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Letter From the President

Congratulations to our new Ambassadors! I look forward to seeing you at 4-H events and representing Portage County 4-H.

I hope you are all fighting cabin fever by getting your projects ready for the fairs or trying new projects. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Great job on the Gingerbread entries! I look forward to seeing your Peeps contest entries.

Malayna Polum

**Portage County 4-H Leaders
Association President**

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April 1st Project Change Deadline

The last day to update your project list in 4-H Online is APRIL 1, 2023

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

- 4-H exhibitors at the 2023 Portage County Fairs of Amherst and Rosholt will only be able to enter exhibits for which they are enrolled in related projects.
- 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

FEBRUARY

- 3-5 4-H Teen Leadership Winter Camp, Spencer Lake Camp, Waupaca
- 8 Greg Peterson Speaking Presentation, Ben Franklin Junior High Auditorium, 4:00PM
- 9 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Jensen Center, Amherst
- 9 Market Animal New Member Orientation/Species Meetings, 7:00pm Jensen Center, Amherst
- 10 Market Animal Project Agreements Due to Extension Office (from back of rule book)
- 12 Sewing Session # 1 —1:00-2:30pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst
- 12 NEW Adult Volunteer Training, 4:00-6:00pm, Zoom
- 19 Sewing Session # 2 —11:30am - 1:00pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst
- 20 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 25 Snowflake Dance, Jensen Center, Amherst, 6:00-9:00PM
- 26 Sewing Session # 3 —1:00-2:30pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst

MARCH

- 5 Sewing Session # 4—1:00-2:00pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst
- 10 Wisconsin 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Registration Due
- 15 Portage County 4-H Scholarship Application Due
- 16 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Portage County Library, Stevens Point
- 16 Market Animal Project Practical Applications Mtg 7:00 PM, Portage County Library, Stevens Point
- 17 Last Day to Register for the 4-H Speaking and Demonstration Contests
- 20 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 25 Wisconsin 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon, UW-Madison Animal Sciences Building
- 27 4-H Speaking Contests, 6:00PM, Portage County Annex, Rooms 1&2
- 28 4-H Demonstration Contests, to 6:00PM , Portage County Annex, Rooms 1&2

APRIL

- 1 Last Day for Project Changes in 4-H Online
- 14 Managerial Agreements Due to Extension Office
- 17 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM



**Join the Plover Clovers as we welcome
guest speaker, Farmer and YouTube Star,
Greg Peterson of The Peterson Farm
Brothers!**

**Greg will be covering topics ranging from
YouTube, agriculture and promoting and
educating others using social media.**

WHEN: FEBRUARY 8, 2023

4 PM

WHERE: BEN FRANKLIN JUNIOR HIGH AUDITORIUM

**Question and Answer session and Meet and Greet to follow
presentation**

**Greg Peterson and his brothers founded Peterson Farm Brothers in 2012. They have promoted agriculture
on YouTube and social media and their videos have been viewed over 200 million times.**

**Greg graduated from Kansas State University in 2013 with a major in Agricultural Communications and
Journalism and minored in Music Performance.**

Greg farms with his family on the farm where he grew up near Assaria, Kansas.

ALL 4-H youth are welcome to attend.

Donations will be accepted in lieu of admission



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WHEN: FEBRUARY 8, 2023 4:00 PM

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Communications and Journalism and minored in Music Performance. Greg farms with
his family on the farm where he grew up near Assaria, Kansas. For more information
on the Peterson Farm Brothers go to: <https://petersonfarmbrothers.com/>.**

**COME JOIN IN THE FUN WITH A FATHER
DAUGHTER AND MOTHER /SON NIGHT OUT**

Snowflake Dance

**WHERE: JENSEN
CENTER**

**WHEN: FEBRUARY
25TH, 2023**

TIME: 6PM TO 9PM

**COST: \$25.00 FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY**

Portage county Families 4-H, Come join the Nelsonville Zippy Zees on the dance floor. We are hosting a night of fun for all to enjoy. So grab your dancing shoes and let's have a ball.

