



# Portage County 4-H Courier Bimonthly Periodical



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## Letter From the President

Hello Fellow 4-Hers,

I'm so excited and nervous to be you new President of the 4-H Adult Leaders Association. I want to thank past president, Sharon Cisewski, for her great leadership. I'm sure most of you don't know me. So let me introduce myself. My daughter is what got me back in to 4-H. I am alumni. I was very involved then from club to state activities In Idaho. I particularly liked competing in Demonstrations, Food and Sewing; and Teen Leadership opportunities. My role model was our counties 4-H and Home-Economics Extension Service Director. My Dad, who also worked for the U of I Extension Service, tried to convince me to follow in her footsteps, I regret not listening. I went out of state for college and then moved here in '91, thus cutting those 4-H connections. When my daughter first joined, I was too nervous about getting involved myself. It was very different for her and things changed over the years. My mistake, because I and my daughter missed out on a lot of fun.

My goal is to encourage all adults and kids to get involved. Don't miss out on all you can get out of and contribute to 4-H. Your participation guides how you want 4-H to look like here in Portage county.

There are all kinds of great things for you to participate in, please check out upcoming activities in this newsletter. I hope to see you involved in these and the Adult Leaders Association would love you leaders and parents to join us.

Happy Holidays,

Christine Keck

Portage County 4-H Leaders Association  
President

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**Looking for a great  
Christmas Present?  
Purchase the 4-H Food  
Stand Cookbook for \$15**

Contact a club leader or stop at the  
Extension Office to pick one up!

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## DECEMBER

- 14 4-H Teen Leader Holiday Bell Ringing, 10:00am-12:00pm, Fleet Farm
- 15 Deadline to sign up for Market Animal Project
- 15 Deadline for Teen Award & Ambassador Application
- 15 Extended deadline for Portage County 4-H Financial Assistance Application
- 22 4-H Teen Leader holiday basket shopping, 1:00pm Walmart (Meeting at Pizza Ranch to follow)
- 24 Extension Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)
- 25 Extension Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)
- 26 Roller Skating Pizza Party, Skate City, 6:30-9:00PM



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

## JANUARY

- 1 Extension Office Closed (New Year Holiday)
- 3-5 4-H Teen Leadership Winter Camp, Spencer Lake Camp, Waupaca
- 3 Deadline for Gingerbread Decorating & Baking Contest
- 4 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 9:30 AM, Portage County Library, Stevens Point
- 4 Market Animal Kick-Off Meeting, 11:00 AM, Portage County Library, Stevens Point
- 14 4-H Family Winter Party, 6:00-8:00pm, Iverson Park (Weather Permitting)
- 20 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM

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

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

For the authorization request form please click [here](#). Once you have completed the form please send to Lisa Henriksen at [lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu](mailto:lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu). Driver authorization is good for one year. **Be sure to submit your form at least 3 weeks in advance of your parade dates to ensure enough time for approval!**

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

### 4-H PROGRAM CANCELLATION POLICY

4-H programs are automatically cancelled if:

- 1) The local school districts close due to inclement weather.
- 2) We are under a Winter Storm Warning.

The Extension Office will notify you, if possible, by:

- 1) Sending out an e-mail and Facebook post if program is cancelled during work hours.
- 2) Leaving a message on the main office number (715-346-1316) and 4-H support staff number (715-346-1462).

*Program cancellations will not be announced on WSPT Radio.*

## FAMILY WINTER PARTY!

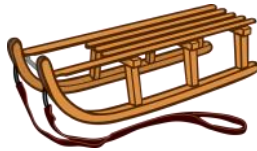
**WHO:** All 4-H Members, Families, and Friends!

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 14th 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**WHERE:** Iverson Park, Stevens Point  
\*\*Weather Permitting\*\*

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

**PARENTS AND LEADERS WILL  
BE NEEDED TO SUPERVISE  
SLEDDING HILL!**



## TEEN HOLIDAY BASKET SHOPPING!



**WHO:** Teens Grade 7 and Older

**When:** Sunday, December 22nd at 1:00PM

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

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

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



## 4-H Teen Leader Bell Ringing

**WHO:** Teens Grade 7 and Older

**When:** December 14th, 10:00am—12:00pm

**Where:** Fleet Farm in Stevens Point, (West Door)

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

## Roller Skating Pizza PARTY!

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

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 26, 6:30-9:00 PM

**WHERE:** Skate City (2211 36th St N, WI Rapids)

**COST:** \$8.00 per person (details below)

Celebrate the end of the year with a 4-H pizza and skating party! Cost includes admission, choice of skate or inline rental, pizza, soda and ice cream. Each person will receive a 1/4 slice of pizza, one 12 oz. soda and one 4 oz. ice cream cup. We will have a reserved seating area. Non-skating adults can chaperone at no cost.

