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Letter from the President

Hello 4-H friends,

Fair season is in full swing! Amherst Fair brought new experiences and excitement to 4-H members and Rosholt Fair will be here in a few weeks. Summer also brings camps, summer academy, teen leader activities and opportunities for members to work on their projects.

This summer, we have witnessed youth working together, whether it's at the food stand at Amherst Fair, participating in the Ag Olympics, working on the club booths or older members mentoring younger kids at camp.

Seeing and hearing the kids talk about how proud they are because of what they learned, how they helped or how they made a difference while having fun always makes me enthusiastic about promoting 4-H and everything 4-H stands for!

Keep up the good work!!

Sharon Cisewski

4-H Leader's Association President



October 6-12, 2024

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The 4-H Leaders Board's:

Adults & Teens Needed!

We are looking for additional 4-H leaders to serve on the 2024-2025 4-H Adult and Teen Leaders Boards! If you are interested, please contact Connie at the Extension Office at 715-346-1320.

All 4-H teens & adult leaders
are invited participate!

The 4-H leaders would like to encourage every member, family, and club to get involved promoting your 4-H program. One way to promote the 4-H program is to set up a 4-H display in business areas and public places such as a library or school. Each club that sets up a 4-H promotion display for up to a week - or more than two hours - **anytime during the year**, will receive \$20.00 from the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association (limit one per club per year). Each club must submit a photo of their display with the following information:

- When and where the display was set up?
- How long the display was set up?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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
- 25 Rosholt Fair Clean-Up Day, 12:30-3:00pm - **NEED TWO PEOPLE FROM EACH CLUB**
- 29 Exhibits are brought to the Rosholt Fair, 1:00-8:00pm
- 29 Rosholt Fair Cloverbud Judging, 6:00 - 8:30 PM
- 30 Judging of Exhibits in Youth Exhibit Building starting at 9:00 AM
- 31 Beef, Rabbit, Swine, and Sheep Judging
- 31 Market Animal Sale, Pinkerton Building, 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

- 1 4-H Re-Enrollment Period Begins in 4-H Online
- 1 Horse, Cat & Small Animal, Dairy Goat, Dairy, and Poultry Judging
- 2 Animals released at 8:00 AM
- 2 Dog Show, Fairgrounds, 11:00 AM
- 2 Exhibits released at 4:00 PM (must be removed by 6:00 PM)
- 5 Rosholt Fair Carcass Contest
- 16 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM

OCTOBER

- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 21 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER

- 1 4-H Leader's Recognition Banquet
- 3 4-H Awards Program, Jensen Center, Amherst, 1:00 PM
- 2-3 4-H Fall Forum, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point
- 15 4-H Re-Enrollments Due in 4-H Online (<http://wi.4honline.com>)
- 18 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 28 Extension Office Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- 29 Extension Office Closed (Day After Thanksgiving Holiday)



4-H Fall Forum

NOVEMBER 2-3 | STEVENS POINT
HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER

COST: Minimal (sponsored by the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association)

Fall Forum is a statewide conference that brings 4-H youth and adult leaders together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and build excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H.

It is for youth in grades 7-13, adult volunteers and staff. It's a great opportunity for youth and volunteers to discover and explore their sparks and make new friends from all across the state. Everyone will leave inspired and ready for a great 4-H year!

This year's theme is "Sparking New Connections." Look for registration to open in early September.

Teens grade 7-13 are encouraged to participate!

Adults and youth interested in attending should contact Connie Creighton at 715-346-1320 or connie.creighton@wisc.edu.

Annual Financial Reports & Charter Application Reminder

Just a reminder, every club and group must submit their completed and audited annual financial report to the Extension office by September 1st! The Annual Financial Report can be found [here](#). Financial reports are due to the Portage County Extension Office by September 1st.

The new Charter Application Form is also available now. As in previous years, the charter is submitted online and is due by November 1. All Clubs and groups are required to submit a charter application annually. The charter application can be found [here](#).

4-H Cloverbud/ Explorer Day Camps

We held two Cloverbud/Explorer 4-H Day Camps on August 1st and August 6th at the Boston School of Forest for youth in grades K-3. The goal of these day camps is to provide hands-on activities that engage and challenge our young people while providing an environment that encourages a sense of belonging. We would like to give a huge shoutout to our counselors and chaperones who helped make this such a great time!



2024 4-H Summer Camp

Seventy-five youth, eleven counselors, and fourteen adults from Iowa, Portage and Waupaca Counties experienced overnight 4-H camp at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Campers ranged from 3rd to 8th grade and the counselors were grades 9 and above. Youth experienced STEM, outdoor adventures, team building activities, and arts & crafts. Thank you to all the counselors and chaperones for all your help in making this another successful camp!



Rosholt Fair Judging Schedule

Thursday — August 29th

1:00 – 8:00 p.m. Non-animal exhibits (including Booths) brought to the Exhibit Building.
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Cloverbud Judging in the Youth Building.

Friday — August 30th

9:00 a.m. Judging of exhibits in the Youth Building.
2:00–9:00p.m. Animal exhibits may be brought to the fair.
6:30 p.m. Cake Auction
2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Market animals will be weighed.

