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## Letter from the President

Hello 4-H friends,

The arrival of the summer months brings with it not only warmer weather but also the excitement of opportunities to celebrate being part of the 4-H family. Summer camps and trips where members gain new experiences and make new friends from around the state, county workshops where youth can learn a new skills and volunteer opportunities, like the upcoming Dairypalooza where members can be a part of Wisconsin's proud dairy heritage are all ways 4-H members can have fun this summer.

Summer also means fair season is right around the corner! Fair time is my favorite time of year. Seeing the hard work of our members as they get to showcase the projects they worked on all year and the confidence they gain showing livestock, cakes, photography, artwork, woodworking or any of the other projects available within 4-H is so valuable and something all our members should be proud of. Helping with the Amherst Fair Food Stand and participating in the Ag Olympics bring with it fun ways to work together as a club.

No matter how you spend your summer months, I'm glad 4-H is a part of it!

Sharon Cisewski

Portage County 4-H Leaders Association President

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Brenna Lockman from the Plover Clovers along with 4-H Ambassador Advisor & Leaders Association President Sharon Cisewski, hosted and organized an interactive booth at the Mark Motors Safety Fair on Saturday May 18th.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## JUNE

- 3 Rosholt Fair Entries Open
- 8 Shooting Sports Session, 9:00am, Rosholt Fairgrounds
- 8 Portage County Dairy-Palooza , 11:00am-2:00pm, Feltz's Dairy Store
- 10 Ceramics Workshop, 5:00-7:00pm, Boston School Forest
- 15 Sewing Workshop, 11:00am-1:00pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst
- 17 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 22 Sewing Workshop, 11:00am-1:00pm, Peace Lutheran Church, Amherst
- 25-27 4-H Summer Camp for grades 3-8, Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

## JULY

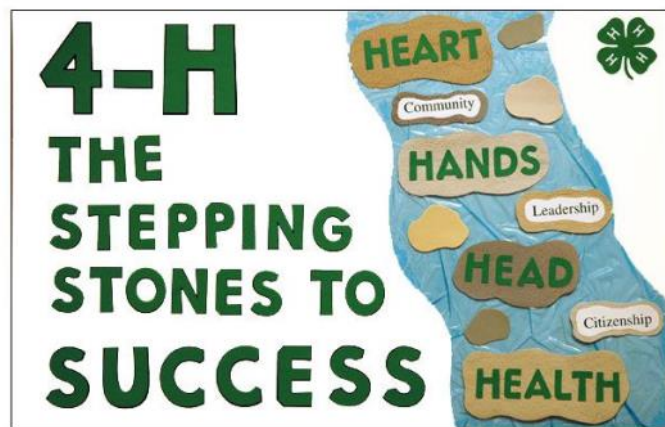
- 4 UW-Extension Office Closed (Independence Day)
- 15 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, Amherst Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM
- 15 4-H Teen Leaders Meeting/Food Stand Cleanup, Amherst Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM
- 19-22 Portage County Amherst Fair
- 24 **Rosholt Fair Entries due in FairEntry**

## AUGUST

- 1 Cloverbud & Explorer Day Camp, 2:00-5:00pm, Boston School Forest
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- 1-11 Wisconsin State Fair
- 13 4-H Family Swim Party, Donald Copps Municipal Pool, 6:30-8:30pm
- 19 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 24 Rosholt Fair Clean-Up Day - **NEED TWO PEOPLE FROM EACH CLUB**
- 29 Exhibits are brought to the Rosholt Fair
- 30-2 Rosholt Fair

## SEPTEMBER

- 5 Rosholt Fair Carcass Contest
- 16 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM



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# CERAMICS WORKSHOP

Monday, June 10, 2024| 5:00-7:00pm

**Boston School Forest**

*5084 Lincoln Ave, Plover*

**To Register go to:**

**<https://bit.ly/June4-HCeramics>**

**Register by June 7th. Space is limited!**

Join us for a drybrushing/antiquing ceramics workshop!

