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Letter From the President

Hello 4-H friends,

I am excited to begin the new 4-H year and begin my term as Portage County 4-H Leader's Association President.

A new year can bring about reflection on the past and anticipation for the future. I have seen our youth work hard on projects throughout the year, volunteer time and energy to causes meaningful to them and grow in confidence and leadership within 4-H.

I challenge youth members to try something new this year within 4-H, whether that be a new project, attend a workshop or camp, give a talk or demo to your club or participate in a county, state or national event. Teens, consider joining the teen leader association. Adults, if you are not already serving as an adult 4-H volunteer, consider registering as a 4-H volunteer or attending a Leader's Association or Market Animal Committee meeting.

We all have something special to offer within 4-H and can learn so much from each other! Let's continue to make the best, better!

Sharon Cisewski

Portage County 4-H Leaders
Association President

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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 and Facebook post 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DECEMBER

- 2 4-H Teen Leader Holiday Bell Ringing, 10:00am-12:00pm, Fleet Farm
- 15 Deadline to sign up for Market Animal Project
- 15 Deadline for Teen Award & Ambassador Application
- 15 Deadline for Portage County 4-H Financial Assistance Application
- 17 4-H Teen Leader holiday basket shopping, 3:00pm Walmart (Meeting at Pizza Ranch to follow)
- 25 Extension Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)
- 26 Extension Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)
- 28 Roller Skating Pizza Party, Skate City, 6:30-9:00PM



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

JANUARY

- 1 Extension Office Closed (New Year Holiday)
- 5 Deadline for Gingerbread Decorating & Baking Contest
- 6 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 10:00 AM, Portage County Library, Stevens Point
- 6 Market Animal Kick-Off Meeting, 11:00 AM, Portage County Library, Stevens Point
- 9 Club Officer Training, 6:30pm, Annex Rooms 1 & 2
- 15 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 17 Interviews for Teen Ambassador & Awards, Extension Office
- 29 4-H Family Winter Party, 6:00-8:00pm, Iverson Park (Weather Permitting)

February

- 9-11 4-H Teen Leadership Winter Camp, Spencer Lake Camp, Waupaca
- 22 4-H Teen Leaders Board Serving Meal at Place of Peace, 4:30pm

Wisconsin 4-H Policy for Participation in Parades

Looking ahead to the upcoming summer months we wanted to once again remind everyone of the policy for participation in parades. **If you are planning on driving a vehicle or pulling a float in a parade your driver must be an authorized driver of the University of Wisconsin–Madison.** *Please note: this does not apply if your club is planning on walking through a parade.*

For the authorization request form please click [here](#). Once you have completed the form please send to Lisa Henriksen at lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu. Driver authorization is good for one year. **Be sure to submit your form at least 2 weeks in advance of your parade dates to ensure enough time for approval!**

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

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

WHEN: Tuesday, January 9th, 6:30PM

WHERE: Annex Conference Rooms 1&2
(1462 Strongs Ave, Stevens Point)

This training is for current officers and youth interested in becoming officers. It is designed to help presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers, reporters, historians, and any other club officers understand their role as an officer and the importance of teamwork, as well as how they can work to make the club more successful.

All 4-H club officers are expected to attend.

Please complete the below registration.



Registration is due Friday, January 5th

Registration Link:

<https://bit.ly/20244-HClubOfficerTraining>

Roller Skating Pizza PARTY!

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

WHEN: Thursday, December 28, 6:30-9:00 PM

WHERE: Skate City

(2211 36th St N, WI Rapids)

COST: \$8.00 per person (details below)

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

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

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

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

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

TEEN HOLIDAY BASKET SHOPPING!



WHO: Teens Grade 7 and Older

When: Sunday, December 17th at 3:00PM

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

4-H Teen Leader Meeting at Pizza Ranch following basket shopping.

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



FAMILY WINTER PARTY!

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

WHEN: Monday, January 29th 6:00 - 8:00 PM

WHERE: Iverson Park, Stevens Point

****Weather Permitting****

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

PARENTS AND LEADERS WILL BE NEEDED TO SUPERVISE SLEDDING HILL!