Saturday — August 31st

8:00 a.m. Beef Judging - Pinkerton Building
8:30 a.m. Rabbit Judging - Small Animal Building
10:30 a.m. Swine Judging - Pinkerton Building
12:30 p.m. Sheep Judging - Pinkerton Building
7:00 p.m. Market Animal Sale - Pinkerton Building

NOTE: Horses, cats, dogs, gerbils, hamsters cage birds, fish, and other live small pets are brought to the fair the day of judging and taken home when the judging is completed.

Sunday — September 1st

8:00 a.m. Horse Judging - Horse Arena
8:30 a.m. Poultry Judging - Small Animal Building
9:00 a.m. Cats and Small Animals (Pets) Judging Youth Building
9:00 a.m. Goat Judging - Pinkerton Building
10:30 a.m. Dairy Judging - Pinkerton Building

Monday — September 2nd

8:00 a.m. Animal Exhibits released
11:00 AM Dog Show - Pinkerton
4:00 p.m. Exhibits in Exhibit Building released.

Exhibits must be removed by 6:00p.m.

Thursday — September 5th

7:00 p.m. Carcass Contest

Please note: The Beef show will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday followed by swine and then sheep.

4-H CLUB DISPLAY SET-UP

If your club plans to have a display at the Rosholt Fair, please notify the Extension office to reserve your spot Also mention if your booth needs to be near an electrical outlet.

Again this year: All “booths” will be table top displays ranging from 4 ft—6ft in length. All clubs will need to supply their own table.

Make sure you get an early start on putting your displays together. You will need to be finished and out of the building by 9:00 PM on Thursday, August 29th.

FAIR SETUP DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 | 12:30 - 3:00 PM

TWO (2) PEOPLE FROM EACH CLUB ARE NEEDED

Help is needed to move things around, clean up the Youth Exhibit Building, organize display racks, and cover display areas with paper.

PLEASE BRING MOPS, BROOMS, BUCKETS, & RAGS if you can!

Drinks and treats will be provided for volunteers!

Fair Exhibitor Information

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Exhibits must be set up on Thursday, August 29th between 1:00 and 8:00 PM. **All buildings close at 9:00 PM on Thursday. No exhibit will be accepted as an entry after 8:00 PM.**

Exhibits require an attached entry tag. There is an exhibitor number and barcode on the top and bottom of the entry tag. Information on judging can be found on pages 3-6 of the Fair Book.

Exhibitors will receive their completed entry tags from their club's general leader. Please review them carefully to make sure they are correct. **If there is an error or missing tag, call the Extension Office (715-346-1462) as soon as possible. However, changes and/or additions from your original online submission are not permitted.**

Entry Tag Details

All the information is printed on a card by computer. Tear off the bottom claim check portion and keep it to pick up your exhibit on Monday. On the middle crease, fold the tag and slip it under the tab so that the exhibitor's name does not show. The barcodes will be used to enter your results digitally using scanners.

Entry #

Class / Lot:

01-J Dairy: Dairy Showmanship / 001: Senior (Gr 9 & Up)

Entry Description:

4-H Age Division:

Grade: 12

4-H Age:



BLU RED WHT PNK

Jones, Eric

County:

Club: Four Leaf Clovers



Entry #206

BLU RED WHT PNK

EXHIBIT RELEASE—Monday, September 2nd

⇒ **Animal Exhibits are released at 8:00 a.m.**

⇒ Exhibits in the Exhibit Building are released at 4:00 p.m. and must be removed by 6:00 p.m. If you cannot pick them up, make arrangements for someone else to pick them up for you. *Exhibits not picked up by 6:00 p.m. will be taken to the Extension Office and held until October 4th. Exhibits not picked up by Oct. 4th will be disposed of. Large or Heavy Exhibits might need to be left at the fair depending on transportation.*

Preparing for 4-H Fair/Show Exhibits

Youth Responsibilities

4-H members need to establish a timeline to work on their 4-H projects. They should set realistic goals on what they want to accomplish and set realistic completion dates. **Be sure to read the rules and regulations outlined in the fair book.** Pay close attention to deadlines and specific requirements for each project. It may be helpful to highlight the wording in the fair book for each project in which members are enrolled.

Parent Responsibilities

Parents are encouraged to help 4-H members obtain the materials and resources needed to complete 4-H projects. Adults may answer questions, demonstrate skills, and offer guidance on project work but should not do the work themselves! Parents need to be familiar with the exhibit guidelines and judging schedules so they can help members be ready and on time for the various judging events. Adults can offer encouragement as young people prepare for judging and can provide support and reflection as youth complete the judging experience.

4-H exhibits at a fair or show are designed to showcase the work of young people to others in the community. It provides young people with the opportunity to demonstrate skills and knowledge as well as to gain ideas for improvement. 4-H members are encouraged to try something more challenging each year and to practice good sportsmanship. Exhibiting is designed to be an enjoyable educational experience, not just a contest.

What is Danish Judging?

The Danish system of judging provides more exhibitors a chance to receive a ribbon for their entries. Instead of placing only the best four exhibits and giving them a blue, red, white, or pink ribbon (like in Open Class) all entries are placed. All entries receive a premium and ribbon.

The number of blue, red, white and pink ribbons a judge hands out in any color group depends on the number of entries in the class. For example, if there are 8 entries in a Lot, up to 2 can receive a blue rating, up to 4 red ratings, up to 6 white ratings and up to 8 pink ratings.

Whose Exhibit Is It...Really?