**Participants must have a stained/painted ceramic piece already completed that they will need to bring to the workshop to further drybrush or antique.**

This is a free event open to all Portage County 4-H members grades 3 & up.

Paints and supplies will be provided, but you must bring your own painted/stained ceramic piece. Techniques covered will be drybrushing and antiquing. As always finished pieces can be used as entries for the fairs!



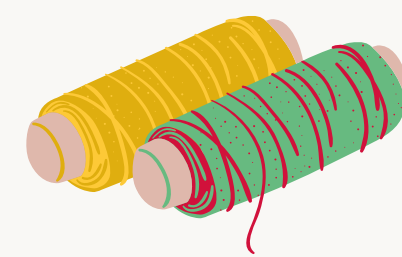
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# SEWING WORKSHOPS



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

Participants will learn how to read patterns and work on projects. Just a reminder projects made during the workshops can be shown at the fair!

**2 sessions from 11:00am-1:00pm on:  
June 15th & June 22nd**

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

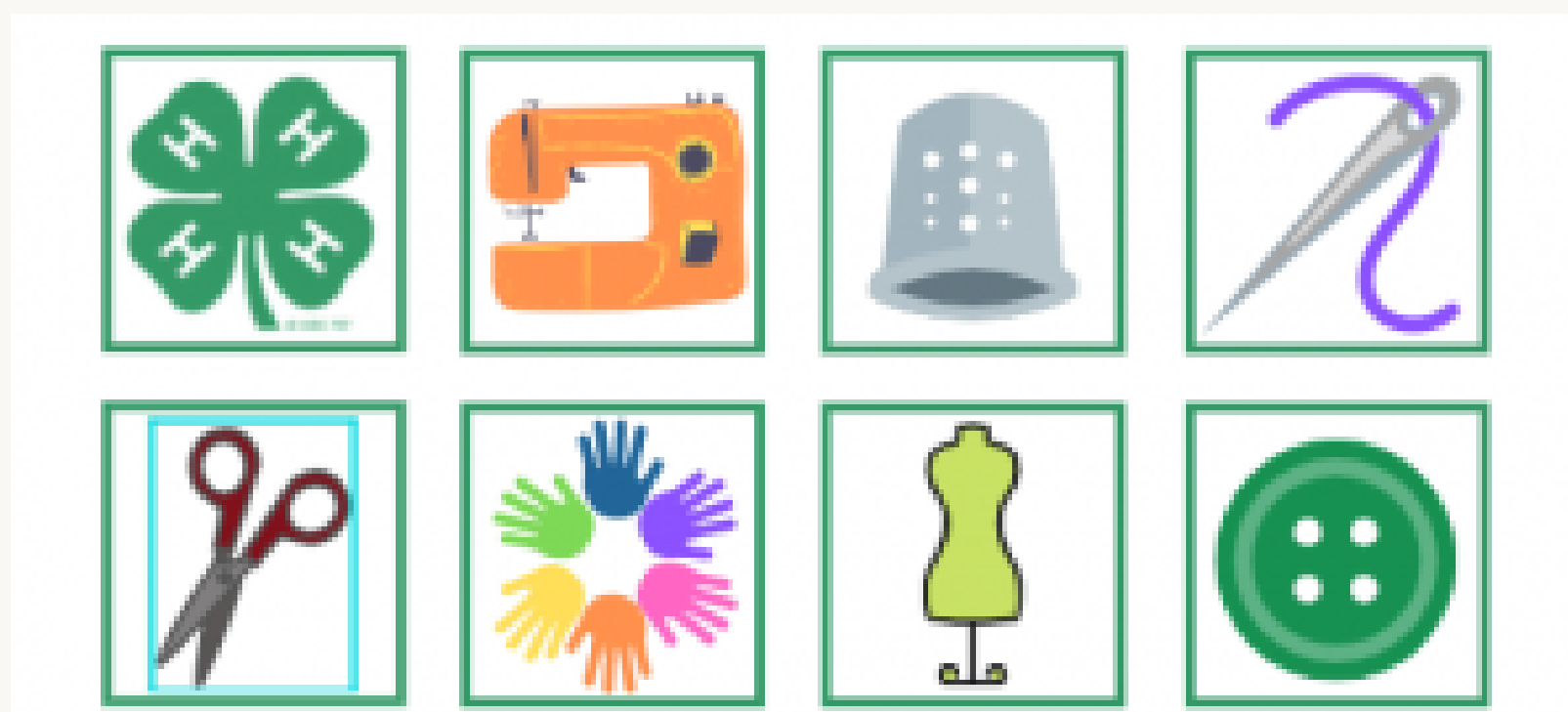
**Space is limited! Be sure to sign up Early!  
To Register go to:**