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

Please pay Jan Miller, Leader's Association Treasurer, the night of the event. **PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CHANGE** or check payable to: Portage County 4-H Leaders Assoc.



# 2025 4-H Award & Travel Experience Applications and Funding Assistance

## 2025 Funding Assistance for State and National 4-H Events

4-H members have many opportunities to find their “spark” at the club, county, state and even national level! Part of these awesome opportunities include state and national 4-H sponsored educational events. More information on each event can be found at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>. Wisconsin 4-H believes that cost should not be a barrier to program participation. As such, Portage County 4-H youth who are interested in attending these educational experiences can apply for BOTH Portage County 4-H financial assistance AND a statewide scholarship through the 4-H Foundation. More information and application details on each are provided below.

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

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association has included funding for State and National 4-H Events in their 2024-2025 budget. The amount of funding provided to eligible 4-H members will be determined by the number of applications received. The Portage County Teen Leaders will also be providing youth who worked in the 2024 Food Stand at the Amherst Fair, with financial assistance for these events. Portage County Youth interested in attending a State or National 4-H Event in 2025 may apply for financial assistance from the Portage County Leaders Association and the Portage County Teen Leaders by completing the Portage County 4-H Financial Assistance Application. **If you were a 4-H Food Stand volunteer in 2024, don't forget to check the box on page 2 of the application.** Below is a link to access the application.

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

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

Each year, the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation provides a sum of money to the State 4-H Office for needs-based scholarships for youth to participate in statewide Educational Experiences. Wisconsin 4-H believes that cost should not be a barrier to program participation. Youth can apply for a scholarship by submitting their information at the Qualtrics form linked below. The responses to this form will remain confidential and will only be shared with a small committee that will be managing the scholarship funds. **Applications are currently open for 2024 Calendar Year Programs ONLY – 2025 Calendar Year scholarship applications will be available in early 2025.**

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

**To learn more about all the Wisconsin 4-H Programs & Educational Experiences please check out the [2024-2025 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet!](#)**





## Portage County 4-H Ambassadors & 4-H Awards

- Portage County will still be interviewing for the Ambassador Delegates, Key Award, and Leader of Tomorrow Award. **Interview date & location is TBD.**
- [Click here](#) for a PDF version of the Award/Ambassador application. Or a Word version can be found at <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu> (under 4-H Forms and Applications)
- **Applications are due December 15th. Award interviews date is TBD.**



### 4-H AMBASSADOR



The Ambassador term will start in March. Ambassadors will serve an active term of one year but will also be an associate member of Ambassadors for the duration of their 4-H membership.

**Requirements:** Must be in 6th grade or higher; must exhibit leadership ability and potential; must exhibit personal appearance and poise; must exhibit knowledge of 4-H.

**When:** 4-H Ambassadors serve a one-year term beginning in March. They will be recognized in October at the end of their career at the 4-H Leaders Banquet.

**Maximum Number:** Up to 4 Ambassadors are chosen.

**Duties:** Present the 4-H story at community activities and events and promote 4-H.

**Responsibilities:** Hand out ribbons and trophies at the Amherst and Rosholt Fairs; participate in the Amherst and Rosholt Fair parades; make presentations to groups (we will train you); presentation of flags and pledges at the 4-H Leaders' Banquet and Award program; help with the 4-H Awards Program; be available to represent 4-H at other events during the year.



### WISCONSIN KEY AWARD



**Requirements:** Must be in at least 10th grade of the current year, have at least 3 years' experience in 4-H and 1 year of enrollment in the Youth Leadership project.

**Maximum Number:** Up to 3 recipients. This is the highest state 4-H award offered. It is based on all 4-H work done by the member since joining 4-H, including youth leadership.



### LEADERS OF TOMORROW AWARD



**Requirements:** Must be in at least 11th grade, and exhibit leadership ability and potential.

**Maximum Number:** Up to 2 recipients. Recognizes character, balanced personal development, and excellence in leadership.

### WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships

**DEADLINE: MARCH 1ST**

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

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

# Virtual Gingerbread Decorating & Baking Contest



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



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

## **Divisions:**

### **Cloverbud:**

Kindergarten - 2nd grade

### **Junior:**

3rd - 5th grade

### **Intermediate:**

6th - 8th grade

### **Senior:**

9th grade or older

### **Family**

## **Classes:**

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



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

**Entries are Due by midnight  
Friday, January 3, 2025**

For Registration and Photo  
Submission details go to:

<https://bit.ly/PoCo4-HGingerbread>

Judging Results will be announced  
as soon as possible.

**Awesome Prizes Will be Awarded!**





# LEADERS APPRECIATION BANQUET



On November 1st, the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association held their 2024 Leader Recognition Banquet at the Jensen Center in Amherst. Volunteer 4-H leaders were recognized for their continuous years of service and dedication to youth in the 4-H program. Twenty 4-H adult volunteer leaders were recognized for their years of leadership, with a combined total of 299 years of volunteer service in the Portage County 4-H program! Three volunteers were also recognized for specials awards.

The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Kathy Glodowski. Kathy has been a Portage County 4-H volunteer for 40 years as well as being an 18 year member of the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association. Kathy also dedicates her time to the cake project and has been an instrumental part of the project's success throughout the years. Every year at the fair she is kindly known as "the cake lady." Dedicated volunteers like the Kathy make a difference in the lives of our young

people. They lead by example. They give the most valuable thing a person can – their time!



Pictured Above: Kathy Glodowski  
4-H Volunteer of the Year Award Winner

The 4-H Alumni Award was presented to Darlene

Weinfurter. Darlene is an alumni of the Junction City Golden Stars 4-H club and is a 24 year 4-H volunteer as well. She has given countless hours in support of the Junction City Golden Stars club and the 4-H Youth Development program. Through the years she has become more and more involved in the 4-H Youth Development Program and the lives of 4-H members throughout the county.



Pictured Above: Darlene Weinfurter  
4-H Alumni Award Winner

The Friend of 4-H Award was presented to Roger and Emily Van Beek of Portesi Italian Foods. Roger and Emily were nominated for their hard work and enthusiasm with the 4-H Teen Leader's Food Stand at the Amherst Fair. They were thrilled about the opportunity to support the 4-H teens by partnering with them to sell their pizzas.

They went above and beyond supporting the teens by not only providing all the necessary equipment, but they also had to return to the fair and take the oven apart to make it fit through the door. They had one of their workers come back to teach us how to use the oven and periodically checked in throughout the weekend to ensure everything was running smoothly. Their support was invaluable, and we greatly appreciate all their help. We look forward to working with them in the future.



# 4-H AWARDS PROGRAM



4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. 4-H youth were recognized for these life skills at the November 3rd Portage County 4-H Awards Program, held at the Jensen Center in Amherst.

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

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

**Via Friedman (Almond Busy Bees)**

Outstanding Club Secretary Award

**Sydney Krueger (Casimer Boosters)**

Teen Leader Award

**Camryn Wade (Almond Busy Bees)**

Small Animal Science Award

Visual Arts Award

**Marie Keck (Casimer Boosters)**

Teen Leader Award

**Trisha Edmundson (Sunnyside Climbers)**

Teen Leader Award

**Cortnee Peterson (Nelsonville Zippy Zees)**

Outstanding Club Historian Award

**Marcus Krueger (Casimer Boosters)**

Visual Arts Award

**Kelsie Davis (Rosholt Pioneers)**

Large Animal Science Award

**Autumn Polum (Nelsonville Zippy Zees)**

Visual Arts Award

**Isaac Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers)**

County Youth Leader Award

Large Animal Science Award

Small Animal Science Award

- The Key Award was awarded to Marie Keck (Casimer Boosters).
- The Leader of Tomorrow Awards were awarded to Jacob Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers) and Noah Spoelstra (Tomorrow River Voyagers).
- The 2024 4-H Graduates are Candace Lein (Almond Busy Bees), Lucy Gwidt (Casimer Boosters), Sydney Krueger (Casimer Boosters), Juniper Rydberg (Casimer Boosters), Adriana Freer (Junction City Golden Stars), Kjersten Kazda (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Adam Kirsling (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Cody Kaminski (Rosholt Pioneers), Juliana Ross (Rosholt Pioneers), and Aleda Schultz (Tomorrow River Voyagers).

