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Letter From the President

Happy Spring!

Congratulations to Sara Hintz and Cody Kaminski who were recognized at the 2023 American Agriculture Appreciation Banquet.

Congratulations to the Portage County 4-H Junior Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon team and Candace for the Senior Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon.

I look forward to seeing your Peeps Diorama Contest Entries.

Please consider joining the next 4-H Teen Leaders meeting. They need great teens just like you!

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much!

Malayna Polum

Portage County 4-H Leaders Association
President

Left: 4-H Agriculture Leader of the Year
Award Winner—Sara Hintz

Right: 4-H Leadership in Agriculture Award
Winner— Cody Kaminski

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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
- 22 M. A.P. Swine Ear Tag Distribution, 9:00-10:00 am, Portage County Annex Market
- 27 Animal Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Annex Rooms 1 &2
- 27 YQCA Training, 7:00 PM, Annex Rooms 1 &2

MAY

- 1 Deadline for Submitting Tagged Swine Photos
- 6 Lamb Weigh-On Market Animal Project, 9:00-10:00am Rosholt Fairgrounds
- 9 Record Book Training—Session 1, 6:30-7:30pm, Zoom
- 11 Record Book Training—Session 2, 6:30-7:30pm, Zoom
- 13 Tech ChangeMakers Workshop, 9:30-10:30am, Portage County Library Pinery Room
- 15 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 16 Families & Screens—Family Media Plan program, 6:00-8:00pm, Zoom
- 17 Ceramics Workshop, 6:00PM, Boston School Forest
- 22 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Rosholt Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
- 22 Market Animal Sales Promotion & Records / Ethics & Sportsmanship Meeting, 7:00PM, Rosholt Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
- 29 UW-Extension Office Closed (Memorial Day)

JUNE

- 10 Portage County Dairy-Palooza , 11:00am-2:00pm, Feltz's Dairy Store
- 9-10 Junior Summer Camp (Grades 3-6), Central WI Environmental Station in Amherst
- 19 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

2023 4-H AWARD RESULTS

Congratulations to our 4-Hers who won awards for 2023!

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

4-H Ambassador:

Trisha Edmundson
Jimena Elizalde
Christina Peterson
Autumn Polum
Camryn Wade

Key Award:

To be recognized at the 2023 4-H Awards Program
Candace Lein
Jacob Spoelstra
Noah Spoelstra

Leader of Tomorrow Award:

To be recognized at the 2023 4-H Awards Program
Candace Lein
Juniper Rydberg

Families + Screens



Values + Strategies = Family Media Plan

Finding the right fit between family screen use and values

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 6-8PM via Zoom

Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/FamiliesScreens>

To Join Zoom: <https://bit.ly/FamiliesScreensZoom>



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4-H Summer Camp for Portage & Waupaca Counties

4-H Summer Overnight Camp for Grades 3-6

June 9-10, 2023

Central WI Environmental Station, Amherst

New this year: Camp at CWES is open to 6th graders as well! Transportation to and from camp is an individual's responsibility. You will receive a map, list of items to bring, and other details about camp after registration.

At Camp youth will have the opportunity to participate in great activities such as:

- **Adventurous Nature Activities**
- **Dynamic Small Group Games**
- **Wild & Wet Water Activities**
- **Awesome Campfire with Skits and Songs**
- **Imaginative Arts & Crafts**

Register in 4H Online:

<https://v2.4honline.com/>

Cost is \$40 Per Camper

Registration due May 9th!

****If you need an alternative way to register, contact Connie for Portage County, connie.creighton@wisc.edu or Penny for Waupaca County, penny.tank@wisc.edu.****