**<https://bit.ly/20244-HSewing>**



## SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR SEWING KIT

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



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

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

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# Cloverbud & Explorer Day Camps



**Thursday, August 1st, 2:00-5:00PM**

**Tuesday, August 6th, 2:00-5:00PM**

**Boston School Forest - Noble Lodge**  
*(5084 Lincoln Ave, Plover, WI 54467)*

**Open to 4-H and non 4-H youth in grades K-3!**

**Cost is \$3 for 1 day or \$5 for both days or for families with multiple campers: \$5 per family for 1 day or \$10 per family for both days.**

**To Register: <https://bit.ly/4-HCloverbudCamp>**

**Registration Deadline is Friday, July 19th.**

**These are wonderful family friendly day-camp experiences for our younger 4-Hers to make new friends, work on camp crafts, and play games! Feel free to attend one or multiple sessions. Non 4-H friends are also welcome!**

**\*Snacks & refreshments will be provided. \***

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# AMHERST FAIR



## This Year's Theme:

### **“Honoring the Amherst Legends and Supporters We Lost Too Soon”**

The Amherst Fair will be here quickly. As we, the board, plan for the fair, we ask that club leaders, parents, and FFA and 4-H members plan also. Not only working with their animals, finishing projects, but also helping/volunteering at the fair. **We especially need help on Friday, July 19th, helping with judging and Saturday, July 20th. We will be having fair work nights on Monday, July 15th and Tuesday July 16th as well from 6:00-9:00PM and could use volunteers.**

## **Amherst Fair Food Stand**

Planning for the 4-H food stand is currently underway. We will be sending more information to clubs and families once we have more details. The 4-H Teens would like to thank everyone for their support of the food stand fundraiser throughout the years! Without help from club volunteers it would not continue to be the success it has been.

### **Amherst Fair Food Stand Clean Up**

**July 15, 2024 @ 6:00 PM—Amherst Fairgrounds**

**Teen volunteers are needed for both the clean up on Monday, July 15th and to help close down the food stand on Sunday, July 21st, as well as to help run the food stand!**



# Portage County Fair - Amherst 2024 Schedule

" Honoring the Amherst Legends and Supporters We Lost Too Soon"

## Thursday – July 18<sup>th</sup> 2024

**\*\* Fair Opens at 5:00 pm**

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
6:00 pm  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
6:30 pm  
8:00 pm – 12:00 am

**Gate \$6.00/Day \$15.00 Season Tickets VIP Pass \$40.00**

includes 3 day gate/Tractor Pulls & Demo  
Fair Entries  
Wristband \$20.00 – Advance sales \$17.00 See fair website  
Registration Starts for Pedal Tractor Races - Fair Office  
Face to face Cake Judging  
Tractor/Truck Pull - See Fair's Webpage for classes **\$8.00**  
Music By "That 90's Band"

## Friday – July 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

8:30 am  
8:30 am  
9:00 am  
9:00 am  
10:30 am  
1:00 pm  
5:00 pm

6:30 pm  
7:00 pm  
8:30 pm – 12:30 am

Judging Poultry, Waterfowl - Husky Hansen Building  
Judging Swine - Husky Hansen Building  
Judging Small Animals (cats etc.) - Ruth Otto Building  
Judging Youth Exhibit Building - Ruth Otto Building  
Judging Sheep - Husky Hansen Building  
Judging Beef – Beef/Dairy Barn  
Carnival Opens **bring a non-perishable/non expired  
can good and you can get 20 tickets for \$10.00 or Rides at regular prices**  
Regular price tickets single \$1.25 or 10 for \$10.00 rides take 3 tickets or more  
Tractor/Truck Pull - See Fair's Webpage for classes \$8.00  
Cake Auction – Ruth Otto Building – Open to the Public  
Music by "Bad Habits" (Troy Allen & The Drifters Band)