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

*To Make the Best*



**BETTER**



# MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT

## **STRICT DECEMBER 15th DEADLINE!**

If you plan to enter beef, swine, or sheep in the 2025 Rosholt Fair Market Animal Show and Sale, you must sign up for the Market Animal Project by **December 15, 2024**.

You can sign up in multiple ways:

- Complete and mail the form on the next page to: Lisa Henriksen, Portage County UW -Extension, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Additional copies are available to download [here](#).
- Complete the form on the next page e-mail a scanned PDF or picture of the form to [lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu](mailto:lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu)
- Enroll **fully online** by visiting <https://bit.ly/2025MAPRegistration>
- A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you as soon as you complete the form!
- you as soon as you complete the form!



# MANAGERIAL AGREEMENTS

**DUE: APRIL 15th**

If the animal you are bringing to the Amherst or Rosholt Fair is not owned by the exhibitor or the persons who live at the exhibitor's primary place of residence, you must send a Managerial Agreement to the Portage County Extension office no later than April 15!

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

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

## MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th-11:00AM

Portage Co. Library Stevens Point

1001 Main St, Stevens Point WI

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

IOWA, PORTAGE, & WAUPACA COUNTIES



SAVE THE DATES

**JUNE 23-25**

UPHAM WOODS  
LOCATED IN WISCONSIN DELLS

**WATCH FOR MORE  
INFORMATION TO COME**

# 2025 ROSHOLT FAIR MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT SIGN-UP SHEET



**SUBMIT THIS FORM NO LATER  
THAN **DECEMBER 15, 2024****

This form must be completed and submitted on time if you plan to enter beef, swine, and/or sheep in the 2025 Rosholt Fair Market Animal Project. Complete and submit to:

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

Or sign up fully online at: <https://bit.ly/2025MAPRegistration>

MEMBER NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE(S) OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE(S) AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

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

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER'S AND/OR PARENTS EMAIL ADDRESS : \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF 4-H CLUB OR FFA CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR IN LIVESTOCK PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

I PLAN TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING MARKET ANIMALS AT THE 2025 SHOW AND SALE - *MAXIMUM OF TWO ANIMALS PER SPECIES, PER EXHIBITOR. PLEASE CIRCLE.*

**BEEF: 1 OR 2**

**SWINE: 1 OR 2**

**SHEEP: 1 OR 2**

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

# PORTAGE COUNTY 2025 MANAGERIAL AGREEMENT

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

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

**Due no later than April 15th.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade as of September, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Name and address of owner \_\_\_\_\_

Location where animal(s) will be housed \_\_\_\_\_

Date Managerial Agreement will begin \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Feeding:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sanitation (cleaning stalls/pens):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Health Maintenance:** Please include who will pay for vaccinations, health papers, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Signature of General Leader/FFA Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by this Managerial Agreement:

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Portage County Extension**

Mail completed Managerial Agreement to: **Attn: 4-H**

**1462 Strongs Avenue**

**Stevens Point, WI 54481**

## 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN AGRICULTURE AWARD

**DUE: January 3, 2025**

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

Applications are available to download from the [Portage County Extension Website](#) Or you can contact the Extension Office.

## 4-H ADULT AGRICULTURE LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**DUE: January 3, 2025**

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

To submit a nomination, visit:

<https://bit.ly/AgLeaderoftheYear>

## 4-Hers in Action!



Pictured above: Members of the Carson Climbers 4-H Club at the Food and Farm Exploration Center.



Pictured Above: Portage County 4-H members and leaders who attended Fall Forum held in Stevens Point.

Back row (Left to Right): Marcus Krueger, Juniper Rydberg, Glen Rydberg,

Front row (Left to Right) Marie Keck, Camryn Wade, Trisha Edmundson, Louise Skornia, Bonnie Ziolkowski and Brenna Lockman

Not pictured are Sharon Cisewski and Drake Martens



# Leader's Board Minutes



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

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Board meeting, held on 8-19-24, via Zoom and in-person at the Annex conference rooms 1 & 2, was called to order by President Sharon Cisewski at 6:29 p.m. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken.