Fair exhibits are to be made by the youth exhibiting them. The project should be the result of learning in the project throughout the year. The youth—and what they have learned—are far more important than the items they make or grow.

Parents, please do project work with your child, not for your child! Your child needs your interest, enthusiasm, advice, and help, but with that support they need to do the project themselves.

Please remember, **youth do not gain if they:**

- ◆ Purchase an item and show it as though it is a project they have made.
- ◆ Show a project made by another family member.
- ◆ Bring plants they did not grow, vegetables they did not plant or weed, animals they did not care for, etc.
- ◆ Exhibit a project they have shown in a previous year.

Parents—please allow your child to make and exhibit their own work, even if it does not meet your standards of quality or excellence.

Read the Fair Book Carefully!

Don't let your hard work go to waste! Read each department and class description for any instructions. **The description of your lot on your FairEntry tag does not contain all the information you need to show.** The judges will be looking to make sure the fair book rules and requirements were observed!

ATTENTION – Rosholt Fair Cake Decorating Exhibitors

The Cake Auction at the Rosholt Fair will be Friday night, **August 30th at 6:30 pm.** Cakes may be brought in from 1:00 – 8:00 pm on Thursday.

All cake auction exhibitors are encouraged to be present at the cake auction. If you are unable to be present because of time conflicts with your animal exhibits, etc., it is permissible to have someone else stand in for you as a substitute with the agreement that they turn the money over to you. You need to indicate that you will have a stand in on the form you fill out on Thursday.

If you have any questions please call Kathy Glodowski at 715-677-3840.

What is the Judge Looking For?

While it is not possible to anticipate all of the things a particular judge will be looking for in a fair exhibit, it is possible to learn about the standards of excellence for each project and also for common types of county fair exhibits.

To find out the standards for your projects, carefully read your project literature, talk to your leader, participate in workshops and contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

SPORTSMANSHIP - RESPECT - POSITIVE ATTITUDE - TEAMWORK - KINDNESS

Good sportsmanship is a critical skill for youth. Competitive events and activities provide a great opportunity for youth to learn how to be fair, respectful and gracious -- whether they win or lose.

Exhibiting good sportsmanship is not just for youth 4-H & FFA members it applies to **everyone** involved, including volunteers, parents, leaders and others.

4-H LEADERS APPRECIATION

Thank you to our 4-H Leader's for your years of service to our 4-H program!

Planning of this year's leader appreciation program is currently underway.
More details will be sent once they are finalized.

We would like to recognize the following leaders for their years of service:

One Year of Service

- **Brooke Mallek** (Junction City Golden Stars)
- **Caroline Peterson** (Nelsonville Zippy Zees)
- **Stephanie Radtke** (Carson Climbers)
- **Andrea Slattery** (Plover Clovers)

Five Years of Service

- **Wendy Christianson** (Nelsonville Zippy Zees)
- **Adam Klapperich** (County-Wide)

Ten Years of Service

- **Kimberly Beaudoin** (Tomorrow River Voyagers)
- **Sharon Cisewski** (Plover Clovers)
- **Michelle Davis** (Rosholt Pioneers)
- **Ann Glazer** (Howling Huskies)
- **Sarah Gwidt** (Casimer Boosters)
- **Barbara Kasproicz** (Almond Busy Bees)
- **Paula Kropidowski** (County Wide)

Fifteen Years of Service

- **Amy Wojtalewicz** (Rosholt Pioneers)
- **Candice Wolosek** (Plover Clovers)

Twenty Years of Service

- **Suzette Trzebiatowski** (Plover Clovers)

Thirty Years of Service

- **Roy Danforth** (Almond Busy Bees)

Forty Years of Service

- **Kathleen Glodowski** (County-Wide)

Forty-Five Years of Service

- **Edward Heil** (Plover Clovers)

Fifty Years of Service

- **Bonnie Ziolkowski** (Casimer Boosters)

4-H ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

The re-enrollment period for 4-H will be **September 1 - November 15.**

- During this time, all youth and adult volunteers will need to log in to their [4-H Online](#) accounts to re-enroll.
- Please use the [family enrollment guide](#) for assistance.
- For common 4-H enrollment questions please visit the "[Join 4-H](#)" tab of the Portage County Extension website.
- **Lost password? Technical problems?** Call 715-346-1462 or e-mail lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu

Watch your e-mail for reminders about re-enrollment!





RECORD BOOKS



**Contact your GENERAL LEADER for the club deadline to turn in your record book!
Record books will be judged for the AWARDS PROGRAM which will be held
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, at the Jensen Center, Amherst, 1:00 to 2:00 P.M.**

Why Do A Record Book?

4-H Record Books will help you keep track of the achievements and activities that you participate in throughout your 4-H career. The information on the project record sheets may be used to fill out applications for awards, trips, scholarships, and resumes. The information will help you put into writing your accomplishments, recording your growth and development in 4-H.