2024 4-H Award & Travel Experience Applications and Funding Assistance

Portage County 4-H Ambassadors & 4-H Awards

- Portage County will still be interviewing for the Ambassador Delegates, Key Award, and Leader of Tomorrow Award.
 - [Click here](#) for a PDF version of the Award/Ambassador application. Or a Word version can be found at <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu> (under 4-H Forms and Applications)
 - **Applications are due December 15th. Interviews will be held January 17th at the Extension Office.**
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2024 4-H Travel Experience Funding Assistance

4-H members have many opportunities to find their “spark” at the club, county, state and even national level! Part of these awesome opportunities include state and national travel experiences. More information on each travel experience is included in the next pages of this newsletter. Wisconsin 4-H believes that cost should not be a barrier to program participation. As such, Portage County 4-H youth who are interested in attending these educational experiences can apply for BOTH Portage County 4-H financial assistance AND a statewide scholarship through the 4-H Foundation. More information and application details on each are provided below.

Portage County 4-H Funding for State and National 4-H Events

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association has included funding for State and National 4-H Events in their 2023-2024 budget. Youth interested in attending a State or National 4-H Event in 2024 may apply for financial assistance from the Portage County Leaders Association by completing the Portage County 4-H Financial Assistance Application. Below is the link. Applications are due on December 15th. The amount of funding provided to eligible 4-H members will be determined by the number of applications received.

- [Click here](#) for a PDF version of the Portage County 4-H Financial Assistance application. Or a Word version can be found at <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu> (under 4-H Forms and Applications)
- **Applications are due December 15th.**



Wisconsin 4-H Statewide Funding for State and National 4-H Events

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.

Applications are currently open for 2023 Calendar Year Programs ONLY – 2024 Calendar Year scholarship applications will be available in early 2024.

[Click Here](#) to access the Statewide Educational Experience Scholarship Form



Looking for 2024 Summer Camp Counselors!

Youth in grades 9 and above are eligible to be camp counselors. If you are interested in being a counselor please sign up using the link below. Applications are due January 26th!

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

A poster for the 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Search. It features a green background with a yellow circle on the right containing three photos of campers. The top left has a line drawing of a campsite with tents and trees. The 4-H logo is in the top right. The text "IOWA, PORTAGE, & WAUPACA" is in green, followed by "SUMMER 4-H CAMP" in large green letters, and "COUNSELOR SEARCH" below it. The "CAMP DATES JUNE 25-27 2024" are listed. A paragraph explains that applications are open for 4-H Summer Camp Counselors, must be in 9th-12th grade, and provides instructions to scan a QR code. The QR code is at the bottom left. The photos in the yellow circle show campers working, walking on a path, and posing for a group photo.

IOWA, PORTAGE, & WAUPACA

SUMMER 4-H CAMP

COUNSELOR SEARCH

CAMP DATES
JUNE 25-27
2024

Applications are now open for 4-H Summer Camp Counselors. Must be in 9th-12th grade to apply. Simply scan the QR Code below to be directed to the application. Applications are due January, 26th, 2024.

Virtual Gingerbread Decorating & Baking Contest



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



You can enter once in each class of your age category and family category. You must be in the picture of the Gingerbread entry. Make sure to send in the Division and Class of your entry when you submit your picture. Include your 4-H Club or the 4-H family you are a member of. Cloverbuds can participate in all classes, but also have their own class. Gingerbread structure must be a structure that can be lived in such as a house, castle, barn...

Divisions:

Cloverbud:

Kindergarten - 2nd grade

Junior:

3rd - 5th grade

Intermediate:

6th - 8th grade

Senior:

9th grade or older

Family

Classes:

- **Gingerbread structure made from a kit. Must be a structure that can be lived in such as a house, castle, barn, etc. Take a picture of you (or family) with your item. Provide 2 to 4 pictures. At least 2 sides of item.**



- **Gingerbread-like structure made from graham crackers, pop-tarts or other edible items. Take a picture of you (or family) with your item. Provide 2 to 4 pictures. At least 2 sides of item.**
- **Homemade Gingerbread House: Take a picture of you (or family) with your item. Provide 2 to 4 pictures. At least 2 sides of item.**
- **Cloverbuds Only—Decorated Cookie (Either bought or homemade is fine. Cookie will be judge on decoration). Take a picture of you and your item.**

Entries are Due by midnight
Friday, January 5, 2024

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

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

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

Awesome Prizes Will be Awarded!