**PRESENT:** Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Sharon Cisewski (Plover Clovers), Christine Keck (Casimer Boosters), Louise Skornia (Sunnyside Climbers), Kathy Glodowski (County-Wide), Malayna Polum (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Agnes Mallek and MaryAnn Kuklinski (Junction City Golden Stars) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Educator

**MINUTES:** Approved as presented

**OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report:** Checking account - \$34,063.59 Savings account - \$500.00 Treasurer's report was placed on file.

**Secretary's Report and Correspondence:** Thank You notes from Kelsie Davis for Summer Academy funding and Juniper Rydberg for Wayne Schroeder Scholarship and anonymous scholarship donor.

**OLD BUSINESS: Cloverbud Day Camps, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** – Events were well attended, had enough help from leaders and youth had a great time. Theme for August 1<sup>st</sup> was dinosaurs and theme for August 6<sup>th</sup> was the beach. Recommend that program be extended next year.

**4-H Whitewater Rafting Trip with Area 7 counties, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** – cancelled due to weather. Plan to have next year. Per Malayna, teens already donated \$250.00 toward cost of trip.

**Amherst Fair Food Stand**– Fair board talked about adding on space for pizza oven. Oven made food stand too hot. Initial profit was \$2,900. \$500 was donated to fair board leaving an ending profit of \$2,400. Charged less for ice cream. Not having to scoop was a big hit. Not much waste. Only 2 ½ boxes left.

**NEW BUSINESS: Rosholt Fair Clean Up – August 25<sup>th</sup>** – Starts at 1:00 p.m. Would like at least two people from each club to help with clean up.

**Rosholt Fair** – Lisa has recruited a good group of volunteers. Connie will work on Ambassador displays. Parade is Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>. Sharon will drive a float with 4-H Ambassadors in the parade. Ambassadors will help with the activity table in the Exhibit Building on Saturday afternoon after the parade and on Sunday. Activities will include making pool noodle monsters, door knockers and pipe cleaner bead work.

**Club Charters & Financial Report** – Financial reports are due November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Re-Enrollment in 4H Online** – State 4-H closes the 4-H Online program at the end of August and reopens the program for the new 4-H year at the beginning of September.

**County-Wide workshops/project meetings** – Starting a new 4-H year. Is there money in budget for county workshops? Connie has been working with Hmong during summer. Met 3 times with 2-6 younger children. Did scratch art Tuesday and Thursday this week. Plan to do pumpkin carving in October. Consider doing barn quilts and ceramic workshops again.

**Award Program & Banquet** – Location for events is Jensen Center. Banquet will be held Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> and Awards program is scheduled for Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kathy will contact Karen to make arrangements for Ambrosia's to do the meal.

**Nominations for Board Members** – Need to recruit volunteers for the Leaders Board.

**Friend of 4-H and 4-H Alumni** – Malayna nominated Portesi for Friends of 4-H Award. She will write up the information. Darlene Weinfurter was nominated for 4-H Alumni. Agnes will write up the information.

**Agent Report** - Fall Forum is in Stevens Point this fall. Need to purchase candy for the parade. Connie's last day with Portage County Extension will be November 4<sup>th</sup>. Jeremy will be posting the 4-H Youth Development Educator position in a few weeks. Everyone is welcome to come and visit Connie in Florida.

**Next Leaders Association Board Meeting Date** – October 21, 2024

**Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson

# Leader's Board Minutes



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

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Association meeting, held on 9-16-24, via Zoom and in-person at the Annex conference rooms 1 & 2, was called to order by President Sharon Cisewski at 6:34 p.m. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken.

**PRESENT:** Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Sharon Cisewski and Amanda Jordan (Plover Clovers), Christine Keck and Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Kathy Glodowski (County-Wide), Malayna Polum (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Educator  
Connie distributed handouts containing information about previous board members, Friends of 4-H, 4-H Alumni and Volunteer of Year award recipients.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Trip Financial Assistance Application | **MINUTES:** Approved as presented

**OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report:** Checking account - \$31,752.60 Savings account - \$500.00 Treasurer's report will be placed on file. | **Secretary's Report and Correspondence:** None

**OLD BUSINESS: Rosholt Fair** – Lots of help from experienced volunteers who knew where cabinets and display cases were stored. Fair board's banquet tables were used instead of the wooden table tops with saw horses. Center cabinets do not move well. In need of repair or replacement. Ceramic items were displayed securely behind the bar. Will relocate models to this area next year. Marie Keck and Skylar Cisewski helped with Cloverbud judging. During the fair Richard Zimmerman, Karen Jastromski and Kathy Glodowski were a big help in the exhibit building. Additional small animal cages were borrowed from the Amherst Fair this year. Rosholt Fair board needs to purchase more small animal cages before the 2025 fair. Christine suggested that we have cages built by students at the technical college. Christine will contact Michelle Waltenberg about the current status of the small animal cages.