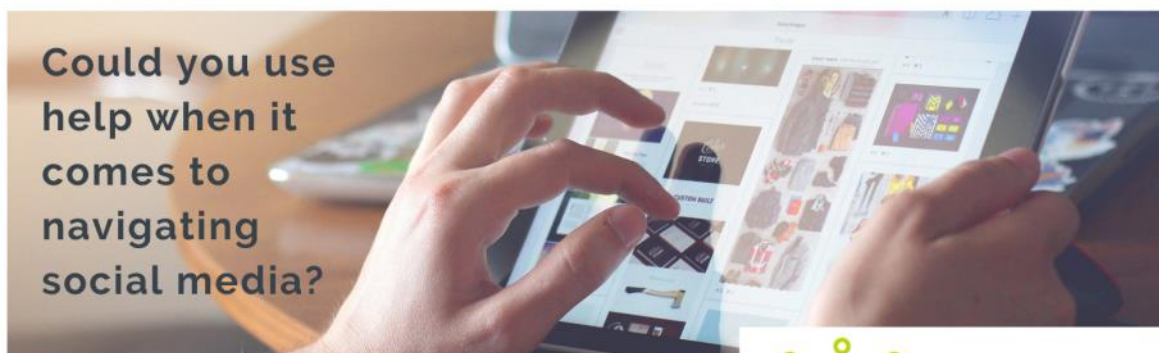
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Currently the Portage County Tech ChangeMakers are developing an informational workshop on social media and information privacy for 4-H parents and adults. If you are interested in attending please click the link below to complete a brief survey about the type of technology to be highlighted during the presentation. Survey Link: <https://bit.ly/4-HTCMWorkshop>



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: May 13th 9:30-10:30am

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

To Register: <https://bit.ly/4-HTCM> or contact the Extension Office at 715-346-1316



Statewide Educational Experiences Scholarships

The state 4-H program is offering scholarships for state and national programs (up to 80%) for youth with financial need.

Each year, the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation provides a sum of money to the State 4-H Office for needs-based scholarships for youth to participate in statewide Educational Experiences. Wisconsin 4-H believes that cost should not be a barrier to program participation. Youth can apply for a scholarship by submitting their information at the Qualtrics form linked below. The responses to this form will remain confidential and will only be shared with a small committee that will be managing the scholarship funds.

Each youth should submit one form per program they are participating in. Staff will do their best to assess each request and make a determination on the amount awarded when the scholarships are reviewed.

Scholarship Form: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3QR9t0bW0JFHIou

This scholarship fund is available to any youth who is attending one of our Statewide Educational Experiences. Examples of these experiences are:

- Advanced Space Academy
- Animal Science Programming (AASD, Quiz Bowl, Skillathon, Judging Contests)
- Arts Camp or ArtBEAT!
- Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
- Fall Forum
- National 4-H Congress
- National 4-H Conference
- Space Camp
- State Arts Team (Drama Company or Arts)
- Summer Academy (Registration Open Until End of April.)
- Other Programs

****The Portage County 4-H Leaders are also offering financial support.****

Record Book Training

The permanent record form has been updated! That any all other record book forms can be found at

<http://portage.extension.wisc.edu> (Under the 4-H Youth Forms & Applications).

Are you confused by 4-H record books? Do you wonder why it's important you keep a record of your 4-H activities? Do you want to know how to put together a great record book? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then please join us for 4-H Record Book Training!

By recording your activities you can remember all the 4-H fun you've had so far, and set future goals. Keeping records of 4-H projects could also help you when you apply for college scholarships! To learn more about this please join us for two record book training sessions:

1st Session: May 9th 6:30-7:30pm, Zoom

2nd Session: May 11th 6:30-7:30pm, Zoom



HEAD



HANDS



HEART



HEALTH

4-H Teen Leader Updates

- A huge shout out to our new 4-H Teen Leader Co-Advisor, Malayna Polum!
- 4-H Teens please keep an eye out for upcoming meetings and events!
- Save the date - July 10th at 6:00pm at the Amherst Fairgrounds to clean and prepare the food stand for the Amherst fair.



Portage County Health & Human Services Scholarship

Each year the Portage County Health and Human Services Employees' Foundation awards two scholarships to applicants who aspire to have a career in Human Services and Nursing fields. The scholarships were established as memorials to Dr. Gus Hangiandreou and Jane Shaurette. Dr. Gus Hangiandreou was the Psychological Services Director at the Department until his passing in 1995. Jane Shaurette was a Public Health Nurse with the Department for over 30 years and served on the Employees' Foundation until her passing in 2005.

Application must be postmarked by Friday, April 28th, 2023.

