meeting, and she also discussed getting project materials for fair. Koy adjourned the meeting, and second by Easton. After the meeting was adjourned we made bird seed feeders and had snack. Thank you Erons for bringing the snack last meeting.

Submitted by Secretary Brooke W.

Casimer Boosters Club Report - February 2022

4-H Club Reports

We started the meeting with the pledge, roll call, and the reports. We talked about old business which included bell ringing, the holiday basket, the winter county party (sledding at Iverson), and calendar planning. The new calendar is all ready to go for 2022.

Then we moved on to new business. We reviewed the Bylaws and the Parliamentary Procedure (which is about how to make a motion). We raised the club dues to \$15 instead of \$10. We decided on a night for a movie night, which will be Friday, March 11th, 6:30 at the Gwidts.

If you remember, we made plarn a while back. Bonnie told us at this last meeting that she found someone who offered to use the plarn we made to make mats! We also talked about Club T-shirts. Everyone can bring a design they like to the next meeting and we will vote which one we want for our club t-shirt at the next meeting!

Some other announcements were that the Snowman making contest deadline is February 23rd, plant sale listings will be out by the end of February, and there will be a Tech Change Makers social media presentation on February 19th at the Library. This is mainly for any adults, leaders, parents, or grandparents that would like to know more about social media. At the end of the meeting we handed out project materials. After we adjourned the meeting we did a Valentine's Day word search!

Submitted by Lucy G.

Eager Eagles Club Report - February 2022

The regular meeting of the Eager Eagles Club was held on Zoom. The date was February 7th 2022. The meeting was called to order by Jane S. (our clubs president) at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was answered by 12 members. The members said the 4-H pledge and the treasurer's report was given.

Old Business: To anyone who has not paid their 4-H dues for the year, are requested to. New Business: Decorative Valentines cards were made from many of the members of the club and were sent to the Story's house for delivery! Next month's meeting will include bringing a dish/recipe to present. Come prepared with the recipe. Some of our 4-H members are working on some projects for the fair! It was moved that the meeting was adjourned. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Ava A.

Junction City Golden Stars Club Report - March 2022

The March meeting of the Junction City Golden Stars was held on March 13, 2022. The Junction City Golden Stars learned how the Tepp Family makes flour. The supplies came from the Tepp family. The people that learned how to make flour were: Brooke M., David K., Levi W., Maddie G., Adriana F., Amber H., and Ace H. There were new members that learned how to make flour too. The organizers were the Tepp Family. The 4Hers gathered around a table and the Tepp Family demonstrated how flour is made. First you put "wheat berries" into the flour making machine then it grinds them and makes flour.

The next Junction City Golden Stars meeting will be at the Junction City Park lodge on April 10th at 4:00PM.

Submitted by Club Reporter Amber H.

Sunnyside Climbers Club Report - March 2022

The March meeting of the Sunnyside Climbers 4-H Club was called to order at 6:09 pm. The roll call question was 'What are your plans for spring break?' We had two member/officer reports which were Elise winning the Gingerbread Contest and Marie winning the forensics contest. We had no old business but our new business included the plant sale (Orders due April 1st) and the Speaking and Demo Contest which are April 4th and 5th. The club came up with another community service idea which was to have containers filled with flowers for the Portage County Home. We will discuss again at our next meeting. Our community service activity after our meeting was working for Orphan Grain Train. Members helped wrap and make care packages for people in Ukraine. The next meeting is Tuesday April 12th at 6pm. Meeting adjourned 6:30pm.

Submitted by Anna P.



Making Memories at the Fair



Credit: Alyssa Zirbel

Going to and exhibiting at the fair is often a major highlight for 4-H youth. For some youth, that may be participating in their community, county, or regional fair. For others, that may mean exhibiting at the Wisconsin State Fair. No two fairs are the same, but they do share the opportunity for 4-H members to show their accomplishments.

Who organizes the fair?

The Wisconsin Association of Fairs and DATCP (Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection), gives leadership to county fair boards and associations. Those local entities are responsible for organizing the fair. Most fairs have volunteers who serve in roles called superintendents. They serve as a valuable link between the fair and the exhibitors to make sure judging goes smoothly and answer questions related to exhibit scoring. Please be kind to the superintendent—they freely give their time to help the fair and your child.

How to help your 4-H member find success

- Be **prepared**. Read the premium book and get to know fair entry rules for your 4-H member's exhibits. Check with your local fair for their premium book and exhibitor rules.
- Make it **educational**. Ask your 4-H member questions about their project(s). Helping youth reflect on their work can also help them prepare to exhibit.
- Keep everything in **perspective** and be **supportive**. Even if the color of the ribbon wasn't what your exhibitor was looking for, you can help them focus on what they learned in the process.
- Have **fun** and **make memories!** The fair is full of opportunities that will stick with your family for a long time. Adults can help make sure that it is a positive experience for youth.



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Fairs and exhibits may use different kinds of judging to assess exhibits. Becoming familiar with these types of judging can help your youth have a more positive experience. Learn more: [How Fair Entries are Judged](#)





Show What You Know

The fair is your time to show off your hard work! In your first year, try to only enter one to three exhibits at the fair. Answer these questions to create a plan for one exhibit you want to enter at your fair this year!

Pick one project: _____

What exhibit are you entering under this project? _____
If you are exhibiting a rabbit project, you could be showing your rabbit, or you may be entering an animal science poster about your rabbit.

What will make you feel successful?

This might mean a specific goal, or this might also be how you feel after the fair is done. What will make you feel good about what you did?

What do you need to get done to be ready for the fair?

Create a list of steps you need to get done to be ready to show your exhibit. Think about requirements the fair might have or finishing touches your exhibit needs to be “show ready.” If you’re not sure what the fair requirements are, have an adult help you look through your fair’s premium book!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



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Judges might ask you questions about your project. Start thinking about your answers!

- Why did you select this project?
- Who helped you along the way?
- What did you do to prepare from start to finish?
- What challenges did you face? What was the hardest part?
- What did you learn while doing this project?
- How can you use what you learned to help you in everyday life?

Adapted from “4-H exhibitor judging tips” by Gary Wyatt, University of Minnesota Extension, 2016.

Remember to have fun!

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Pictured above: Officers of the Tomorrow River Voyagers Club. Officers participated in an officer installation at their December club meeting using the theme of different breakfast cereals and how they relate to the club officer roles



Pictured above: Members of the Tomorrow River Voyagers club participated in a flower arrangement workshop at Bev's Floral in Stevens Point

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