LEADERS APPRECIATION BANQUET



On November 11th, the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association held their 2023 Leader Recognition Banquet at the Jensen Center in Amherst. Volunteer 4-H leaders were recognized for their continuous years of service and dedication to youth in the 4-H program. Nineteen 4-H adult volunteer leaders were recognized for their years of leadership, with a combined total of 241 years of volunteer service in the Portage County 4-H program. Three volunteers were also recognized for specials awards.



Pictured Above: Malayna Polum
4-H Volunteer of the Year Award
Winner

The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Malayna Polum. Malayna has been a Portage County 4-H leader for the past eight years. For the last two years she has been a member of the 4-H Adult Leader's Association serving as both vice president and this year as president. She has also volunteered to take on the position of adult advisor to our 4-H teen Leader Board as well. A more generous and giving volunteer you will not find! Dedicated volunteers like the Malayna make a difference in the lives of our young people. They lead by example. They give the most valuable thing a person can – their time. They take the time to be engaged in our community and to support our young people. They make a difference or as our 4-H Motto elegantly states they Make the Best Better.

The 4-H Alumni Award was presented to Jordin Rekowski. Jordin first joined the Rosholt Pioneers then became part of the Rosholt FFA. He showed dairy, sheep and beef at both Amherst and Rosholt Fairs. Beyond county fair, he has shown at district shows, Marshfield Fair, and World



Pictured Above: Jordin Rekowski
4-H Alumni Award Winner

Dairy Expo. He now owns a seedstock herd of Milking Shorthorns. He is presently mentoring youth exhibitors in showing dairy cattle. He volunteers to be dairy barn superintendent at Rosholt Fair, and also agreed to take on the role of goat

superintendent as well. For many of us who volunteer, we do this because we want to ensure our kids have these amazing opportunities. But Jordin is giving back to the programs that made him who he is. Jordin is the role model we all want for our kids.

The Friend of 4-H Award was presented to Ken and Jackie Feltz, from Feltz's Dairy Store. Ken and Jackie have given continuous and strong support to our Portage County 4-H program. Since June, Feltz's Dairy Store has purchased \$1,800 worth of Portage County plat books to resell, sold 40 copies of the Portage County 4-H Cookbook, discounted the price of gift cards purchased for virtual contest prizes and agreed to allow the 4-H Leader Association to display a framed copy of the Jerry Gadamus "Got Milk" print in their store to help advertise our sale of the donated prints. We've all heard the cliché that actions speak louder than words. Without a doubt Ken & Jackie's actions have shown their support to our 4-H program. They are an asset to the youth in this community and a Friend of 4-H.



Pictured Above: Ken & Jackie Feltz
Friend of 4-H Award Winners

Other highlights of the night included an Advanced Space Camp presentation by Emma Reincke, and a Summer Academy presentation by Juniper Rydberg and Drake Martens.



4-H AWARDS PROGRAM



4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. 4-H youth were recognized for these life skills at the November 12th Portage County 4-H Awards Program, held at the Jensen Center in Amherst.

All 4-H youth leaders are encouraged to complete a 4-H record book that summarizes their yearlong efforts in their 4-H club and their project work. The following County awards were presented based on this past year's leadership.

The Portage County 4H Youth Leadership Award Winners are as follows

- **Candace Lein (Almond Busy Bees)**
Large Animal Science Award
- **Adison Glodowski (Rosholt Pioneers)**
Large Animal Science Award
- **Marcus Krueger (Casimer Boosters)**
Small Animal Science Award
- **Camryn Wade (Almond Busy Bees)**
Plant and Soil Science Award
Teen Leader Award
- **Elise Christianson (Nelsonville Zippy Zees)**
Historian Award
- **Autumn Polum (Nelsonville Zippy Zees)**
Club Secretary Award
County Youth Leader Award
- **Brooklynn Trzebiatowski (Plover Clovers)**
County Youth Leader Award
- **Kelsie Davis (Rosholt Pioneers)**
Visual Arts Award
- **Trisha Edmundson (Sunnyside Climbers)**
Club Secretary Award
- **Marie Keck (Sunnyside Climbers)**
Family, Health and Home Award
County Youth Leader Award
- The Key Award was awarded to Candace Lein (Almond Busy Bees), Jacob Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers) and Noah Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers)
- The Leader of Tomorrow Awards were awarded to Candace Lein (Almond Busy Bees) and Juniper Rydberg (Casimer Boosters)
- The 2023 4-H Graduates are Jillian Bruder (Casimer Boosters), Zachary Kolodziej (Casimer Boosters), Maia Zalewski (Casimer Boosters), Brooke Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars), Kjiersten Kazda (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Samantha Simonis (Rosholt Pioneers), Maria Kildahl (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Jacob Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers), and Ethan Zilisch (Tomorrow River Voyagers)

