

Portage County 4-H Courier

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Letter From the President

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn"

Hal Borland

This quote has a been a favorite of mine for a long time. It not only represents the change of seasons, but also suggests how things in general can change and grow over time.

As youth choose projects and continue with those projects from year to year, we see continued growth and change in what they learn and how they improve in that project. If they choose a new project they may not have tried before, they can learn new skills and knowledge they may not have had before. As they grow with 4-H, leadership and communication skills also change as they interact with peers and adults.

Don't be afraid of change and don't be afraid to try new things. You have it in you and YOU CAN DO IT!!!

Sharon Cisewski 4-H Leaders Association President

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Pictured Above: The Plover Clovers visited the Farm Exploration Center for their March club meeting. They had a great time learning about crop farming and vegetable production.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

APRIL

- 1 Last Day for Project Changes in 4-H Online
- 5 Peeps Contest Entries Due
- 13 Shooting Sports Meeting, 9:00am, American Legion Hall, Rosholt
- 14 Ceramics Workshop, 3:00-5:00pm, Boston School Forest
- 15 Managerial Agreements Due to Extension Office
- 15 YQCA Training, 6:00pm, Food + Farm Exploration Center
- 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Annex Rooms 1 & 2 and Online via Zoom

MAY

- 3 4-H Summer Camp for Grades 3-8, Registration Due
- 4 Lamb Weigh-On Market Animal Project, 9:00-10:00am Rosholt Fairgrounds
- 6 Deadline for Submitting Tagged Swine Photos
- 20 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 21 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Rosholt Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
- Market Animal Sales Promotion & Records / Ethics & Sportsmanship Meeting, 7:00PM, Rosholt Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
- 27 UW-Extension Office Closed (Memorial Day)

JUNE

- 8 Portage County Dairy-Palooza , 11:00am-2:00pm, Feltz's Dairy Store
- 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 25-27 4-H Summer Camp for grades 3-8, Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

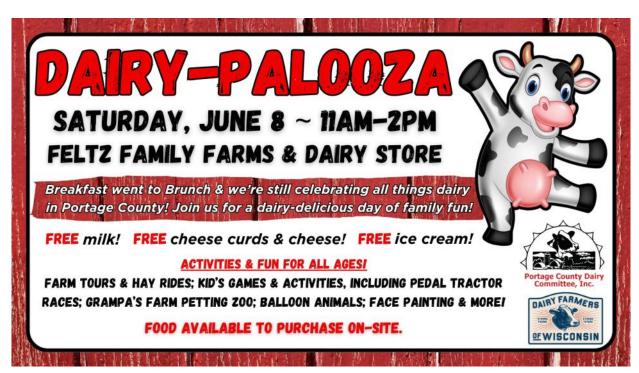








Join us for 4-H Summer Camp! Camp will be held at Upham Woods, in Wisconsin Dells and is open for 4-H members currently in grades 3-8. Cost will be \$45 per camper. Bus transportation to and from camp will be provided. Register in 4H Online by May 3rd to secure your spot! You will receive a list of items to bring and other details about camp after registration. Any questions please contact Lisa or Connie at the Extension Office! We hope to see you there!



The Portage County Dairy-Palooza will be held on Saturday, June 8th from 11:00am - 2:00pm at Feltz's Dairy Store (5796 Porter Dr., Stevens Point, WI.) As in years past the Committee is once again looking for volunteers! Please click the link below to sign up for open volunteering spots.

2024 4-H AWARD RESULTS

Congratulations to our 4-Hers who won awards for 2024!

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

4-H Ambassador:

Marie Keck

Hazel Oliver

Rodney Wendt

Key Award:

To be recognized at the 2024 4-H

Awards Program

Marie Keck

Leader of Tomorrow

Award:

To be recognized at the 2024 4-H

Awards Program

Jacob Spoelstra

Noah Spoelstra



Pictured above: 4-H AmeriCorps Member, Brooklyn Butzin with 4-H Teen Leaders Juniper Rydberg, Marie Keck & Skyler Cisewski at the Maple Syrup Festival held on March 30th.

