



Portage County 4-H Courier Bimonthly Periodical



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Letter From the President

Hello Fellow 4-Her's,

I hope everyone has had a good start to this year. We are all excited to have our new Educator on board. Amy Boelk is a very dynamic person.

We have had some super fun activities already this winter. You will find other upcoming activities listed in this newsletter. Seeing the entries for the Gingerbread Contest was fun and showed what creative kids we have in this county. The Adult Leaders Association is now wanting to see your creativity with a Snowman Building contest. You have until the end of February to enter. Use your creativity with the amount of snow we may or may not receive. Maybe some miniature snowman?

The Adult Leaders Association is currently busy updating the project forms for the Record Books. We are wanting to simplify them and put an emphasis on skills learned. The purpose is to encourage more youth to do the year end record books. Not only does it track and show how they have grown and learned, but it also is the criteria used to get county awards.

We need your help with this undertaking. If you have suggestions on what you would like to see on particular project sheets, specifically skill check lists, please contact Lisa at the office. We especially need help with the mechanical projects. The committee for this will be meeting again on Feb. 20th. You needn't attend to provide information.

The Adult Leaders Association would love you leaders and parents to join us at our monthly meetings. You can join us in person or by Zoom.

And Happy Valentines and St. Patrick's Day.

Christine Keck

Portage County 4-H Leader's Association
President

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Follow us on Social Media!

Be sure to like our new

[official Facebook page](#) and our [Instagram!](#)

The current Portage County 4-H Members & Family group isn't going anywhere, but it will transition to being a community discussion board for our families, leaders and clubs. As

pages and groups function differently, the new 'page' will allow us to share all of the awesome events and 4-H news to our broader community as we grow our programs and seek to recruit the next generation of 4-H'ers!



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Dear Extension Colleagues and Portage County 4-H Families,

My name is Amy Boelk, and I am excited to introduce myself as the newest member of the Portage County Extension Office and Portage County 4-H team. I am thrilled to have the pleasure of joining this incredible community of passionate professionals, volunteers, parents, and 4-H youth.



I grew up in Marathon, WI and went on to live in several other Midwest locations as well as abroad, living for several years in Austria, Europe before moving back to Central Wisconsin. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Geography from UW-Eau Claire, a Master's degree in Experiential Education from UW-La Crosse and have an extensive background in youth development, volunteer management, program administration, and community engagement.

I currently live near Amherst, WI with my husband Alan and daughter Nora (a Nelsonville Zippy Zee!) with our schnauzer, two cats, and menagerie of goats, ducks, geese and chickens. When not busy with barn chores, home renovations or gardening- our family loves camping, hiking, backpacking and biking.

In stepping into this role, I look forward to innovating & growing the Portage County 4-H Program and will be reaching out to many folks within the extension office, 4-H world and our broader community to determine what our county-wide needs are so that our programs can best serve you!

I am truly looking forward to getting to know everyone, continuing to hold and build our county's 4-H legacy and to join in the outstanding work already being done here.

If you ever have any questions, ideas, or just want to chat, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm here to help and can be reached at [**amy.boelk@wisc.edu**](mailto:amy.boelk@wisc.edu)

Sincerely,

Amy Boelk

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

FEBRUARY

- 6 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Jensen Center, Amherst
- 6 Market Animal New Member Orientation/Species Meetings, 7:00pm Jensen Center, Amherst
- 6 YQCA In-Person Training, 7:00pm, Jensen Center, Amherst
- 8 Market Animal Project Agreements Due to Extension Office (from back of rule book)
- 12 Awards & Ambassadors Interviews, 5:00pm, UW Extension Office
- 17 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Annex Rooms 1 & 2 and Online via Zoom

MARCH

- 1 Market Animal Project Beef Weigh-On, Rosholt Fairgrounds, 9:00am
- 6 Market Animal Project Practical Applications Mtg 7:00 PM, Jensen Center, Amherst
- 6 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Jensen Center, Amherst
- 15 Portage County 4-H Scholarship Application Due
- 17 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM

APRIL

- 1 Last Day for Project Changes in 4-H Online
- 15 Managerial Agreements Due to Extension Office
- 15 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM, Annex Building, Stevens Point
- 15 YQCA In-Person Training, 6:00pm, Annex Building, Stevens Point
- 21 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Annex Rooms 1 & 2 and Online via Zoom

****Planning is currently underway for the Speaking & Demonstration contest.
More information to come soon! ****

You're invited to come bowling with the 4-H Teen Leader's Association at the Portage County 4-H Family Bowling Party! Come join us and enjoy an afternoon full of fun!

Open to all Portage County 4-H families.

When: Sunday, February 23rd, 3:00-5:00PM

Where: Skipp's Bowling Center (2300 Strongs Ave, Stevens Point)

To RSVP go to: <https://bit.ly/PoCo4-HBowling>

Cost: \$5 per person (cost includes shoe rental, bowling for 2 hours and soda)

RSVP by February 16th to reserve your spot!



Portage County 4-H

FAMILY BOWLING PARTY

Time 3:00-5:00pm Sunday February 23rd

Open to all Portage County 4-H families.
Cost is \$5 per person.