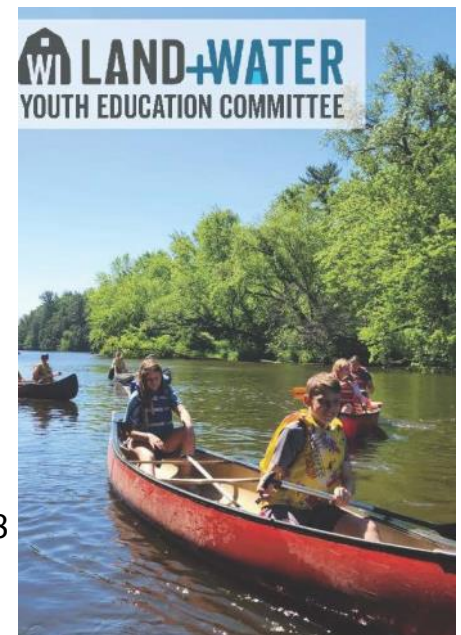
Scholarships application and more information is available at [Employee Foundation | Portage County, WI.](#)

2023 Conservation Camp Opportunities

A Middle School camp is open to students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 in the 2023-2024 school year. The camp is located at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells and takes place from Wednesday, June 14 through Saturday, June 17. Registration information can be found at <https://wisconsinlandwater.org/our-work/youth-education/conservation-camp/middle-school-camp-registration>

A High School camp is open to students entering grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 and is held at the North Lakeland Discover Center, Manitowish Waters, WI, Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22. Registration information can be found at <https://wisconsinlandwater.org/our-work/youth-education/conservation-camp/high-school-camp-registration>. Spots are limited for this camp so expect it to fill up quickly! If interested, we suggest registering and paying for the camp as soon as possible! If a scholarship is awarded, you will be reimbursed.

The registration deadline for both camps is May 31. Parents and/or teachers can recommend students for scholarships. Please submit the student's name, school, age, and grade entering in the 2023-24 school year by Friday, April 28 to Patty Benedict – benedicp@co.portage.wi.gov. In the event interest exceeds funding, scholarships will be drawn by lottery.



PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H

CERAMICS PAINTING WORKSHOP



Join us for a ceramics workshop! Through a generous donation of ceramics this is a free event open to all Portage County 4-H members.

Ceramics, paints and supplies will be provided, or you can bring your own paints and brushes if you prefer.

Techniques covered will be painting, staining, dry brushing and antiquing. Finished pieces can be used as entries for the fairs!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH

6:00PM

BOSTON SCHOOL FOREST

5084 LINCOLN AVE, PLOVER

TO REGISTER GO TO:

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/4-HCERAMICS](https://bit.ly/4-HCERAMICS)

REGISTER BY MAY 10, 2023



Pictured above is a sample of some of the ceramics that will be available at the workshop.



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Portage County Dairy - Palooza

Dear 4-H Members and Leaders:

This year the June Dairy Day Committee has decided to have a different kind of June Dairy event, The Portage County Dairy-Palooza!

The Portage County Dairy-Palooza will be held on Saturday, June 10th from 11:00am- 2:00pm at Feltz's Dairy Store (5796 Porter Dr., Stevens Point, WI.)

There will not be the traditional breakfast as in the past, we will however, have various types of food trucks on site for guests to purchase. The Committee will provide ice cream sundaes, milk, and cheese samples. Some of the events planned include balloon animals, face painting, kids' games, petting zoo, and antique tractors just to name a few!

As in years past the Committee is once again looking for volunteers! Volunteers will be needed to help with handing out cheese samples, milk cartons and fried cheese curds. Volunteers will also be needed to assist with garbage duty, table cleanup and kids' games, such as peg wrangling, sack races, corn hole, and kitty pool games.

There will be two shifts of volunteers: 1st shift: 10:30am-12:30pm and 2nd shift: 12:30-2:30pm. 2nd shift will be helping with take down and clean up.

All 4-Hers are encouraged to volunteer! You can volunteer with your club or as an individual. Everyone interested in volunteering should contact Kathy Glodowski by phone or email at 715-677-3840 or kathyglodowski@gmail.com by May 1st.

When arriving that day please find Kathy Glodowski to check in. Each club who volunteers will be eligible for the dairy promotional payment as in previous years.

A very special thank you to all clubs and volunteers that have helped in the past. We are looking forward to working with you again in 2023!