Pictured Right: 4-H Teen Leader, Juniper Rydberg at the Maple Syrup Festival











2024 Conservation Camp Opportunities

Looking for Happy Campers! The Portage County Land and Water Conservation Division has limited scholarships available for two summer conservation camps.

A Middle School camp is open to students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 in the 2024-2025 school year. The camp is located at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells and takes place from Sunday, June 9 through Wednesday, June 12. Registration information can be found here.

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 17 through Thursday, June 20. Registration information can be found here. Spots are limited for this camp so expect it to fill up quickly! If interested, I suggest registering and pay-

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awarded, you will be reimbursed. The registration deadline for both camps is May 17. Parents and/or teachers can recommend students for scholarships. Please submit the student's name, school, age, and grade entering in the 2024-25 school year by Friday, April 26 to Patty Benedict – benedicp@co.portage.wi.gov In the event interest exceeds funding, scholarships will be drawn by lottery.

ing for the camp as soon as possible! If a scholarship is



Pictured Left: Carson Climbers members at their March Meeting. They had a walkthrough tour of the Portage County Humane society. A non traditional meeting was held onsite. They also donated a bin of items for the animals.



4-H Senior Spotlight

In this issue of the courier, it is our pleasure to spotlight our senior 4-H members. Every stepping stone in life deserves some special recognition and this is no exception. Each 4-H member creates their own journey. We hope you look back on your journey and smile and remember those experiences that helped you grow. Thank you for your dedication and leadership to you clubs and community. Your 4-H family is so proud of you all! Best of luck to our graduates! May you continue to shine bright in your future endeavors!



JUNIPER RYDBERG

10 YEAR MEMBER OF THE CASIMER BOOSTERS 4-H CLUB

Favorite 4-H accomplishment: My favorite 4-H accomplishment is being apart of the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Take every 4-H opportunity you can. Whether it is joining the teen leaders board or going on a big trip. Do it.

Post High School plans: I will be attending UW-Stout for Family and Consumer Science Education.



Favorite 4-H
accomplishment:
My biggest
accomplishment
was winning 7
Best of Show
ribbons at the
Rosholt Fair for
my fresh floral
arrangements
and cake
decorating.



BRIDGET LEMANCZYK

8 YEAR MEMBER OF THE ROSHOLT PIONEERS 4-H CLUB

Advice for younger 4-H members: Plan out your fair projects in advance and, when you can, start working on them early.

Post High School plans: I plan to attend college to get my bachelors degree and then go to graduate school to get my masters degree to become a neonatal nurse practitioner.

Favorite 4-H accomplishment: My biggest accomplishment was in 2023 when I won Grand Champion Market Beef with my bred and owned steer, Chet. I also won Senior Beef Showmanship and Outstanding Beef Exhibitor that year.

ADI GLODOWSKI

10 YEAR MEMBER OF THE ROSHOLT PIONEERS 4-H CLUB

Advice for younger 4-H members: Enjoy your time in 4-H and take advantage of every opportunity because it doesn't last forever.

Post High School
plans: I will be
attending Fox
Valley Technical
College for
Agri-Business/
Animal Science.









Favorite 4-H project: I love making and showing my artwork and crafts at the fairs and helping my sister show rabbits. I also enjoyed being my club's historian for a year.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Always keep trying your best and you'll get rewarded in some way! be brave, try new things; be strong, keep learning in the things you love; be unique, and express your talents in creative ways!



KAELYNN KAZDA

6 YEAR MEMBER OF THE
NELSONVILLE ZIPPY ZEES 4-H CLUB

Post High School plans: I want to start my own photography business soon and keep doing art, in some way or form, to share my passion of it with others.

Favorite 4-H project: I enjoy the poultry project because I have done it for a while and won some big awards for it. I also get to do this project with my little brother and I've gotten to teach him a few things about the project so that makes the project special for me.