## Saturday - July 20<sup>th</sup> 2024

8:30 am  
9:00 am  
9:00 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
2:00 pm  
3:00 pm  
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
8:00 pm – 12:30 am

Judging Rabbits – Rabbit Building  
Swine Ultrasound  
Judging Dairy – Beef/Dairy Building  
Judging Goats – Husky Hansen Building  
Parade – " Honoring the Amherst Legends and Supporters We Lost Too Soon"  
Wristband \$20.00 – Advance sales \$17.00 See fair website.  
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Ag Olympics - Husky Hansen Building  
Demolition Derby – Gate \$10.00  
Music by "Troy 3 Piece Band"  
Music by "Blame it on Waylan"

## Sunday - July 21<sup>st</sup> 2024

9:00 am  
9:00 am to Noon  
9:00 am  
11:30 am  
12:00 pm  
12:00 pm  
12:00 pm  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
12:00 pm  
1:00 pm  
1:00 pm  
4:30 pm  
4:30 – 6:00 pm  
6:00 pm

**Free Admission ALL DAY**

Judging Horses - Rodeo Arena  
Breakfast – Bar Area – Ambrosia Pub & Grill  
Volleyball Tourney  
Check in - Pedal Tractor Races  
Registration Pedal Tractor Races if spots open (Registration started on Thursday)  
Pedal Tractor Races – Courtyard  
Carnival Opens  
Wristband \$20.00 – Advance sales \$17.00 See fair website.  
Corn Hole Tournament – Big Tent  
Bingo – Bar Area  
Animal Market Sale - Open to Public - Husky Hansen Building  
Animals Released  
Exhibits Released  
Raffle Drawing

Website – [Amherstfair.com](http://Amherstfair.com)

# ROSHOLT FAIR 2024

AUGUST 30TH—SEPTEMBER 2ND

## ROSHOLT FAIR ENTRIES



The Rosholt Fair will be using the same online system as last year: **FairEntry**. Instructions for setting up your account and adding entries are on the next page.

### • All entries are due in the system by July 24th!

- 4-H exhibitors will sign up for exhibits using their 4-H Online Account information. Exhibitors will be able to indicate whether they want to show an entry through their 4-H club or FFA chapter.
- Cloverbuds do not add entries; they can just bring their exhibit to the fair. You do not need to add them to your family's account.
- If you need computer assistance, feel free to set up an appointment to use a computer and add entries at the Portage County Extension Office (715-346-1462).

### ENTERING A CLUB DISPLAY?

There's no form this year! Just let Lisa know at 715-346-1462 or [lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu](mailto:lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu) that your club would like space for a display. Tabletop displays will need to be 4-6 ft in length. Also let her know if you will need to be by an electric outlet.



## ROSHOLT FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Sunday, August 25th @ 1:00 PM - Rosholt Fair Clean-Up Day**

We need at least two volunteers from each 4-H Club to help!

- **Thursday, August 29th - Monday, September 2nd**

Volunteers are needed to help place exhibits on Thursday, to help with judging on Friday, and to help watch the Exhibit Building on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Please contact 715-346-1462 or [lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu](mailto:lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu) if you can lend a hand for any amount of time! Your help is deeply appreciated!



# READ BEFORE YOU START!

## ONLINE ENTRIES FOR BOTH AMHERST & ROSHOLT FAIRS!

Visit <http://rosholt.fairentry.com> to add your entries for the Rosholt Fair!

All entries are due in the system by July 24th!