4-H members receive recognition as they progress through their 4-H career. Youth were also honored for reaching the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Honor, High Honor, and Excellence point levels. Also honored were 4-H Summer Academy delegates, Advanced Space Camp Delegate, WI 4-H Leadership Council Delegate, 4-H Ambassadors, first-year 4-H members, Cloverbuds, and Portage County 4-H Teen Leaders' Board Members.

To make the Best



BETTER

MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT

STRICT DECEMBER 15th DEADLINE!

If you plan to enter beef, swine, or sheep in the 2023 Rosholt Fair Market Animal Show and Sale, you must sign up for the Market Animal Project by **December 15, 2023**.

You can sign up in multiple ways:

- Complete and mail the form on the next page to: Connie Creighton, Portage County UW-Extension, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Additional copies are available to download [here](#).
- Complete the form on the next page e-mail a scanned PDF or picture of the form to lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu
- Enroll **fully online** by visiting <https://bit.ly/2024MAPRegistration>
- A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you as soon as you complete the form!



MANAGERIAL AGREEMENTS

DUE: APRIL 15th

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 15!

This applies to Cattle, Horses, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Dogs, Cats, and Alpacas. Please note: Market Animal Project Beef, Swine and Sheep cannot be managerial animals.

Copies available in this newsletter or at <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/> (4-H Youth—Forms and Applications).

MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th-11:00AM

Portage Co. Library Stevens Point

1001 Main St, Stevens Point WI

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

2024 Portage County 4-H Shooting Sports
Back by popular demand, Portage County will once again be offering the Shooting Sports Project in the Air Rifle Discipline. Our shooting sports leaders will be holding an informational meeting on Saturday, March 9th, at 9:00 am. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post in Rosholt (290 E Grand Ave, Rosholt). All experience levels welcome! If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.



2024 ROSHOLT FAIR MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT SIGN-UP SHEET



**SUBMIT THIS FORM NO LATER
THAN **DECEMBER 15, 2023****

This form must be completed and submitted on time if you plan to enter beef, swine, and/or sheep in the 2024 Rosholt Fair Market Animal Project. Complete and submit to:

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

Or sign up fully online at: <https://bit.ly/2024MAPRegistration>

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

AGE(S) AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024: _____ GRADE(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____

MEMBER'S AND/OR PARENTS EMAIL ADDRESS : _____

NAME OF 4-H CLUB OR FFA CHAPTER: _____

YEAR IN LIVESTOCK PROJECT: _____

I PLAN TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING MARKET ANIMALS AT THE 2024 SHOW AND SALE - *MAXIMUM OF TWO ANIMALS PER SPECIES, PER EXHIBITOR. PLEASE CIRCLE.*

BEEF: 1 OR 2

SWINE: 1 OR 2

SHEEP: 1 OR 2

The Market Animal Sale Committee is in need of members to share duties. Adults and members over the age of 13 are urged to join. Please come to the Market Animal Sale Committee meetings if interested.

PORTAGE COUNTY 2024 MANAGERIAL AGREEMENT

(Cattle, Horses, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Dogs, Cats, Alpacas)

Note: Market Animal Project Beef, Swine and Sheep cannot be managerial animals.

Due no later than April 15th.

Name _____ Grade as of September, 2023 _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Name of 4-H Club/FFA Chapter or other approved organization _____

Description of animal(s) you plan to manage. **Be Specific!** Description must include species, breed and age of animal(s). An identification number and description of age category (spring, summer yearling, 2-year-old, etc.) must be included for **all livestock**. _____

Name and address of owner _____

Location where animal(s) will be housed _____

Date Managerial Agreement will begin _____

Note: Animal(s) **must** be managed for at least 90 days prior to the date of the fair in order for you to be eligible to exhibit them at the fair.