The following items may be included in the Record Book IN THIS ORDER:

1. **Front & Back Cover** - filled out and up to date.
2. **Portage County 4-H Member Permanent Record Sheets** - Completed each September 15 through September 14 of the current 4-H year.
3. **Cover Sheet (optional)** - Picture of youth (optional but nice), name, age, club, or whatever the youth wants to include about themselves. Should be placed after the Portage County 4-H Member Permanent Record Sheets.
4. **Table of Contents (optional)** - Can be simple with just projects and year listed across from project – page numbers are not needed.
5. **4-H Activity Sheet** - September 15 through September 14 of the current 4-H year.
6. **Activity Pictures* & Newspaper Clippings** - Place following activity sheet. One picture per activity recommended (not more than 2 per activity). Newspaper clippings should pertain to activity.
7. **Youth Leadership Project Sheet** - Suggested one picture or sketching per article or item. Place form right after Activity Sheets and Pictures. ***When applying for a SPECIAL COUNTY AWARD, member must be enrolled in the 4-H Youth Leadership Project, but does not need to be a Youth Leader in the project for which they are applying for an award.***
8. **Project Sheets** – Member must have at least one project sheet for each project they are enrolled in. Some project sheets have room for two projects, one on the front and one on the back, like the PR-Home Form (ex., put pillow made on front page and drawing on back page).
[Project Sheets](#) can be found on the [Portage County Extension website](#).
9. **Project Pictures & Newspaper Clippings** - Place following project sheet. One picture per project recommended (not more than 2 per project). Newspaper clippings should pertain to project.
10. **Market Animal Sheet** - Can be a supplement to project sheet - not in place of sheet.
11. **No loose papers.**
12. **Record Books may be either typed or handwritten**, but must be your own work.

***Pictures:** Pictures are great if built into a little story to help explain your project work. However, too many pictures make a photo album, not a Record Book (one picture recommended - not more than two). Use pictures only about you and your project.

If you are the Club Secretary, what does your Secretary's book need?

The following forms in the Club Secretary Book must be completed: Attendance Record Sheet, Officer Summary Sheet, Club Calendar, monthly Minutes (in order), and Club Evaluation Form. Financial Sheet is optional.

What Is NOT Needed In Record Book:

1. **No** ribbons, letters, certificates, program booklets, score sheets, etc. . . are to be put in your Record Book. These items belong in a scrapbook for your memories!
2. Last year's records are **not needed** and **will not** be considered. They may be left in the record book or taken out at the discretion of the youth.
3. Newspaper clippings **not** related to project/activity.
4. Do **not** include any other project books or literature in the Record Book.
5. Do **not** include Exploring Posters.

**Save
the
Date**



2024 AWARDS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

at 1:00 P.M.

JENSEN CENTER, AMHERST

Amherst Fair Best-of-Show

DAIRY

GRAND CHAMPION : Colton Kuntz – Open Class
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Dambraski Family Farm, LLC.*
RESERVE CHAMPION : JalyN Yenter – Rosholt FFA
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Ski-Glo Farms*
GRAND JUNIOR : Wyatt Kuntz – Open Class
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Wolosek Family Enterprises*
RESERVE JUNIOR : Wyatt Kuntz – Open Class
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Portage County Holstein Breeders Association*
BEST UDDER COW : Colton Kuntz – Open Class
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Rosholt FFA Alumni*
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Cody Kaminski – Rosholt Pioneers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Front Page Dairy Holsteins*
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Grace Heus – Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Ardency Farms*
BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Jimeria Elizalde – Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Sopa Fairview Farm*

BEEF

GRAND MARKET: Adison Gladowski, Rosholt Pioneers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Circle P Cattle Co. – Gregory Pratt & Buster Pratt*
RESERVE MARKET: Candace Lein Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *New Hopestead Farm*
GRAND FEMALE BEEF: Adison Gladowski, Rosholt Pioneers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Krutza Spreading, LLC.*
RESERVE FEMALE BEEF: Candace Lein Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Jeff & Suzi Kaminski Family*
1st SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Adison Gladowski, Rosholt Pioneers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Dambraski Family Farms, LLC*
2nd SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Candace Lein, Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Country Vet, LLC*
1st INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP: Nora Lein, Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *H. D. Wolding, Inc.*
2nd INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP: Amber Hogan, Carson Climbers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Jeff & Suzi Kaminski*
1st BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP: Charlie Burns– Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Rusty Nail Shown Cattle.*
2nd BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Eddy Reincke, Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Country Vet LLC*

SWINE

GRAND MARKET: Andrew Helbach, Wisconsin Show Pig Assoc.
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Niemuth's Steak & Chop Shop, Waupaca*
RESERVE MARKET: Sam Stuczynski _ Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Warzynski Sand Box Farms*
GRAND CARCASS: Reese Dickman - Rosholt Pioneers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Rosholt Pioneers 4-H Club*
RESERVE CARCASS: Jackie Kaminski – Rosholt Pioneers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Zielinski Family Farm*
1st SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Sam Stuczynski - Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Allen Peterson Family*

SWINE CONTINUED

2nd SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Matti Trzebiatowski – Plover Clovers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Tim & Sue Pederson Family*
1st INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Andrew Helbach, Wisconsin Show Pig Assoc.
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Michael & Debra Helbach Family*
2nd INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Vernon Karl – Silver Knights
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Ambrosia Pub & Grill*
1st BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP: Courtnee Peterson – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *The Romundson Family*
2nd BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Louella Zdroik – Rosholt Pioneers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Michael & Debra Helbach Family*