Link to RSVP:

<https://bit.ly/4-HSnowflakeDance>

**For questions please contact the Extension
Office at 715-346-1462**

2023 Portage County 4-H Sewing Workshops



SESSION 1: INTRO TO SEWING (FOR BEGINNER SEWERS)

February 12th 1:00-2:30 pm

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

SESSION 2: SEWING MACHINE (FOR BEGINNER SEWERS)

February 19th 11:30am-1:00 pm

Topics covered will include: threading sewing machine, introduction of seam finishes, pressing techniques and construction of a sachet or pillowcase.

SESSION 3: IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BAG

(FOR BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE SEWERS)

February 26th 1:00-2:30 pm

Topics covered will include: making a fun tote bag or other personal sewing project.

SESSION 4: ZIPPERS & PROJECT WRAP UP (FOR BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE SEWERS)

March 5th 1:00-2:00 pm

Topics covered will include: Demonstration of zipper insertion, making a zippered pouch, and wrap up of sewing projects.

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.)



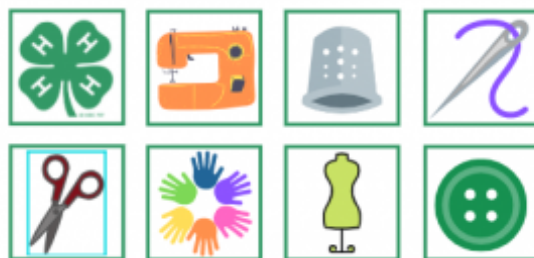
Please have supplies for initial sewing kit purchased prior to the start of session 1 as they will be used during the session

If you need help with purchasing sewing supplies please contact Connie at the Extension Office.

**SPACE IS LIMITED! BE SURE TO SIGN
UP EARLY! TO REGISTER GO TO:**

<https://bit.ly/4-HSewing>

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



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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.

2023 Portage County 4-H Speaking Contest

WHEN: Monday, March 27th—6:00PM

WHERE: Portage County Annex,
Conference Room 1&2

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://bit.ly/4-HSpeakingContest>

Deadline for Registration is March 17th

2023 Portage County 4-H Demonstration Contest



WHEN: Tuesday March 28th at 6:00PM

WHERE: Portage County Annex,
Conference Room 1&2

Depending on the number of entries we may move the demonstration contest to after the speaking contest on Monday, March 27th.

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 go to: <https://bit.ly/4-HDemoContest>

Deadline for Registration is March 17th

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: Sunday, February 12th 4:00—6:00 PM

WHERE: Online via Zoom

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://bit.ly/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.

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/>



2023 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, 2023.

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

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

PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS!

DEADLINE: MARCH 15TH | AWARD: \$250

The Wayne Schroeder Portage County 4-H Leaders Scholarships and the Pinkerton-Burns-Noble-Portage County 4-H Leaders 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.

2023 Wayne Schroeder Portage County 4-H Scholarship & 2023 Pinkerton-Burns-Noble 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).

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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, 2023

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- 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, 2023.

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).

Share-a-Kid Application Information

Each year, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways we encourage our young people in this aspect of agriculture is through our Share-a-Kid Program. We award an average of 4 to 6 dairy goat kids to young people across the state each year.

This is a competitive statewide contest. The youth applicant will write an essay of 100 words or more about why they would like to have a dairy goat, how they are going to take care of her (food, shelter, and medical care), and if they have ever raised a goat.

The deadline to submit your application/essay is by no later than April 1, 2023. All applicants will be notified of results by no later than May 1st, 2023.

Visit <https://www.wdga.org/out-and-about/> for more information and to download an application.

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).