Describe your involvement in the management of the above animal(s). Please include what you will be doing and how often you will do it. (Be specific i.e., 3 days/wk.)

Feeding: _____

Sanitation (cleaning stalls/pens): _____

Health Maintenance: Please include who will pay for vaccinations, health papers, etc. _____

Preparing animal(s) for show: Describe who will be training and fitting animal(s). _____

Any other responsibilities you have which involve the above animal(s). _____

Do you plan to exhibit animal(s) at the Amherst Fair, Rosholt Fair or at both fairs? _____

Signature of General Leader/FFA Advisor _____

I agree to abide by this Managerial Agreement:

Member's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Owner's Signature _____

All Managerial Agreements are subject to review by the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association.

Mail completed Managerial Agreement to:

**Connie Creighton
Portage County Extension
1462 Strongs Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481**

4-H ADULT AGRICULTURE LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

DUE: January 26, 2024

This award is given out by the Portage County Agri-Business Committee. If you know of a deserving leader (must be current leader) who has made exceptional contributions to agriculture education through 4-H, please submit a nomination (you are also welcome to nominate yourself through the online form)! The award will be presented at the Portage County Agri-Business Banquet in the spring.

To submit a nomination, visit:

<https://bit.ly/AdultAgLeaderAward>

4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN AGRICULTURE AWARD

DUE: January 26, 2024

The 4-H Leadership in Agriculture Award is given to deserving 4-H youth members for their dedication to 4-H, their community, and agriculture. It will be presented by the Portage County Business Council Agri-Business Committee at the Agri-Business Banquet in the spring.

Applications are available to download from

<https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/>

Or you can contact the Extension Office.

4-H Clubs in Action!

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! The winter weather is here and there is a need for winter gear. The Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H club invites all Portage County 4-H clubs to participate in the Mitten Tree.

The Mitten Tree is located at the International Bank of Amherst, 103 S Main St, Amherst. Hours are Monday-Friday 9am-5pm or Saturday by appointment. You can donate items until January 6th.

We are asking for all 4-H clubs to bring new or gently used hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves. We will donate the items to local schools and daycares to those in need. Last year we helped out many families so let's make this year even better!



Pictured Left: Members of the Tomorrow River Voyagers have been busy doing service activities in November. Bell ringing and leaf raking were two ways they helped to serve our community.

4-H Clubs Reports

Carson Climbers - December Club Minutes

The meeting was held on 12/10/23 at 1pm. The club met at Pizza Ranch for the club Christmas party and gift exchange. Since the meeting was informal, we did not go over all the reports and we ate while we covered old / new business.

Old business: Officer elections, pumpkin contest winners (handed out prizes). Reminded members of the gingerbread contest. | T-shirt order for 2024 was discussed. The winning T-shirt logo was revealed from the November meetings vote.

New Business: At the January meeting we will be making winter cards for Renaissance assisted living as our holiday community service project. Members were asked to bring craft supplies. | The club decided to also participate in a donation drive for the Portage County Humane Society in January. We will obtain a wish list and schedule a time for members to drop items off after collection. | For February's meeting the club discussed having someone come in to do a painting class. The paintings could be entered at the fair. Costs were discussed and final voting will be held at the next meeting. | The little food pantry in front of the fire station in Junction City has been restocked and cleaned up for December. The club leader met with Kennedy school to discuss where we can put our second little food pantry. Moving forward the club is looking for families to sign up for a monthly check (check for expired items, keep the club updated on stock). Sign up sheet will be at the next meeting. | A monthly volunteer for club snacks was also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned around 1:30pm and then we had a gift exchange with a Christmas reading (left/right game).



Pictured Above: Participants of the ceramics workshop held on December 3rd.

Pictured below: Members of the Sunnyside Climbers making tie blankets to be donated to the nursing home.



Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Board - August 2023

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association Board meeting held on 8-21 23, via Zoom and in person at the Annex conference rooms 1 & 2, 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), Malayna Polum (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Sharon Cisewski (Plover Clovers), Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Kathy Glodowski (County-Wide), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent | MINUTES: Minutes were approved as printed. | OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Checking \$26,648.70 Savings \$ 500.00 Treasurer's report was placed on file. | Secretary's Report and Correspondence: Thank you card sent to Margaret Wolosek for purchasing the Gadamus print.