SHEEP

GRAND MEAT BREED: Emma Reinke – Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Gary & Linda Onan*
RESERVE MEAT BREED: Abby Sekerka – Rosholt FFA
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H Club*
GRAND MARKET LAMB: Andrew Helbach – Amherst FFA
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Kenneth Gladowski Busing, LLC.*
RESERVE MARKET LAMB: Andrew Helbach, Amherst FFA
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Jeremy & Elizabeth Spoelstra*
1st RUNNER UP MARKET LAMB: Noah Spoelstra – Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Paul & Kali Kubisiak Family*
GRAND CARCASS: Abby Sekerka – Rosholt Pioneers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *The Potato Plant*
RESERVE CARCASS: Isaac Spoelstra – Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Roy & Lissa Danforth*
1st SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Noah Spoelstra – Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Amherst Communication*
2nd SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP : Eric Reinke – Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Roy & Lissa Danforth*
1st INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Andrew Helbach, Amherst FFA
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Peplinski Roofing, LLC*
2nd INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP : Nora Lein – Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Roy & Lissa Danforth*
1st BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Eddy Reincke, Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Stevens Point FFA Alumni*
2nd BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP : Charlie Burn, Almond Busy Bees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Roy & Lissa Danforth*

GOAT

GRAND CHAMPION MEAT GOAT : Brenna Lockman – Plover Clovers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *JNT Farms*
RESERVE CHAMPION MEAT GOAT: Brenna Lockman – Plover Clovers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Country Booking & Payroll*
GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY GOAT : Scott Raschka – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Wisconsin Silo, Inc.*
RESERVE CHAMPION DAIRY GOAT: Natalie Carlson Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR : *Michael & Debra Helbach Family*

Amherst Fair Best-of-Show

GOAT (CONTINUED)

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Natalie Carlson – Amherst FFA
TROPHY SPONSOR: *DK Hardware & Rental*
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP: Brenna Lockman – Plover Clovers
TROPHY SPONSOR: *International Bank of Amherst*
BEGINNER SHOWMANSHIP: Scott Raschka – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Amherst FFA*

HORSE

GRAND CHAMPION: Kaitlin Cisewski – Carson Climbers
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Amherst Boots & Saddles Club, Inc.*
RESERVE CHAMPION: Bree Potter – River Valley Riders
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Scott Peterson Family*
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Oakley Franson – Tomorrow River Voyagers
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Miller Angus Farm*
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP: Phoebe Konopacky – River Valley Riders
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Kubisiak Cattle Kingdom*
BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP: Elias Kadoch – River Valley Riders
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Wierzbza Quarter Horses*

POULTRY

GRAND CHAMPION: Gavin Mlodik – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Dave & Melinda Trzebiatowski*
RESERVE CHAMPION: Ciara Waltenberg – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Bob's Heating & Plumbing*
GRAND CHAMP MARKET TURKEY: Ciara Waltenberg – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Paul & Kali Kubisiak Family*
RESERVE CHAMP MARKET TURKEY: Kjersten Kazda – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Rosholt FFA Alumni*
GRAND CHAMP BANTAM: Ciara Waltenberg – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Sunnyside Climbers 4-H Club*
RESERVE CHAMP BANTAM: Gavin Mlodik – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Ardency Farm*
GRAND CHAMP WATERFOWL: Gavin Mlodik – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Lake Elaine Game Farm*
RESERVE CHAMP WATERFOWL: Ciara Waltenberg – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Ardency Farms*
GRAND CHAMP PIGEON: Ciara Waltenberg – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Rosholt Pioneers 4-H*
SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Ciara Waltenberg – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Community Insurance, Amherst*
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP: Prestin Kugel – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Krupka Farms*
BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP: Gavin Mlodik – Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Starlight Ranch*

RABBITS

GRAND CHAMPION: Claire Lewallen, Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Amherst Veterinary Hospital*
RESERVE CHAMPION: Kjersten Kazda, Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Bob's Plumbing & Heating*

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Ciara Waltenberg – Nelsonville Zippy
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Casimer Boosters 4-H*
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP: Marcus Kruger – Casimer Boosters
TROPHY SPONSOR: *A & C Clover Patch Rabbitry*
BEGINNING SHOWMANSHIP: Scott Raschka, Nelsonville Zippy Zees
TROPHY SPONSOR: *Almond Busy Bees*

SMALL ANIMAL

BEST OF SHOW: Camryn Wade – Almond Busy Bees - Pet Rabbit

KNITTING

BEST OF SHOW: Anna Turney – Eager Eagles – Stuffed Project

CROCHETING

BEST OF SHOW: Isabelle Francis – Plover Clover - Vest

CREATIVE WRITING

BEST OF SHOW: Savannah Sullivan – Casimer Boosters - Poem

PLANT & SOIL SCIENCE

BEST OF SHOW: Anna Peters – Nelsonville Zippy Zees - Green Beans
Kiersten Kazda – Nelsonville Zippy Zees - Garlic
Sam Stuczynski - Tomorrow River Voyagers - Barley

FLOWERS & HOUSEPLANTS

BEST OF SHOW: Piper Passwaters – Tomorrow Voyagers - Bouquet
Camryn Wade – Almond Busy Bees – Artistic Arrangement

EXPLORING

BEST OF SHOW: Sawyer Westphal – Plover Clovers - Puppet

CULTURAL ARTS

BEST OF SHOW: Kathleen Behr – Almond Busy Bees - Weaving
Allison Raddatz – Nelsonville Zippy Zees – Nature Item
Lily Passwaters – Tomorrow River Voyagers- Stitchery
Elias Kadoch – River Valley Riders - Water Color
Analin Padilla - Rosholt Pioneers - Charcoal
Hadley Michels – River Valley Riders - Colored Pencil
Autumn Polum – Nelsonville Zippy Zees - Bookmarks
Marcus Krueger – Casimer Boosters - Brushed Item