## YOU STILL NEED TO USE YOUR FAIR BOOK!

Each exhibit you sign up for in FairEntry has a description to help you select the right one. The description does not contain all of the rules or requirements for the exhibit. You still need to consult the Fair Book to learn what the judge will be looking for. Many exhibits have size requirements or special instructions, such as including a 3x5" card with information about the exhibit. Please visit <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/rosholt-fair-entries/> to reference the 2023-2026 Portage County Fair Book.

## “CONTINUE TO PAYMENT” WILL NOT CHARGE YOU!

There are no entry fees for the Rosholt Fair.

You will submit your entries by clicking

“Continue to Payment” and following the instructions, but **no fees will be charged**.

➔ Continue to Payment

## COMPLETE YOUR WHOLE FAMILY BEFORE SUBMITTING

The “Continue to Payment” button is the final submission of all entries for all exhibitors in your family. Please make sure you have created all exhibitors and added their entries before clicking “Continue to Payment.” Once submitted, you won’t be able to add any new exhibitors or entries until your first ones get approved.



## HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?

- Visit <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/> hover your mouse over “4-HYouth” and select “Rosholt Fair Entries” on the menu. Here you will find screenshot guides that will take you through adding entries click-by-click. There are also frequently asked questions available.
- Contact 715-346-1462 or [lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu](mailto:lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu) with any questions along the way!



# DAIRY-PALOOZA

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8 ~ 11AM-2PM**

**FELTZ FAMILY FARMS & DAIRY STORE**

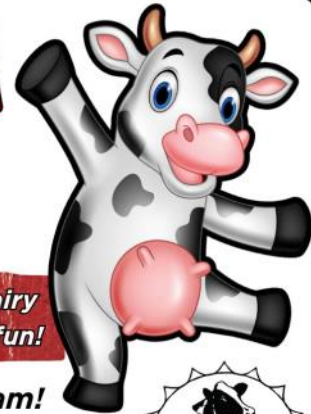
*Breakfast went to Brunch & we're still celebrating all things dairy in Portage County! Join us for a dairy-delicious day of family fun!*

**FREE milk! FREE cheese curds & cheese! FREE ice cream!**

**ACTIVITIES & FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

**FARM TOURS & HAY RIDES; KID'S GAMES & ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING PEDAL TRACTOR RACES; GRAMPA'S FARM PETTING ZOO; BALLOON ANIMALS; FACE PAINTING & MORE!**

**FOOD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON-SITE.**



Portage County Dairy Committee, Inc.



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 Dairy-Palooza Volunteer Sign-up:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4FABA723A7FB6-48611634-dairypalooza>

## Market Animal Project Graduate Award

On the next pages of this newsletter is the application for the Portage County Market Animal Project Graduate Award.

Applications are due August 1<sup>st</sup> and can be mailed or dropped off at the Extension Office or emailed to [lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu](mailto:lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu). This award will be presented during the Portage County Market Animal Sale at the Rosholt Fair.



## 4-H Family Swim Party

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JOIN US FOR SWIMMING, LIGHT SNACKS AND FUN!

SPONSORED BY THE 4-H TEEN LEADERS ASSOC.

August 13th | 6:30-8:30pm  
Donald Copps Municipal Pool  
2442 Sims Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481

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# PORTAGE COUNTY MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT

## GRADUATE AWARD APPLICATION

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a current Portage County Market Animal Project Member.
- Graduating seniors or one year post graduate members are eligible.
- Minimum of 4 years participation in the Portage County Market Animal Project.
- Award can be received only once.
- Application must be signed by 4-H General Leader, FFA Advisor or Fair Board approved youth organization Leader.



DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND ADDRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED:

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM THE PORTAGE COUNTY MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT?