OLD BUSINESS: Cloverbud/Explorer Day Camp – Held at Boston School Forest on two days from 2-5 pm for youth grades kindergarten through 3rd grade. 13 youth, 3 counselors and 4 adults participated. Most youth attended both sessions. Program included water craft races, water balloon toss, salt art, noodle artwork and fruit sushi. Connie informed leaders that a one-year liability insurance plan has been purchased to cover the use of the Boston School Forest for 4-H programs including club activities. | Amherst Fair Food Stand - Income was \$4,030.43 and expenses were \$985.20. \$400 was donated to the Amherst Fair Board for the improvements that they made. New refrigerator was not maintaining temperature. Ran out of donated potatoes Saturday night. Had to purchase more locally. Small animal committee is interested in selling pizza next year if Teen Leaders don't decide to. Fair board will build another stand. Space requirement for pizza oven and small pizza freezer needs to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS: Rosholt Fair Clean Up – August 27th from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Food and cake cases and center display cabinets need to be moved to the exhibit building from another location. Some animal exhibitors are willing to come one hour earlier to help with this task. Fair board has purchased rectangular and round tables that can be used to display exhibits. Need to check with fair board about availability of table clothes. Ceramic cage has been removed from stage area. | Rosholt Fair – Time of cake auction is 6:30 pm. Location of auction has not been confirmed. Lee Miller will auction cakes. In need of a second auctioneer, preferably someone young. Sharon Cisewski agreed to judge Cloverbud entries again. Activity table with art and craft projects will be set up. Looking for teen volunteers to help. Table containing Ambassador posters will be next to activity table. Ambassadors can give out 4-H pencils. Connie needs volunteer to help take equipment and supplies back to the 4-H office between 4 and 6 pm Monday. Discussion about providing coffee and donuts to volunteers on Friday. Motion by Betty and second by Marilyn for the Leaders Association to pay for coffee and donuts on Friday for the volunteers. Motion passed. | Club Charters & Financial Reports -Financial Report is due on September 1st and Club Charter is due November 1st. | Re-Enrollment in 4-H Online- will start September 1st. | Scholarship application change recommended for 2024 - Connie recommends that the required number of letters of recommendation be decreased from 3 to 1. Format of application needs to be redone. Changes will be discussed at a later date. | Funding for National & State 4-H Events - New budget includes funding for support of National and State 4-H events. \$2,300 was budgeted for National 4-H Events and \$500 was budgeted for State 4-H Events. Discussion: Guidelines for allocation of funds will need to be determined. Amount awarded may vary based on number of applicants. Youth interested in attending State and/or National 4-H events would need to fill out paper work in the fall stating their intent to apply for these events. Form needs to be developed. Recommendations: no interview required; include signatures of parent/guardian and general leader on form. | County-Wide workshops/project meetings – Plan to sponsor rock workshops in October. Two in-person workshops covering rock identification and rock hounding and a virtual session led by Connie's sister, discussing the use and maintenance of rock tumblers. A virtual pumpkin contest will be offered again. Working on workshops for sewing and robotics. | AmeriCorps Volunteer – Already have approval for a \$500 contribution from the 4-H Leaders Association. Connie plans to apply for assistance from the Master Gardeners. | Award Program & Banquet – Leaders Banquet is scheduled for Saturday November 11th at the Jensen Center. Meal provided by Ambrosia's. Registration is at 5:00 pm and banquet begins at 5:30 pm. | Nominations for Board Members- Need volunteers to recruit candidates. Kathy is willing to stay on the board. Connie recommended Mindy Golla for a board position. | Friends of 4-H & 4-H Alumni – Feltz Dairy Store recommended for Friends of 4-H. No recommendations for 4-H Alumni. Recommended Malayna Polum for 4-H Volunteer of the Year. | Agent Report- 4-H Fall Forum will be held in Green Lake on November 4th and 5th. Connie will recruit teens and Ambassadors to help teach the STEM watercraft activity.

Next Meeting date – October 16, 2023 | Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships

DEADLINE: MARCH 1ST

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation offers over \$20,000 in scholarships annually to outstanding students pursuing higher education in 2024.