Amherst Fair Best-of-Show

PHOTOGRAPHY

BEST OF SHOW: Kelsie Davis – Rosholt Pioneers - Enlargement
Joanna Glaze – Carson Climbers - Landscape
Wyatt Beaudoin – TR Voyagers – Three Photos

FOODS & NUTRITION

BEST OF SHOW: Otto Schultz – TR Voyagers – Angel Food Cake
Corrina Pliska – Nelsonville Zippy Zees - Fudge

CAKE DECORATING

BEST OF SHOW: Kelsie Davis – Rosholt Pioneers – Double Layer
Noah Furmanek – Tomorrow River Voyagers – Cut Out

CLOTHING

BEST OF SHOW: Piper Passwaters – Tomorrow River Voyagers - Dress
Anna Turney – Eager Eagles - Dress

HOME FURNISHING

BEST OF SHOW: Isabelle Francis – Plover Clover – Wall Hanger
Crystalina Gagas – Rosholt Pioneers – Exterior Decoration

SELF DETERMINED

BEST OF SHOW: Juniper Rydberg – Casimer Boosters – Visual Aid

WOODWORKING

BEST OF SHOW: Samantha Francis – Plover Clover – Article for non-home building

YOUTH BOOTH

BEST OF SHOW : Carson Climbers 4-H Club

2024 Amherst Fair



4-H Spotlight

Matthew and Carmen Earn National Top Junior Handler!

Matthew Carlson, an eight year member of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees Club and his dog, Carmen San Diego eclipsed previous year's performance at United Kennel Club Premier Nationals! Matthew has been active in the 4-H dog project since 2020 and has participated in the county fairs and State 4-H dog show twice when it has been held. For the third year in a row Matthew was invited to the United Kennel Club National Premier Show.

Working hard all year long, Matthew Carlson (12yrs.) of Amherst and Carmen (4yrs) set high goals. They wanted to be top ranked in open junior handling, junior obedience and junior rally obedience. In addition, make the all-star list in rally level 3. Successfully in all these goals they were invited to compete in United Kennel Club's 31st Annual Premier held June 13, 2024 in Kalamazoo, MI. This honor makes all the hard work well worth it.

Performance events started the day. Finishing 2nd place in the Junior Rally competition out of 15 entries was an immense accomplishment. Then they completed a qualifying score in Rally Obedience Level 3 All-Stars as well. In Junior Obedience the team placed 2nd with 9 entries , a very difficult venue.

The afternoon began with the National Top Junior Handler Semi-Finals when this year's forty-one youth competed for the ten spots in the finals for the chance to be the National Top Junior Handler! Matthew was chosen in the semi-final round to move on to the Finals that evening. Each dog and handler presents their breed, executes the requested gaiting patterns and answers questions for the judge. The judge must then decide who completed these requests the best, worked together as a team in the ring, exhibited ability to follow directions, use space wisely and show sportsmanship. Junior handlers should strive to show the dog's advantages as the most important part of what is going on in the ring. Matthew and Carmen SanDiego, grateful to be in the ring with incredible showman, was chosen National Top Junior Handler!

The following three days continued with fifty to fifty-five juniors competing in showmanship. The top winners from each class compete for Best Junior Handler of the day. Matthew received the top class honors twice and Best Junior Handler Award Saturday, June 15. In addition, UKC has a "Total Dog" philosophy. A dog having the looks to excel as a proper specimen of their breed, while also having the brains and ability to perform athletically in a variety of sporting events. To earn a Total Dog award, dogs must qualify in both conformation and a performance event. Proudly, they accomplished this with performance events of Master Rally and Interior Nosework. To top off the weekend, Matthew and Carmen SanDiego completed a Master Rally Title.

"An opportunity to spend time with my dog, about learning new skills, and forming a bond that goes beyond ribbons and merits; that's what UKC means to me." -Matthew



Leader's Association Minutes

Portage County 4-H Leaders Board- April 2024

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Board meeting, held on 4-15-24 via Zoom and in-person at the Annex conference rooms 1 & 2, 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 (Plover Clovers), Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars), Louise Skornia (Sunnyside Climbers), Kathy Glodowski (County-Wide) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Educator.

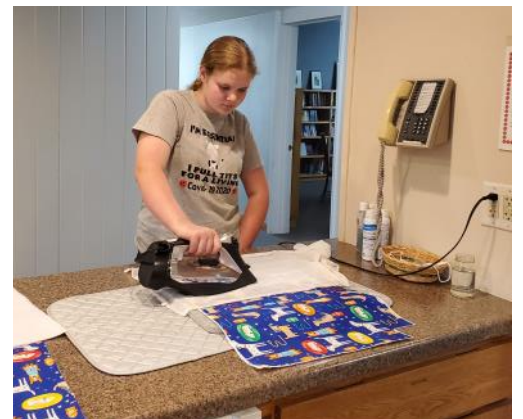
MINUTES: Minutes were approved as presented. | **OFFICER REPORTS:** **Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills:** Checking \$25,621.01 Savings \$850.15 Treasurer's report was placed on file. **Secretary's Report and Correspondence:** None