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

NUMBER OF YEARS ENROLLED IN PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H, FFA OR OTHER FAIR BOARD APPROVED YOUTH ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARS ENROLLED IN THE PORTAGE COUNTY MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_

### BACKGROUND IN 4-H, FFA OR OTHER FAIR BOARD APPROVED YOUTH ORGANIZATION:

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY. BE CONCISE BUT THOROUGH. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

1. LIST ALL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD IN 4-H, FFA OR OTHER FAIR BOARD APPROVED YOUTH ORGANIZATION (EXAMPLES: OFFICER, COMMITTEE CHAIR, SWINE, BEEF OR SHEEP YOUTH LEADER, ETC.):

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2. LIST ALL OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES RELATED TO 4-H, FFA OR OTHER FAIR BOARD APPROVED YOUTH ORGANIZATION:  
(EXAMPLES: MENTOR FOR NEW MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT MEMBER(S), LIVESTOCK PRESENTATIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, ASSISTED IN LIVESTOCK WORKSHOPS SUCH AS SPECIES MEETINGS AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS MEETINGS, ETC.)

3. LIST ALL VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON LIVESTOCK EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND CONTESTS ATTENDED:

4. LIST ALL 4-H AWARDS, FFA AWARDS/DEGREES OF MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS RECEIVED FROM OTHER FAIR BOARD APPROVED YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE BASED ON YOUR PERFORMANCE (LEADERSHIP, SHOWMANSHIP, ETC.). DO NOT INCLUDE AWARDS BASED ON YOUR LIVESTOCK'S QUALITIES (GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS, ETC.):

5. LIST ALL 4-H PROJECT AREAS, FFA SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCES (SAE), AND EDUCATIONAL AREAS OF YOUR FAIR BOARD APPROVED YOUTH ORGANIZATION:

6. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OUTSIDE OF 4-H, FFA AND OTHER FAIR BOARD APPROVED YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS:

7. FURNISH AT LEAST ONE (1) LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE.

MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H GENERAL LEADER, FFA ADVISOR OR PRIMARY LEADER OF FAIR BOARD APPROVED YOUTH ORGANIZATION'S SIGNATURE:

\_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN FORM TO: PORTAGE COUNTY EXTENSION, 1462 STRONGS AVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2024**



# Leader's Board Minutes



## Portage County 4-H Leaders Board- February 2023

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Board meeting, held on 2-26-24 via Zoom, was called to order by President Sharon Cisewski at 6:31 p.m. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken.

**PRESENT:** Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Sharon Cisewski and Amanda Jordon (Plover Clovers), Betty Pionek and Christine Keck (Casimer Boosters), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Louise Skornia (Sunnyside Climbers), Stephanie Radtke (Carson Climbers), Brooklyn Butzin, AmeriCorps and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent.