Sincerely,

Kathy Glodowski

SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS RESULTS



Pictured Left to Right: Levi Trzebiatowski of the Plover Clovers, and Matthew Carlson of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees with their Best of Show Speaking Contest Ribbons



Pictured Above, Left to Right: Brenna Lockman from the Plover Clovers & Jack and Nora Eron of the Carson Climbers with their Best of Show & Cloverbud Demonstration Contest Ribbons

Demonstration Contest Results

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

Jack Eron, Carson Climbers, Blue & Best of Show Gr. 3-5 Demonstration

Nora Eron, Carson Climbers, Cloverbud Demonstration

Speaking Contest Results

Matthew Carlson, Nelsonville Zippy Zees, Blue Gr. 6-8 Reading of Prose

Collin Lockman, Plover Clovers, Blue Gr. 5 & Under Reading of Prose

Jack Eron, Caron Climbers, Blue Gr. 5 & Under Reading of Prose

Brooklynn Trzebiatowski, Plover Clovers, Red Gr. 6-8 Reading of Poetry

Matthew Carlson, Nelsonville Zippy Zees, Blue & Best of Show Gr. 6-8 Reading of Poetry

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

Jack Eron, Caron Climbers, Red Gr. 5 & Under Reading of Poetry

Magnus Kuntson, Nelsonville Zippy Zees, Cloverbud Original Speech & Storytelling



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



WHEN: APRIL 27, 2023

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

WHERE: COURTHOUSE ANNEX ROOMS 1 & 2 (1462 STRONGS AVE, STEVENS POINT)

Please note due to room capacity parents/adults may not be able to be in the room during the training.

YQCA certification is offered in two formats:

Face-to-Face- Fee: \$3 -OR- Online - Fee: \$12 at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

To register for the Portage County training on April 27th create an account on <https://yqcaprogram.org/> Under the appropriate age in "Course List" choose "Instructor-Led Training". A drop down box will list all current available options for Wisconsin. Please note there is a "Pre-Test" button you will need to select after you have paid your fee. It's questions that survey your knowledge before you take the class. It's not the actual test.

Both certification types (Online and Face-to-Face) must be paid online with a credit card.

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.

Who is YQCA Required for?

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

Amherst Fair: All Swine, Sheep & Turkey Exhibitors

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

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, 2023.

Rosholt Fair 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.

TAGGED SWINE PHOTOS

Swine must be identified by May 1st

Swine must be identified by May 1st. 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. Photos must be submitted no later than May 1st 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.

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/>

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). You are encouraged to use the fillable PDF application.

Due date for the completed applications is August 4th.

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.

2023 AG SOURCE DHI FOUNDATION 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 the next page of this newsletter. Send completed scholarship application to:

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

2023 AG SOURCE DHI FOUNDATION PORTAGE COUNTY FUND GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

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- 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.

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - January 2023

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Association meeting of 1-16-23, held via Zoom and in person at the Annex conference rooms 1 & 2, was called to order by President Malayna Polum at 6:37 pm. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken. PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Malayna Polum (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Sharon Cisewski (Plover Clovers), Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Jan Miller

(Rosholt Pioneers), Dr. Barb Kasproicz (Almond Busy Bees) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent.

|ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Sledding, Officer Training and Record Book |MINUTES: Minutes were approved as printed. |OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Checking \$27,797.36 Savings \$ 3,781.14 Treasurer's report was placed on file. | Secretary's Report and Correspondence: Thank you card from Betty Pionek