OLD BUSINESS: AmeriCorps – Brooklyn attended the YMCA Maple Syrup Festival on March 30th and made dirt cups with 74 youth. She will be doing a Robotics Workshop with Pacelli 4th graders. Hope to have workshop at St. Brons. | **Portage County Scholarships-** Youth selected to be scholarship recipients are Juniper Rydberg, Candace Lein, Adison Glodowski and Lauren Besette. | **Speaking & Demonstration Contests** – Went well. 7 exhibitors for speaking and 6 exhibitors for demonstrations. Speaking Contest winners were Collin Lockman, Jack Eron, Camryn Wade and Nora Eron. Blue ribbon winners for the Demonstration Contest were Breanna Lockman and Jack Eron. | **Plant Sale** – Total plants sold in 2024 was 1,131. Still need to find a new plant delivery location. Sharon will reach out.

NEW BUSINESS: County-Wide workshops/project meetings – Ceramics Workshop. Nine showed. Need to encourage them to attend the next meeting. Waiting for results from Peeps Contest. | **4-H Whitewater Rafting Trip with Area 7 counties, July 23rd** – Four counties will be participating. Each county is limited to 10 participants. Cost per youth is \$100. | **Wausau Woodchucks 4-H Day July 21** – Same date as Amherst Fair. Information will be published in the 4-H newsletter. |

Summer Camp – Charging youth \$45 for a 2-night camp. Youth will be grouped by age in the cabins. 7th and 8th graders can choose outpost camp where they cook outside and sleep in a tent. Campers receive a camp t-shirt. Registration is open until May 3rd. | **Other - June Dairy Day Palooza** – Per Kathy, volunteers needed. | **Agnes Mallek** – Congratulations on your 85th birthday celebration. Agnes has 32 grandchildren and 56 great-grandchildren. | **Agent Report-** Market Animal Committee meeting tonight.

Next Meeting Date – June 17th 2024 | **Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm. Yours in 4-H,m Marilyn Pederson



Pictured: Participants at the 4-H sewing sessions that were held in June.



Leader's Association Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Association— May 2024

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Association meeting, held on 5-20-24 via Zoom and in-person at the Annex conference rooms 1 & 2, was called to order by President Sharon Cisewski at 6:37 p.m. Pledges were recited and roll call with introductions, was taken.

PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Sharon Cisewski, Brenna and Carla Lockman and Amanda Jordan (Plover Clovers), Christine Keck (Casimer Boosters), Agnes and Andy Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Louise Skornia (Sunnyside Climbers), Kathy Glodowski (County-Wide) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Educator.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: June Dairy Palooza | **MINUTES:** Approved as presented | **OFFICER REPORTS:** **Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bills:** Checking \$30,797.17 Savings \$850.15, Treasurer's report was placed on file. **Secretary's Report and Correspondence:** Thank You card from Skylar Cisewski in appreciation of financial assistance for her American Spirit Trip.

OLD BUSINESS: AmeriCorps – A two-day summer Robotics Workshop with Pacelli 4th graders helped introduce youth to 4-H. Program goal is to expand 4-H to new audiences. Currently preparing for summer programming with the Rosholt and Junction City's Boys and Girls Clubs. | **Plant Sale** – Total plants sold in 2024 was 1,088. New delivery location was Gagas Farms on County Hwy J. Had lots of help unloading and sorting plants. Profit after subtracting sales tax was \$5,578.32 which will be divided equally between the Leaders Association and the clubs that sold plants. Expenses include a \$25.00 delivery fee and a \$65.00 fee for printing the colored brochures and order forms. Multiple clubs chose to sell plants electronically and did not pick up their club's printed materials. I plan to decrease number of printed items in the future. Only complaint so far is related to yellow leaves on a hibiscus plant. | **Portage County Scholarships-** Youth selected to be scholarship recipients are Juniper Rydberg, Candace Lein, Adison Glodowski and Lauren Bessette. Committee consisting of Sharon, Amanda and Jan will review the current scholarship application form and make recommendations for revisions. | **Other - June Dairy Day Palooza** – Per Kathy, need more volunteers for the 2nd shift from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS: 4-H Ambassadors – They will be doing a float for the Amherst Fair parade and helping with the Cloverbud/Explorer Day Camps. Currently planning to have two camps at the Boston School Forest and one at the Planetarium. Dates to follow. Campers are not required to be 4-H members. | **Amherst Food Stand** – Brenna shared information from the food stand meeting held the previous evening. Difficult to scoop ice cream due to problems keeping it at the right temperature (either too firm or too soft). She did research on a soft serve ice cream machine that could be rented or purchased. Three flavors of ice cream mix are available. Downside is the daily cleaning procedure requirement for the soft serve machine. Another option would be to purchase an ice cream cooler that would keep the ice cream at a controlled temperature for easy scooping. This year ice cream cups will be sold in the food stand. Details about pizza sales have not been finalized yet. | **Fair Entry/Sign Up** – Opens June 1st for the Rosholt Fair | **Budget meeting before June meeting** – Budget meeting pending. Depends on whether Jan will be available for the June meeting. | **County-Wide workshops/project meetings** – Two sewing workshops will be held at the Peace Lutheran Church on June 15th and June 22nd from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Amanda discussed difficulty with parent transportation when workshops are not held on a weekend. The sewing workshops were held on Sunday last year. Youth can select a project that corresponds to their level of sewing ability. They need to bring their own sewing supplies and also bring their own sewing machine, if possible. Marie Keck is interested in recording a Cooking for Beginners workshop on YouTube. The workshop would cover topics such as measuring ingredients and knife skills. Marie needs to pick a date and Connie will help her. Per her mom, Marie would be available the 2nd week in June or August. A county cake decorating workshop was discussed. Katherine Ross will be the instructor. Kathy Glodowski would like to schedule the workshop on a Friday night or a Saturday morning. Jan will check the schedule for the Legion Hall in Rosholt to see when the facility is available. Louise would like to hold another ceramics workshop at Boston School Forest that covers dry brushing and antiquing before the Amherst Fair. Carla Lockman asked if there is a county swine workshop that teaches youth about training swine to walk around in the show ring. Per Jan, the Market Animal Committee sponsors livestock workshops and Lisa should be sending that information to all livestock exhibitors. Brenna could also ask other swine exhibitors in her club to help her. | **4-H Whitewater Rafting Trip with Area 7 counties, July 23rd** – Per Jan, Teen Leaders donated \$250 to pay the county participation fee but we have not received an invoice yet. Connie will inquire about the invoice. Each county is currently limited to bringing 10 participants. That number might increase if all the other counties don't have 10 participants sign up. The form for youth to indicate their interest in participating in the event is due May 26th. Sharon contacted the rafting company to check on the safety of the event. This river for this event is class II, with no white water. | **Wausau Woodchucks 4-H Day July 21** – Same date as Amherst Fair. Game starts at 1:05 pm. What are the benefits for a 4-H member to attend? Do they get a reduced admission fee or some other perks? Connie will try to find out more information. |