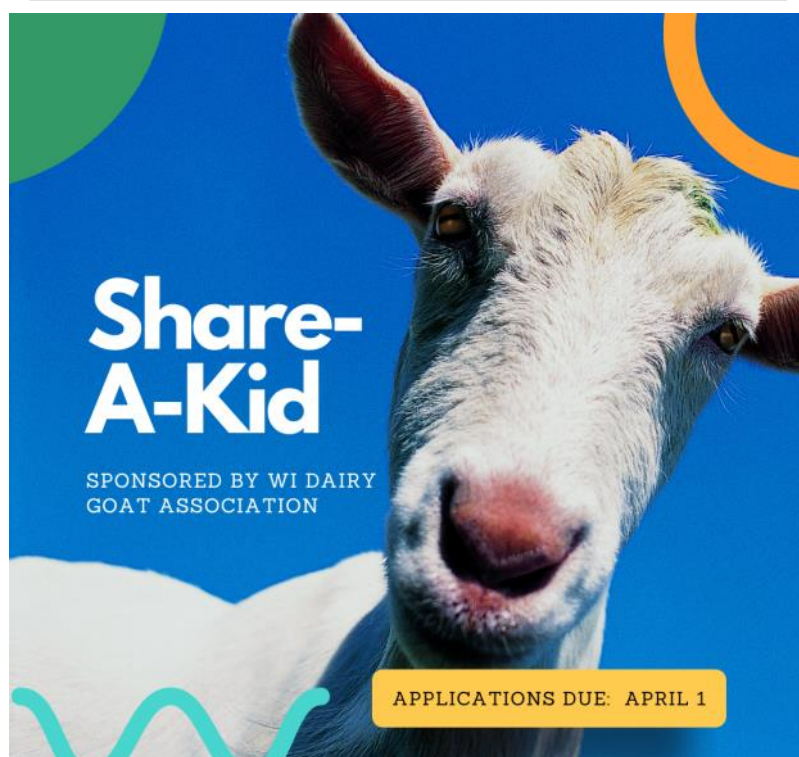
Portage County is currently putting together a team! If you are interested in joining please contact Dr. Barbara Kasprovicz (715-630-5663) before March 10th.

When: March 25, 2023

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

For More information:

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



Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - November 2022

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Association meeting of 11-15-22, held via Zoom and in person in the Extension Conference Room 5, was called to order by President Malayna Polum at 6:35 pm. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Kathy Glodowski (County-Wide), Malayna Polum (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Sharon Cisewski (Plover Clovers), Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Roller Skating | **MINUTES:** Corrections to minutes: Karen Jastromski belongs to the Tomorrow River Voyagers, the name of the business that purchased the Jerry Gadamus print at the Amherst Fair auction is Kraze Trucking and Mary Ann Kuklinski has been a 4-H Leader for 45 years. Minutes were approved as corrected.

OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Checking \$31,369.43 Savings \$3,781.14

Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence: No correspondence. Marilyn will send card to Betty.

OLD BUSINESS: Club Charters & Financial Report – Connie still missing one financial report. Charter paperwork was due November 1st. Almost all charters are done.

Re-Enrollment in 4-H Online – Due date for completion is November 15th. Families who have not completed re-enrollment will no longer receive 4-H emails. Lisa will notify club leaders regarding names of youth who still need to re-enroll. | **Cookbook/recipes** – Committee decided to have custom dividers. Betty is looking for additional photos for dividers. Currently have 308 recipes entered. Still accepting recipe submissions. Connie will recheck 4-H policy regarding alcohol in recipes. | **Pumpkin Contest Update** – Received 60 entries. Contest results are in. Lisa is working on a collage. Suggestion made for upcoming Gingerbread Contest: Allow all youth to enter decorated cookies. Currently only Cloverbuds can enter decorated cookies in contest. | **Fall Forum** – All day event at the Hotel Mead Convention Center in Wisconsin Rapids. Juniper was selected to serve on the State 4-H Leadership Council. Leaders Association should review budget and consider helping pay for her travel expenses. The name of the State 4-H Youth Conference has been changed to Pathways. | **2022 Awards Program & Leader's Banquet** – Leader's Banquet: Table decorations were made by Denise Rocha. Bill for supplies will be submitted. Food was excellent. Thank you to Karen and Kathy for all their hard work. Change in location worked well. We were charged \$13.50 each for 60 meals which included beverages. Desserts were provided by 4-H Leaders. Awards Program: 44 adults and over 100 youth attended the program. 50 attendees received a door prize. | **Fair Book Revisions and Committee** – Poor attendance at first meeting. Dr. Barb and the Lockman family were present. Additional written suggestions that had been submitted to the 4-H office were also reviewed. The ATCP 160 County and District Fair document was updated in 2022. Next meeting is scheduled for November 29th at 6:30 pm at the Annex and via Zoom. If you are not able to attend, please submit your suggestions and concerns to the 4-H office.