OLD BUSINESS: Gingerbread Contest Update – Results are in. Lisa will put together a collage. Suggestions for future contests: decorated cupcake for Valentines Day, Peeps Contest, Pet-Look-a-Like Contest. Connie will check with Kathy Glodowski about the decorated cupcake. | Roller Skating – Well attended by 49 youth and adults. Fee charged included cost of skating, pizza, soda and ice cream. Total expenses, including cost of insurance, were \$1.77 less than fees charged. |Awards & Ambassador Applications & Interviews – Interviews scheduled for Wednesday, January 18th from 5:15 to 7:30 pm. Interviewers will be Megan Wecker and John Ismail. Received 5 Ambassador, 3 Leader of Tomorrow and 3 Key Award applications. Motion by Jan and second by Dr. Barb to fund 5 ambassadors this year. Motion passed. | Re-Enrollment in 4-H Online – 288 youth enrolled. | Leaders Association Charter Document – One last document to complete. Connie and Leaders Association president filled out rest of document. Smart Goals: retain 97% of membership, expand access (diverse group presentations example Nicaragua), stress welcoming environment, support sportsmanship, make everyone feel like they are welcome, create a feeling of belonging, have officers greet members. Approved activities: cake decorating, clothing cloverbuds. Higher risk activities such as shooting sports, sledding/tobogganing/tubing, bounce houses, swimming, downhill skiing and horseback riding need approval from 4-H Educator. Trampolines, rock climbing and paint ball are not allowed. | Cookbook/recipes –Currently have 350 recipes entered and ready to go to the printer. Malayna received a \$0.90/cookbook discount coupon from cookbook company. Waiting for custom artwork to be completed. | Fair Book Revisions Committee – Two meetings have been held so far. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 pm in conference rooms 1 & 2. Jan is working with fair boards to update their information. Suggestion was made to add a contest at the fair for largest, or abnormally shaped vegetables with prizes or monetary awards. Would need Leaders Association approval for this expenditure.

NEW BUSINESS: Plat Book sales –Debra Helbach has asked for volunteers to be responsible for the 7 sites that she has been managing. Jan, Dr. Barb and Malayna volunteered to be responsible for these sites. |County-Wide workshops/project meetings – Statewide Discovery Program for Explorers and Cloverbuds. Youth will receive bag of supplies with 5 projects to do. Connie ordered supplies for 25 Explorers and 25 Cloverbuds. A State grant paid for most of the supplies. Portage County received \$120. Weekly zoom sessions will be held to assist families with projects and zoom sessions will also be recorded and can be watched at family's leisure. So far 19 Explorers and 16 Cloverbuds have enrolled. Still have 6 Explorer and 9 Cloverbud bags left. Connie would like to start something like this in Portage County. She has document camera and equipment to use. Looking for suggestions and volunteers to record 1-hour sessions. What about cake decorating? |Winter Camp – February 3rd, 4th and 5th at Spencer Lake Camp in Waupaca. Fifty-five youth from twelve counties will be participating. Cost of camp will be approximately \$100 plus cost of T-shirt. Portage County youth will be charged \$45 and Leaders Association will pay the balance. Connie is still certified in CPR and AED so will be doing the 1st aid at camp. |Portage County Scholarships – Will be selecting 4 recipients. Information will be published in next

4-H newsletter. Committee members are Kathy, Pat, Sharon and Karen. |Other: Record Book Points Committee – Zoom meeting scheduled for February 9th to review activity points. Committee members are Louise, Trisha, Malayna, Autumn and Michelle. Jan asked to be included on committee. Draft document will need to be approved. |Plant Sale – Jan has requested pricing. Need to know cost of plants before any other decisions can be made. |Officer Training – Need to schedule officer training date. If weather is bad, it can be done virtual or rescheduled. |Sledding Party – Scheduled for January 30th | Agent Report – New Leader Training scheduled for January 19th. Four signed up. January 27th is due date for Agri-Business Leadership Awards applications. Connie will check to see if they would like Ambassadors to help with banquet this year. They did not need ambassadors to help last year. Thank you to Karen for all she did to make the Leaders Banquet a success.

Next Meeting Date – March 20, 2023 | Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. |Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Board- February 2023

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association Board meeting held on 2-20-23, via Zoom and in person at the Annex conference rooms 1 & 2, was called to order by President Malayna Polum at 6:30 pm. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken. Jeremy Solin, Extension Area Director began the introductions, followed by the

the introduction of the 4-H Leaders. PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Malayna Polum (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Sharon Cisewski (Plover Clovers), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Agnes Mallek and Mary Ann Kuklinski (Junction City Golden Stars) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent.

MINUTES: Minutes were approved as printed. Draft copies of the Portage County 4-H Member Permanent Record and revised record book forms were included with the distribution of the minutes.

OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Checking \$27,428.03 Savings \$ 3,799.79 Treasurer's report was placed on file. |Secretary's Report and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS: Awards & Ambassador Interviews – The new 4-H Ambassadors and the Award Recipients are: Trisha Edmundson, Christina Petersen, Autumn Polum, Camryn Wade and Jimena Elizalde - Ambassadors, Candace Lein, Jacob Spoelstra and Noah Spoelstra - Key Award and Candace Lein and Juniper Ryberg – Leader of Tomorrow. Sharon has reached out to the new 4-H Ambassadors regarding upcoming events. Per Jan, Ambassador garments have been ordered.