Summer Camp – June 25th-June 27th. A total of 83 youth campers (16 from Portage County) will be attending along with 13 camp counselors. The 4-H agent from Iowa County will be making the name tags. He is very organized and creative. Connie is making the lanyards. Penny is making arrangements for the bussing and Deb, the camp nurse, will also be the bus driver. She is donating her bus driver fee. There are new ATCP rules regarding camp counselor training. | **Agent Report-** Area Animal Science Days will be held on June 18th at Shawano County and on June 20th at Green County. Events will include dairy, livestock and horse judging, as well as other animal related educational opportunities. The Market Animal Project educational workshop scheduled for May 21st has been rescheduled to May 28th. Connie will be retiring on November 4th after completing 30 years as a state employee. She will be moving to Florida to be near family. She plans to work on the awards program before she retires. The July meeting will be held at the Amherst Fairgrounds and will start at 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting Date – July 15th 2024 | Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm. Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson

**APPLICATION FOR PORTAGE COUNTY HOLSTEIN
CALF GRANT DUE BY September 30, 2024**

Name _____ Club or Chapter _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Years in dairy project _____

Total number of cows, calves and heifers on farm _____

Total number of Registered Holsteins on farm _____

Total number of Registered Holsteins owned by applicant _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Leader's Name _____ Phone _____

What dairy activities have you been involved in? _____

Describe your home dairy herd (feeding, breeding, DHI, etc.).

What are your responsibilities on the home farm?

If you were to receive the calf, describe how you would care for it. (Where you would keep it, what you would feed it, etc.)

ESSAY

Tell why you would like to receive this grant to be put toward the purchase of a Registered Holstein Calf (attach additional sheet if necessary).

If I receive this calf, I agree to care for it, show it at fairs and follow the advice of my 4-H Leader, Ag Teacher or County Extension Office.

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

2024 PORTAGE COUNTY REGISTERED HOLSTEIN CALF PROJECT

The Portage County Holstein Association is again offering to help young people get a start in the Registered Holstein business.

The number of awards and dollar amount will be at the discretion of Holstein Association Board. The grant(s) will be used to purchase a Registered Holstein calf for 4-H, FFA or WJDA projects.

Here are the conditions:

1. Member of Portage County 4-H Club, FFA or WJDA Chapter.
2. Between the ages of 9-16 as of January 1, present year.
3. Portage County Holstein Board member's families are eligible.
4. Selection will be made by a committee named by the Holstein Association Board.
5. Holstein Association members will be available to assist with the selection of a project calf.
6. Project calf must be registered in winner's name.
7. Project calf must be cared for, shown at Amherst and Rosholt Fairs or Marshfield Fair and be available for inspection at any reasonable time.
8. Completed application should be returned to: Connie Creighton, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481. **Applications must be postmarked or dropped off at the Extension Office no later than September 30, 2024.**
9. All applicants will be recognized, and the winner will be announced at the Holstein Association's Annual Banquet in November.
10. The winner must become a State Junior Holstein member.
11. This award can only be received one time, although a non-recipient is eligible to reapply as long as they meet the award requirements.

The application will be judged on the applicant's need for help in getting started with Registered Holsteins, neatness and completeness of the application, ability to provide a good home for a calf and the desire of applicant as expressed in the essay.



Pictured Left: Camryn Wade from the Almond Busy Bees on the 2024 Citizen Washington Focus Trip.

Pictured Right: 4-H families beat the heat during the 4-H Family Swim Party on August 13th at the Donald Copps Municipal Pool in Stevens Point.



Pictured Left: Members of the TR Voyagers Club at the Food and Farm Exploration Center to learn how farms work. They also saw the World's Largest Potato Masher!

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