LUCY GWIDT

11 YEAR MEMBER OF THE CASIMER BOOSTERS 4-H CLUB

Advice for younger 4-H members: Get involved with a bunch of projects to find what you are interested in! I've gone back and forth between different projects over the years. These past years I recently picked up two new projects, Gardening and Home Environment. that I ended up loving!



Post High School plans: Attending UW-Madison

Favorite 4-H Accomplishment: Representing Portage County as a 4-H Ambassador with my brother, Cody.

Advice for younger 4-H members: Never give up and always be willing to try new things.

JACLYNN KAMINSKI

9 YEAR MEMBER OF THE ROSHOLT PIONEERS 4-H CLUB

Post High
School
plans:
Undecided
but would
like to
pursue a
career in
Agriculture.





We would also like to recognize the following 4-H seniors (not pictured):

- Ethan Filtz, Rosholt Pioneers
- Adriana Freer, Junction City Golden
 Stars
- Adam Kirsling, Nelsonville Zippy Zees
- Sydney Krueger, Casimer Boosters

- Madison Metzler, Carson Climbers
- Braedan Mlodik, Rosholt Pioneers
- Aleda Schultz, Tomorrow River Voyagers
- Andrew Wojtalewicz, Rosholt Pioneers

SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS RESULTS



Pictured Left to Right: Jack Eron of the Carson Climbers, and Brenna Lockman of the Plover Clovers with their Demonstration Contest Ribbons



Pictured Above, Left to Right: (Back Row) Camryn Wade of the Almond Busy Bees, Collin Lockman of the Plover Clovers, (front row) Jack and Nora Eron of the Carson Climbers with their Speaking 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

Speaking Contest Results

Collin Lockman, Plover Clovers, Blue & Best of Show, Gr. 5 & Under Reading of Prose Jack Eron, Caron Climbers, Blue Gr. 5 & Under Reading of Prose Camryn Wade, Almond Busy Bees, Blue, Gr. 9 & Up, Reading of Prose Nora Eron, Caron Climbers, Cloverbud Ribbons, Gr. 5 & Under Reading of Poetry Camryn Wade, Almond Busy Bees, Blue & Best of Show, Gr. 9 & Up, Play Acting

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



Pictured Left: 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon team members and coaches.



Pictured Above: Portage County 4-H Junior Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Mixed team who placed 5th in both Quiz Bowl and Team Skillathon



Pictured Above: Jaci Kaminski (top left) 6th place individual skillathon

Portage County had two teams again compete successfully at the 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon in Madison on Saturday, March 16.

> **Junior Division Team**: Colton Kaminski (team captain), Kyle Wojtalewicz and Mason Wierzba of the Rosholt Pioneers, and Eddy Reincke of the Almond Busy Bees

> **Mixed Division Team**: Jaci Kaminski (team captain), Sami Kaminski, Jacob Wierzba and Casey Wojtalewicz of the Rosholt Pioneers, and Nora Lein of the Almond Busy Bees

Jaci Kaminski placed 6th in her division for individual Skillathon and the Mixed team placed 5th in both Quiz Bowl and Team Skillathon! Great job everyone!! A huge thank you to the coaches and parents who helped the teams with their success!





When: April 15, 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Where: Food +Farm Exploration Center (3400 Innovation Drive, Plover, WI 54467)

For directions click here

YQCA certification is offered in two formats:

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

Please note per national YQCA policies the in-person session is for only youth up to age 18. Young adults age 19-21 are required to complete the WEB BASED course.

To register for the Portage County training sign in or create an account on https://yqcaprogram.org/ Under the appropriate age in "Course List" choose "Instructor-Led Training" with instructor Kathryn Lampi. 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

Amherst Fair: All Beef, Sheep, Swine & 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 <u>July 1, 2024</u>.

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

TAGGED SWINE PHOTOS

Swine must be identified by May 6th.