Cookbook Fundraiser – Document has been reviewed. Malayna will be sending it to the publisher this week. She recently received a coupon for a \$0.90/book discount. Estimated cost per book is \$3.50. Cookbook will contain 350 recipes. Plan to sell books for \$10.00. Committee was given authority to decide the number of books to order.

Fair Book Revision Committee – During the last fair book revision meeting Mike Helbach, Amherst Fair Board member, shared that Amherst plans to have a different fair book than Rosholt. In the past, Amherst and Rosholt have published a joint fair book. The new Amherst Fair Book will only be available electronically. Welding will be added to both fair books. An email will be sent to youth to notify them about this new project area. Sponsoring a Unique Vegetable Contest during the fair was recommended by one of the 4-H families. This would be a non-premium paying class with categories for largest and most unusually shaped vegetables. We will need prize money for awards. Recommendation to ask fair board to sponsor prize money. Motion by Betty, second by Marilyn for Leaders Association to budget \$25.00 in case fair board is not willing to sponsor this contest. Motion passed. One final fair book revision meeting will be scheduled.

Winter Camp – Held at a new facility, Spencer Lake Camp in Waupaca. Meals were great! Forty-one youth from twelve counties participated. Three youth from Portage County attended (Juniper Ryberg, Camryn Wade and Drake Marten). Drake became ill on Saturday, so was not able to stay for entire camp. Youth were charged \$45 and Leaders Association will pay the balance. Motion by Betty, second by Agnes for Leaders Association to pay entire fee if a hardship exists. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Ag Youth & Adult Award Nominations – Received one nomination for each award. Adult recipient of award will be Sara Hintz and youth recipient will be Cody Kaminski. Awards will be presented at the Ag Appreciation Banquet which will be held at the Holiday Inn on March 6th. Ambassadors have not been invited to help at the banquet this year.

Plat Book – Jan has been working with Rockford Map. Same arrangement as last year. We pay \$20/book and resell books for \$40. Rockford would like us to order 350 books to start with again. More can be ordered later if we need them. Jan needs permission to place an order for 350 plat books for a total cost of \$7032.95. Motion by Betty and second by Jan to order 350 books for \$7032.95. Motion passed. Connie will take care of requesting photos for the cover.

Plant Sale – Karthauser Greenhouse has merged with another company. Technically they are not doing fundraisers anymore. We can still order plants if we get a local greenhouse sponsor to order plants from Karthauser for us. A florist in Wisconsin Rapids has agreed to work with us. Same delivery site as in the past, but drivers who deliver plants won't work on Saturdays, so delivery will be on Friday and plant pick-up will be Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The 4" geranium plants will be coming from the Wisconsin Rapids greenhouse this year. Jan requested permission to determine our plant sale pricing after she knows what the greenhouse will be charging us. Motion by Betty, second by Jan to give Jan permission to determine plant sale pricing. Plant sale orders will be due in March this year.

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Board—February 2023 Continued

Record Book Changes – Committee members: Louise, Trisha, Malayna, Autumn, Michelle and Jan met via zoom to discuss updates to the Portage County 4-H Member Permanent Record. A draft of the revised document was included with the meeting agenda and minutes. Major changes include deletion of outdated items, addition of new items, addition of year above each column and a two-page table to record items with asterisks. After approval of final document, virtual record book workshops will be held. Motion by Betty, second by Marilyn to approve new 4-H Member Permanent Record form. Motion passed. New record book form for Flowers and Houseplants, designed by Jan, was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Marilyn and second by Sharon to approve new form. Motion passed.

Summer Camps – Junior Camp will be held at CWES for youth in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Did not receive a good response to survey about Intermediate Camp. Two three-day Open Camps are being held at Upham Wood on July 5th - 8th and July 19th – 22nd. Motion by Jan, second by Betty to subsidize cost of Upham Woods Open Camps for Portage County 4-H youth, by paying \$100 per camper toward the camp registration fee. Motion passed. Teens (grades 9-12) that want to be camp counselors will need to attend a counselor training that will be held in April.