**Club Charters & Financial Report** – Only half of club financial reports have been submitted so far. Looking for two volunteers to audit the Leaders Association Financial Report. Betty Pionek and Amanda Jordan volunteered to do the audit. Charter documents are due November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Re-Enrollment in 4H Online** – Changes for leaders include the requirement for a background check every two years. Previously, background checks were required every 4 years. Completion of volunteer leader re-enrollment will take longer this year.

**NEW BUSINESS: Nomination & Election of Board Members** – All previous directors have agreed to serve another term. Motion by Jan Miller, seconded by Christine Keck to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers as presented. Motion passed.

**Nomination & Selection of Volunteer of the Year** – Motion by Jan Miller, seconded by Christine Keck to select Kathy Glodowski as the 2024 4-H Volunteer of the Year. Motion passed.

**Nomination & Selection of Friend of 4-H** – Motion by Malayna Polum and second by Betty Pionek to select Roger and Emily Van Beck of Portesi Italian Foods for the Friend of 4-H Award. Motion passed.

**Nomination & Selection of 4-H Alumni** - Motion by Karen Jastromski, second by Marilyn Pederson to select Darlene Weinfurter for the 4-H Alumni Award. Motion passed.

**2024 Award Program & Leader's Banquet** – Location for events is Jensen Center. Banquet will be held Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration will start at 5:30 pm followed by the meal at 6:00 pm. Sharon Cisewski will be the MC. Set-up will begin at 4:00 pm. Christine, Marie, Sharon, Skylar and Karen volunteered to help set-up. The 4-H Awards program will be held Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Juniper will be the MC for the event.

**Record Books and Record Book Committee** – Due date is October 4<sup>th</sup>. A collegiate 4-H group comprised of college students who are 4-H alumni, will help review the record books that are submitted for special awards. Amanda Jordan volunteered to work with the group. A brief statement will need to be written about each award recipient. Youth who qualify for more than one award will be presented with all awards at the same time.

**Fall Forum** – November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. So far 1 adult and 4 youth have registered for the event. Leader Association budgeted \$580 for youth attending Fall Forum. Registration cost is \$65.00 Saturday and \$85.00 for both days. If staying overnight, cost for youth is \$45.00/night and \$100.00/night for adults. 4-H youth attending Fall Forum can apply to the State 4-H for financial assistance.

**County-Wide workshops/project meetings** – Discussed following workshops: barn quilt (Sharon), ceramics (Louise), sewing bags in October (Connie), artificial flower arrangements at Jensen Center in October or November (Jan will contact volunteer instructor) and possible stained-glass workshop at Boston School Forest. Christine inquired about having a Style Review in October. Connie explained that the Style Review needs to be held in the same year the garments were made.

**Other: Trip Financial Assistance Applications** – Leaders Association budgeted \$2,700 for national 4-H events and \$600.00 for state 4-H events for the 2024-2025 4-H year. Jan recommended that the Trip Financial Assistance application due date be changed to November 1<sup>st</sup> so youth know that they will be receiving some financial assistance when they are deciding whether to sign up for national and state 4-H events. Malayna Polum stated that 4-H Teen Leaders could also provide \$1,500 for financial assistance to youth who worked in the Amherst 4-H Food Stand. Jan asked for permission to review applications to determine the amount each applicant will receive so they can know in advance how much financial assistance they will receive. Motion by Amanda Jordan, second by Karen Jastromski to give Jan permission to review application to decide how much money each applicant will receive. Motion passed.

**Agent Report** – Retiring November 4<sup>th</sup>. Extension Committee will be hiring a replacement.

**Next Leaders Association Meeting Date** – November 21, 2024, **Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Yours in 4-H

Marilyn Pederson



Pictured Above: 4-H members receiving awards at the 2024 Portage County 4-H Awards Program held on November 3rd.

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



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