Members must tag, photograph, and electronically submit two photos for each tagged hog—one photo of the entire animal and another photo of the animal showing its tag number.

Include project member name with correlating ear tag. Ear tags and ear taggers (if needed) will be distributed at the April 15th YQCA training, between 6:00 and 7:30 pm.

Photos must be submitted no later than May 6th 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 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 at https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/(4-HYouth—Forms and Applications).

2024 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, 2024.

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

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

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Name	Age	
Address		
Home Phone #	Major	GPA
Applying under herd number and farm name		
Name and address of school attending or seminar	r, 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.

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	Signature of Applicant	Date

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - January 2024

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association meeting, held on 1-15-24, via Zoom and in person at the Annex conference rooms 1 & 2, was called to order by President Sharon Cisewski at 6:30 p.m. Pledges were recited and roll call with introductions was taken.

<u>PRESENT</u>: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Sharon Cisewski and Amanda Jordon (Plover Clovers), Betty Pionek and Christine Keck (Casimer Boosters), Kathy Glodowski (County-Wide), Dr. Barb Kasprowicz (Almond Busy Bees), Agnes Mallek and Mary Ann Kuklinski (Junction City Golden Stars) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent.

MINUTES: Correction - Under Fall Forum, Marie Keck, not Jennifer Keck, attended the 4-H Fall Forum. Minutes were approved as corrected.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills: Checking \$29,552.57 Savings \$ 617.67 Treasurer's report was placed on file. | Secretary's Report and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Gingerbread Contest Update – Good participation this year. Extending due date until after Christmas gave participants more time to complete entries. 31 people submitted entries are being judged. Results unknown at this time.

Roller Skating Party – Nice weather on day of party. Approximately 80 youth and adults participated. There were two other group parties going on at the same time. Online party booking was required. Per Connie, one adult per every ten youth that participate, is required.

Awards & Ambassador Applications & Interviews – Karen Jastromski and Sharon Cisewski will assist with interview process. Interviews are scheduled for January 17th in the meeting room. Connie will supply the pizza.

AmeriCorps – Portage County AmeriCorps volunteer is Brooklyn Butzin, a 4-H member from Waupaca who is currently a 1st year student at UWSP. This is a half time position. She will be working a minimum of 28 hours per week doing 4-H outreach with clubs and schools in the Junction City and Amherst areas. The Leaders Association received grant money from the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin to help pay her wages and expenses. Brooklyn is required to attend a 2-day training. She will be traveling to Green Bay for the first day. The second day, her training will be virtual.

NEW BUSINESS:

Portage County Scholarships- Discussed reducing the requirement for number of letters of recommendation that must be included with the application from three letters to one letter and requiring a signature and comments from the applicant's 4-H General Leader. Motion by Betty and second by Kristine to only require one letter of recommendation and to require a signature and comments from the applicant's general leader. Motion passed. Dr. Barb recommended that the scholarship applications be sent out sooner.

Funding for State and National 4-H Events – Application due date was December 15th. Applications received by this date were reviewed by leaders present at the meeting. All applications were accepted. Summer Academy had four applicants. \$500 was budgeted so each youth will receive \$167. American Spirit Trip had 5 applicants. \$2,300 was budgeted so each youth will receive \$460. What if a member applies for two trips? Will they get funding for both trips? Payment for the American Spirit Trip is already due. Invoice cannot be paid until treasurer returns. Connie sent an email to explain the situation. Last year a youth paid the fee to attend the American Spirit Trip but was unable to attend due to a death in the family. What will happen to those funds? Teen Leaders are also offering funds for youth that helped in the 4-H Food Stand. Juniper will be asking teens to pay the \$100 fee she is being charged for being on the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council.

County-Wide workshops/project meetings – Upcoming virtual workshops include meat, baking bread and international foods. Connie is working on a Rock Tumbler Workshop. Sharon hopes to hold another Barn Quilt Workshop in March. Connie is looking for parents and youth interested in doing in-person or virtual workshops.