**MINUTES:** Minutes were approved as presented. | **OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills:** Checking \$19,813.86 Savings \$734.06 Treasurer's report was placed on file. | **Secretary's Report and Correspondence:** Thank you card from Juniper Rydberg for our financial assistance toward her National 4-H Congress expenses.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Awards & Ambassador Interviews** – New ambassadors are Marie Keck, Rodney Wendt and Hazel Oliver. The Key Award will be presented to Marie Keck and Noah and Jacob Spoelstra will receive the Leader of Tomorrow Award. | **AmeriCorps** – Per Connie, Brooklyn plans to hatch chicks at the Junction City School. Michelle Waltenberg is willing to help Brooklyn hatch chicks in Amherst. Brooklyn is working with Agnes Mallek to prepare a 4-H brochure and display for the Junction City School. She is also working on starting a robotics club and developing a summer garden program with the Stevens Point Boys and Girls Club. 4-H has been invited to help at the YMCA Maple Syrup Festival at Camp Glacier Hollow on March 30<sup>th</sup>. An interactive 4-H booth is being planned for this event. The 4-H Ambassadors will be asked to help. Sharon will work with the ambassadors and teen leaders to set up a booth for the Youth Safety Days at Mark Motors.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Portage County Scholarships**- Application are due 3-15-24. Jan asked if the letter of recommendation and the signature and recommendation form on the application can both be from the general leader. Yes, the general leader can do both. Need to revise the wording about the letter of recommendation. Suggestion made by Jan, to revise the scholarship application. Last year an applicant cut and pasted information into the form in place of answering the questions on the application. The questions on the application need to be more specific and should include examples. Sharon, Amanda and Jan volunteered to be on a scholarship revision committee. | **Funding for State and National 4-H Events** – Per Connie, Juniper has asked permission to use part of the \$250 award from the Teen Leader Association to help pay for expenses related to her role as president of the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council. Two of the youth that applied for scholarships to attend Summer Academy are not able to attend the event due to a conflict with another event they will be attending. | **County-Wide workshops/project meetings** – A beginner Rock Tumbling and Polishing workshop is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>. Registration is due March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Peeps Contest entries are due April 5<sup>th</sup>. Shooting sports training is being held on the second Saturday each month at the Rosholt Legion Hall from March through October. Sharon is working on a date for another barn quilt workshop. Some Portage County 4-H families have been participating in the State 4-H virtual bread making and cooking with meat workshops. Plans are being made for another ceramic workshop. Other possible topics are virtual cake decorating, sewing and animal care. Amanda asked about the virtual Robbers Rules of Order presentation that the teens had recorded. Per Connie, that March workshop had been cancelled due to her illness. Amanda volunteered to help with an in-person presentation. | **Winter Camp/Summer Camp** – Winter camp was cancelled due to lack of interest. Summer Camp is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> at the Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in Wisconsin Dells for grades 3-8. This will be a joint camp with Waupaca and Iowa Counties. Cost for youth will be \$45.00. Betty will chaperone. Connie is looking for youth counselors. | **Other: Plant Sale** – A change in greenhouse policy requires that we have a local greenhouse sponsor for our plant fundraiser. Patty from Karthaus has made arrangements for a greenhouse in Wautoma to be our sponsor. Jan is waiting for information about pricing. Jan asked for permission to determine 2024 pricing based on the current plant prices. Motion by Marilyn and second by Amanda to give Jan permission to set the prices for the plant sale fundraiser. Motion passed. We are no longer able to use the warehouse for sorting plants that we have used in the past. After plant order numbers are known, Jan will be looking for a new location for the delivery and distribution of plants. | **Agent Report**–Connie received correspondence from the Amherst Fair Board regarding the rabbit cages that the fairs have shared in the past. Per the letter, the Rosholt Fair will no longer be able to share, rent or borrow rabbit cages from the Amherst Fair Board. Michelle Waltenberg will be doing an inventory of the Rosholt Fair cages and will work with the Rosholt Fair Board on this change. The Speaking and Demonstration Contests are scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Annex. Arrangement for a judge have been completed. Number of applicants will determine if the contest will be held on one night or two nights. Connie shared an update from Malayna about the teen leader activities. Profit from Papa Murphy fundraiser was \$180.00. Teens helped serve a meal for Place of Peace. Ideas for other events include a Rafter's baseball game, swim party, sign painting, Easter egg hunt, scavenger hunt and tie tying.

**Next Meeting Date – April 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 | Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson

# Leader's Board Minutes



## Portage County 4-H Leaders Association- March 2023

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Association meeting, held on 3-18-24 via Zoom and in-person at the Annex conference rooms 1 & 2, was called to order by President Sharon Cisewski at 6:33 p.m. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken.

**PRESENT:** Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Sharon Cisewski (Plover Clovers), Betty Pionek and Christine Keck (Casimer Boosters), Agnes Mallek and Mary Ann Kuklinski (Junction City Golden Stars), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Louise Skornia (Sunnyside Climbers), Malayna Pollum (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Dr. Barb Kasprovicz (Almond Busy Bees), Kathy Glodowski (County-Wide) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Plant Sale and June Dairy Days Palooza | **MINUTES:** Minutes were approved as presented.