NEW BUSINESS: Plat Book – Per Jan, there is not a minimum order requirement for purchasing additional plat books. Since we still have plat books out at various sites, her recommendation is to order 50 more books. Motion by Karen, second by Sharon to order 50 more plat books. Motion passed. | **Awards & Ambassador Applications Due – December 15th | Awards & Ambassador Interviews – January 18th** – Connie has interviewer scheduled. Interview times to be determined. Jan and Karen will help with check-ins and paperwork. Motion by Karen, second by Jan to budget up to \$100 for food for parents and kids. Motion passed. | **County-Wide workshops/project meetings** – Virtual state-wide workshops being organized for December and January. December theme is International Christmas Cookies and Candy. One-hour sessions once a week for 4 weeks. Who will purchase and pay for supplies for workshops? How will supplies be distributed? Connie will get more details before she makes a decision. Ideas for county workshops include photography, cake decorating, camp-in-a-bag and an advanced robotics workshop. Need new location for robotics workshops. | **Winter Camp** – February 3rd, 4th and 5th at Spencer Lake Camp in Waupaca. Fifteen counties will be participating. Cost of camp pending. Since the location is close, Portage County will not have an expense for bussing. Portage County youth will be charged \$40 and Leaders Association will pay the balance if price exceeds \$40.00.

Other: Roller Skating – Jan recommended we scheduled a 4-H skating party at Skate City in Wisconsin Rapids over Christmas break again this year. She will check on pricing and dates available. Information will be published in the next 4-H newsletter. Pricing includes admission, skates or rollerblades, pizza, soda and ice cream. Encourage 4-H families to attend. Need to have at least 1 adult leader per 10 youth.

Record Book Point System – 4-H member who submitted record book for gold award recorded more than one point per category if she did something under that category more than once time. Record Book committee questioning if this is allowed. Need to take a look at the book to see what recommendation can be made to alleviate this problem. Do we need to change names of categories or add more categories?

Agent Report – Installation of officers not done at Leader's Banquet due to absence of president and vice-president. Connie will install officers after the meeting is adjourned.

Next Meeting Date – January 16, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

4-Hers in action!



Members of the Plover Clovers 4-H Club bell ringing for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign



Left to right: Camryn Wade, Marie Keck and Juniper Rydberg participating in the 4-H Teen Leaders holiday basket shopping



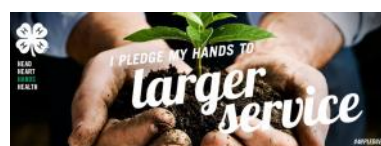
Members of the Tomorrow River Voyagers Club at their club ice skating event



Members of the Tomorrow River Voyagers Club in their Christmas attire for their December meeting.



Members of the Casimer Boosters bell ringing for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign



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.

— I pledge —
my *head* to clearer thinking,
my *heart* to greater loyalty,
my *hands* to larger service,
my *health* to better living,
for my *club*, my *community*,
my *county*, and my *world*.



EXTENSION STAFF

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Pictured Left: Members of the Tomorrow River voyagers participated in their annual rake-a-thon as community service.

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