Winter Camp/Summer Camp – The 4-H educators from the 5 counties that planned 4-H Winter Camp at Spencer Lake set a minimum enrollment of 40 youth in order to hold the Leadership Camp. Since only 32 youth signed up, the camp was cancelled. Connie worked with Penny from Waupaca County to plan a one-day Leadership Camp but there wasn't enough interest in that camp either. Summer Camp is scheduled for June 25th through the 27th at the Upham Woods State 4-H Camp in Wisconsin Dells. Camp will include youth from Portage, Waupaca and Iowa counties in grades 3rd through 8th grade. Still need more youth in grades 9-13 to volunteer to be counselors.

Other: Plat Book — Only a few books left in the 4-H office. Will need to purchase more. Are there extras at the businesses? | 4-H Dues — Dues are now a voluntary donation. Clubs can't be required to pay dues. Dues are used to help pay for programing and 4-H literature. Clubs need to know what their dues are used for. | Teen Leader Fundraiser — Wednesday, January 24th from 10 am-8 pm at Papa Murphys on Main Street.

Agent Report—Still recovering from injury. Doing physical therapy 2 times per week. Lisa's work hours have changed. She no longer works on Monday.

Next Meeting Date – March 18, 2024 | Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson

Carson Climbers Club Report - February 2024

4-H Club Reports

Club Minutes - Feb 18th, 2024 The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm WELCOME ANY VISITORS (Ace & Catrina) Start meeting (President: Brooke or Vice President: Amber) Pledges Ice breaker (Claire & Sophia) Sunshine Buddy - Birthdays! (Bryce) Reports: Secretary's Report (Calleigh) Treasurer's Report (Kaitlin) Old Business: Our t-shirt quote was discussed. Money and sizes are due at the February meeting. Monthly sign-up sheets were passed around for snacks and little food pantry maintenance. Thank you Glaze family for our snack today! Winter and Valentine's cards were dropped off at Renaissance assisted living. They appreciated this a lot and plan to share pictures on their Facebook page in the future. The February meeting will have our club painting project immediately following. We are painting the highland cow painting. We are collecting Portage County Humane Society items, and each member should try to collect at least an item or two. Members were asked to please bring them to the February meeting, and we will visit them in March. New Business: It was decided to hold our next meeting on the second Saturday in March, and we will do our Portage County Humane Society tour. The time will be posted this week. We have tabled our field trip to the Food and Farm Exploration Center until Fall. New members were welcomed! Kessa & Ben. Meat judging contest participants went to Madison on February 3rd. The entire Portage County team was Carson Climbers members. Members shared their experiences. Congratulations were given to our Gingerbread contest winners! Sophia, Jack and Nora. Club dues are coming up soon! Money will be due at the next meeting. We will also have a club literature order form due. Stephanie to post further details. April 1st is the deadline to change any projects for the year. For those painting today, please sign up for the drawing and painting project to be able to enter it in the fair. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm by Brooke and 2nd Amber. We then painted from 1:30-3:30.



Pictured Left & Below: Members of the Carson Climbers Club painting at their February Meeting



Pictured Left: Ethan and Jakub Filtz's taxidermy demonstration at the March meeting of the Rosholt Pioneers 4-H Club. Taxidermy is part of their 4-H Self-Determined project.

4HERS IN ACTION!



Pictured Above: The Tomorrow River Voyagers had multiple demonstrations and activities in the project areas of plants and electricity. Members potted a plant and made an electromagnet. We learned something and had fun. Isaac Spoelstra, Tomorrow River Voyagers Reporter

Pictured Below: Members of the Sunnyside Climbers donated to the Humane Society and also made tissue paper flowers for area nursing homes.





The Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H Club went bowling and attended a UWSP Hockey game for club recreation. We had a fun time at both activities! Isaac Spoelstra, TRV Reporter



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