**OFFICER REPORTS:** **Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills:** Checking \$25,077.15 Savings \$734.06 Treasurer's report was placed on file. | **Secretary's Report and Correspondence:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**AmeriCorps** – Connie has been doing some programming with Brooklyn. Brooklyn will be attending the YMCA Maple Syrup Festival at Camp Glacier Hollow on March 30<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 am. Marie Keck, 4-H Ambassador will be helping. Event includes a free pancake breakfast. This is an outdoor event. Plan to use the 4-H composting kit, make dirt cups with gummy worms and play Pinko and other games. Will need door prizes. Other ideas: Robotics Workshop in Almond and raised bed gardening in Rosholt. | **Other: Plant Sale** – Karthausen greenhouse was finally able to find a locally owned greenhouse sponsor for our plant sale. There will be a slight increase in some plant prices. The shade combo hanging basket is not available this year. Lisa will print forms and brochures and will also email electronic copies to families. Sale ends Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Club orders are due to Jan Miller no later than Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Jan still needs to find a new delivery location. She will wait determine building size needed after she know how many plants were sold.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Portage County Scholarships**- Applications were due 3-15-24. Approximately 6 applications were received. Sharon, Betty and Amanda will be reviewing applications. | **Funding for State and National 4-H Events – Juniper Ryberg request** – Motion by Jan and second by Louise to table Juniper's request until we are provided with more details about her expenses. Motion passed. | **County-Wide workshops/project meetings** – There were sixteen participants for the Rock Tumbling and Polishing workshop. A follow-up meeting will be held 2 weeks after the first workshop to discuss results and answer questions. Peeps Contest entries are due April 5<sup>th</sup>. Sharon is considering a date in May for another Barn Quilt workshop. No updates on the date for another ceramic workshop. Connie talked about the Super Saturday event that Waupaca County sponsors. Adult volunteers set up project activities to showcase different 4-H projects. | **4-H Whitewater Rafting Trip with Area 7 counties, July 23rd** – Event is being coordinated by Clark County. Wood, Marathon and Portage counties have been invited to participate. Clark County received a \$750 grant from the State 4-H Foundation. They are asking each participating county to subsidize trip by contributing \$250. Youth must be in grades 7 through 13 to attend. Cost per person is \$52.50. Trip expenses total \$3,850 which includes bussing \$2,200, rafting \$1,000, dinner \$525 and snack \$125. Per Malayna, the 4-H Teen Leaders could pay the \$250 county participation fee. Recommendation that the Leaders Association pay \$27.50 per person so that youth only have to pay \$25. If 50 youth attend the trip, the Leaders Association would be contributing \$1,375. Motion by Jan and second by Marilyn to budget \$1,375 to subsidize the cost of the rafting trip. Motion passed. Sharon and Dr. Barb volunteered to be chaperones. | **Wausau Woodchucks 4-H Day July 21** - Marathon County has invited us to attend. July 21<sup>st</sup> is also the last day of the Amherst Fair. Connie will find out more details. | **Summer Camp** – Combined 4-H camp for Iowa, Waupaca and Portage Counties on June 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>. Same date as Summer Academy and the American Spirit trip. Camp nurse from Waupaca County is also bus driver. Can decrease bussing expense if we share bussing with Waupaca County. Need adult chaperones. Sharon volunteered to be a camp chaperone. | **Other: June Dairy Day Palooza** – Per Kathy, event will be held on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Feltz Dairy. Volunteers needed. If interested in helping, you need to sign-up using your computer. More details to follow. | **Agent Report**– Connie would like to do more project workshops such as another sewing class for making tote bags, zipper bags and pouches. It could be done live and virtual. She will check with Sharon. Also considering a cooking class about safety in the kitchen using a commercial kitchen.

**Next Meeting Date – May 20<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm. | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson



# 4-H Club Reports



Pictured Above: Members of the Almond Busy Bees Club completing highway clean up.



Pictured above & below: Members of the Casimer Boosters Club hosting a meal at Place of Peace.



Pictured below: Members of the Tomorrow River Voyagers Club with May Baskets they prepared to donate as well as highway cleanup.





## Plant Sale Thank You!

Thank you to all the 4-H families that sold plants and to all the 4-H volunteers that helped unload and sort plants. The greenhouse shared with us that the delivery drivers were impressed with how organized we were. We sold 1088 plants for a total profit of \$5,578.32!



### Wisconsin 4-H Policy for Participation in Parades

Looking ahead to summer parades, 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](mailto: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](#).

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