County-Wide workshops/project meetings – State funded Discovery Program: 19 Explorers and 15 Cloverbuds participated. Sessions were recorded. Extra bags are available in the office. Sewing Workshops: 11 youth, 5 families and 2 leaders have signed up. Two beginner sessions have already been held. Two additional, more advanced workshops involving zippers, are scheduled. Officer Training went well. Four Teen Leaders taught the training and approximately 18 youth participated. Next virtual contest will be the Peeps Contest. Connie is working on Robotics. Inventory has been completed and more supplies need to be ordered. Betty and Keegan helped with inventory.

Portage County Scholarships – Will be selecting four \$250 scholarship recipients. Kathy, Pat, Sharon and Karen volunteered to be on the committee at the January meeting. Betty is also willing to help review applications. Application forms will be emailed to eligible youth.

Speaking & Demonstration Contests – Speaking Contest scheduled for March 27th and Demonstration Contest scheduled for March 28th. Have not received any registrations yet.

Agent Report – Annex Building does not have evening maintenance staff anymore. Entry doors will be unlocked prior to meetings and will relock 15 minutes after the scheduled meeting start time. If you arrive late and doors are locked, you will need to call Connie's cell phone.

Next Leaders Association Board Meeting Date – April 17, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary



Pictured Above: Portage County 4-H Junior Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon team who placed 3rd. Team members include Sami Kaminski, Nora Lein, Colton Kaminski and Eddy Reincke. Great job Junior Team!



Pictured Above: Candace Lein (top Right) from the Almond Busy Bees who placed in the top 10 for the Senior Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon. Great job Candace!

4HERS IN ACTION!



Members of the Plover Clover 4-H Club at an archery project training workshop at Bucks and Bulls.



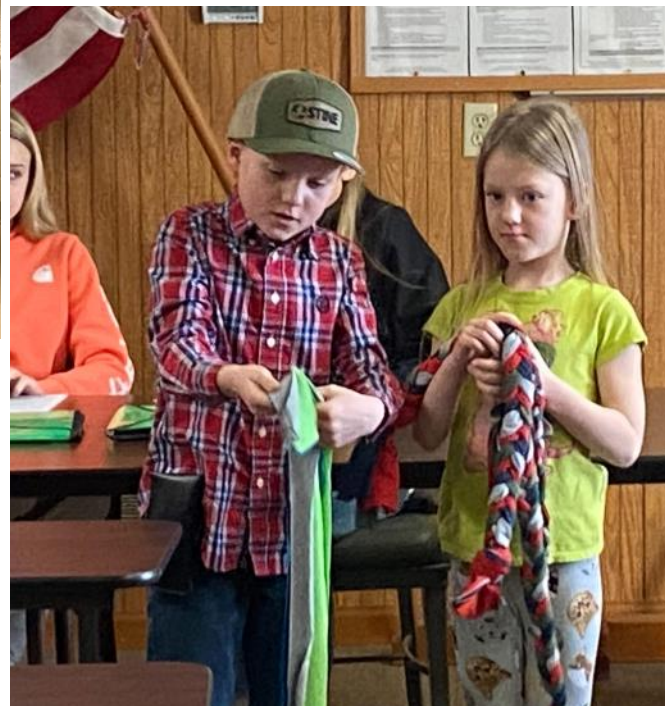
Pictured Above: Members of the Tomorrow River Voyagers worked at the concession stand for the Jensen Center bingo.



Pictured Left: Jack & Nora Eron from the Carson Climbers, taught their club how to make dog & cat toys out of t-shirts. They were then donated to the animals at the Humane Society.

The Carson Climbers also gave a monetary donation, Eron Family donated \$250 worth of items using their Thrivent Account, and club member Calleigh Flisakowski donated items she raised during Christmas.

Pictured Above: Members of the Carson Climbers at the Humane Society



Pictured Above: Emma Reincke from the Almond Busy Bees with the group of 4-Hers across the state who attended the 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Advanced Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.



Pictured above: the Plover Clovers with Greg Peterson from the Peterson Brothers Farm in Kansas where they farm crops and cows. Greg gave a great presentation and even sang a few of his parodies



Pictured above & below: The Rosholt Pioneers invited The Portage County Bee Keepers Association to do a bee keeping informational presentation at their club meeting.



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