For application instructions, visit: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - September 2023

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association meeting, held on 9-25 23, via Zoom and in person at the Annex conference rooms 1 & 2, was called to order by Vice-President Sharon Cisewski at 6:31 p.m. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken. | PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Malayna Polum, Caroline Peterson and Robin Oliver (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Sharon Cisewski (Plover Clovers), Bonnie Ziolkowski and Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Kathy Glodowski (County-Wide), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Dr. Barb Kasproicz (Almond Busy Bees) and Jeremy Solin, Area Extension Director | MINUTES: Minutes were approved as corrected. Under Approval of Budget, cost for the ½ time Americorps Volunteer will be \$2,500.00 not \$500.00. | OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills: Checking \$28,031.96 Savings \$ 500.00 Treasurer's report was placed on file. | Secretary's Report and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS: Rosholt Fair – Per Lisa, fair entries have been completed. Youth Exhibit Committee meeting will be scheduled after Connie returns from medical leave. | Club Charters & Financial Reports -Two clubs still need to complete financial reports. Club Charters due November 1st. | Re-Enrollment in 4-H Online- Opened September 1st. Reminder that all 4-H leaders and members need to re-enroll. | NEW BUSINESS: Nomination & Election of Board Members – Lisa did not receive any responses to the email she sent to all 4-H Leaders. Election tabled until the October meeting. Need candidates for Vice-President and more board members. Debra Helbach and Michelle Waltenberg will no longer be serving on the board. Need to check on status of Paula Kropidowski and Candice Wolosek. Connie suggested Mindy Golla as a potential board member. | Nomination & Selection of Volunteer of the Year – Motion by Betty and second by Jan to nominate Malayna for 4-H Volunteer of the Year. | Nomination & Selection of Friend of 4-H - Motion by Betty and second by Jan to nominate Feltz's Dairy Store for Friend of 4-H. | Nomination & Selection of 4-H Alumni – Dr. Barb suggested that Jordin Rekowski be considered for the 4-H Alumni Award. Not sure about his 4-H history. Motion by Betty and second by Jan to nominate Jordin for the award if his alumni status can be verified. | 2023 Awards Program and Leader's Banquet – November 11th and 12th – Dates have been booked with the Jensen Center and contract has been signed and returned by the State 4-H office. Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. and meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. Details regarding price of the meal were not available since Karen was not present at the meeting. Malayna will contact Karen. | Record Books & Record Book Committee – Due October 6th. Committee volunteers needed. Kathy Glodowski, Betty Pionek and Bonnie Ziolkowski are willing to help. | Fall Forum – Scheduled for November 4th and 5th at Green Lake. Online registration closes on October 6th. Per Juniper, the watercraft demonstration discussed at an earlier meeting is not listed on the program. | County-Wide workshops/project meetings – A virtual pumpkin contest will be offered soon. Entries will be due the end of October. Money for prizes has already been approved. | AmeriCorps Volunteer Position – Received approval from Wisconsin State 4-H to spend \$2,500 plus expenses for a ½ time position. Grant was submitted to Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin for \$2,500. Leaders Association received a grant award for \$1,500. Motion by Jan and second by Betty to accept grant money. Motion passed. Betty suggested that the Leaders Association donate additional funds for the position. Discussion postponed until more details are available. | Agent Report– Per Jeremy, Connie is in good spirits. She has an appointment scheduled for next week. No return-to-work date has been determined yet. Lisa is doing a great job! She plans to have the next newsletter completed soon. | Next Meeting Date – October 20, 2023, Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Memorial Scholarships Available

Cieswski Family from the Portage County 4-H Program would like to once again announce the offering of memorial scholarships in honor of their loved ones.

Mark Worzalla Memorial Scholarship : Qualifications: Students attending a 2-year school, 4-year school or pursuing a certificate, majoring in an Agriculture related field or a Mechanical field. Criteria for Selection: Demonstrated financial need and must be employed at a farm. Special Consideration for students double majoring in an agriculture field and a mechanical field.

Ron Worzalla Memorial Scholarship: Qualifications: Beginning farmers majoring in an agriculture related field. Criteria for Selection: Demonstrated financial need and must be employed at a farm. Special consideration for those pursuing work in dairy farming.

Scholarship applications are available online through the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin. <https://cfcwi.org/scholarships/>

The application deadline is February 15th and applicants will be awarded scholarships in April.

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Pictured Above: Members of the Plover Clovers prepared and served lunch to farmers and truckers at Wolf River Grain on Saturday November 4th.

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



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