Have fun together at the Portage County 4-H Family Bowling Party! Come join us and enjoy an afternoon full of fun! Sponsored by the Portage County 4-H Teen Leader Association.

RSVP by February 16th to reserve your spot!

To RSVP <https://bit.ly/PoCo4-HBowling> **Skipp's Bowling Center**
(2300 Strongs Ave, Stevens Point)

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Portage County 4-H

Snowman Building Contest



We are looking for the best snowman builders in Portage County 4-H!



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

To enter the contest submit a picture of your family-friendly snow creation. Your submission photo of the snowman must have at least one of the builders in the photo. Families and groups in the pictures are welcomed.

You can enter once in each class of your age category and family category.

Competition Divisions

- 1 Cloverbud (Gr. K-2)
- 2 Junior (Gr. 3-5)
- 3 Intermediate (Gr. 6-8)
- 4 Senior (Gr. 9 & Up)
- 5 Family

Competition Categories

- 1 Traditional Snowman
- 2 Snow Creation (snow family, snow animals, snow sculpture...)

Entrants are encouraged to add their own creative touches that will make their snowman unique. It doesn't need to be a traditional snowman! Get Creative! For safety reasons no hollowed out snow structures will be allowed.

For Registration and Photo Submission details go to:

<https://bit.ly/PoCoSnowmanContest>

Awesome Prizes Will be Awarded!

**Entry Deadline:
February 28th**



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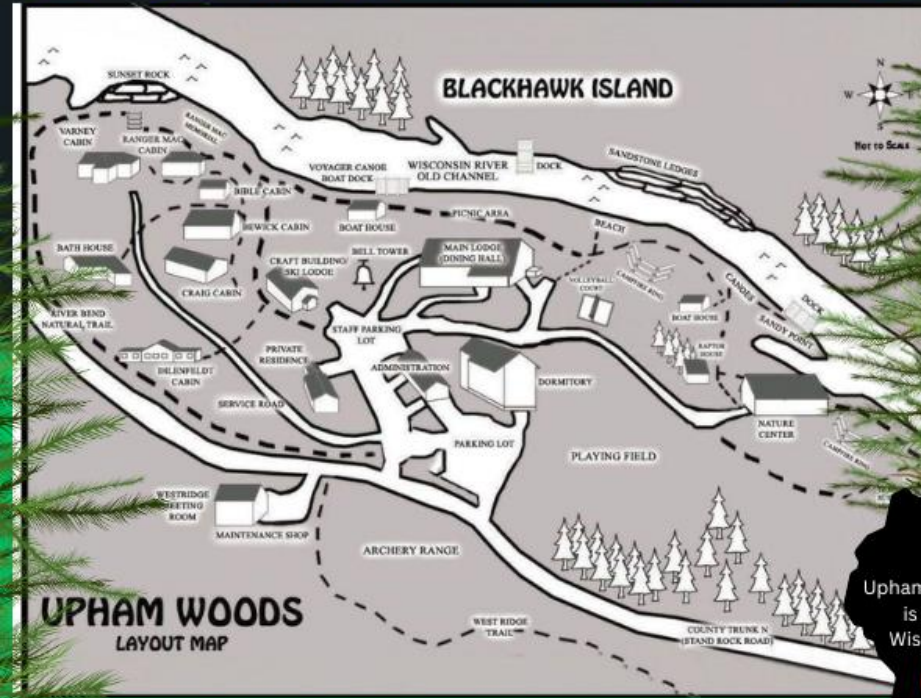


Join Iowa, Portage, and Waupaca Counties
this summer as we head out
into the great outdoors!



JUNE 23-25

What can you do
at 4-H Camp?



UPHAM WOODS
LAYOUT MAP



Upham Woods Camp
is located in
Wisconsin Dells

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April 1st Project Change Deadline

The last day to update your project list in 4-H Online is APRIL 1, 2025

Please take some time before April 1st to review your project list and make any changes necessary.

- 4-H exhibitors at the 2025 Portage County Fairs of Amherst and Rosholt will only be able to enter exhibits for which they are enrolled in related projects.
- Please keep in mind that Explorers (3rd-graders and first-year 4th-graders) are allowed to enroll in only **two** additional projects besides Exploring, only one of which can be a large animal project.
- Kindergarteners, 1st-graders, and 2nd-graders can enroll only in the Cloverbud project.

For click-by-click instructions on updating your project list in 4-H Online [click here](#).

Please contact the Extension office at 715-346-1462 or email lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu if you have any questions.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-H YOUTH

Portage County 4-H Scholarships!

Deadline: March 15th | Award: \$500

The Wayne Schroeder Portage County 4-H Leaders Scholarships and the Pinkerton-Burns-Noble-Portage County 4-H Leaders Scholarships are available for eligible Portage County 4-H members and leaders pursuing higher education!

Please see the next page of the Courier for the application or an application can be found at <http://portage.extension.wisc.edu> (Under the 4-H Youth Forms & Applications).

The scholarship requires one letter of recommendation. Please start soon to give your mentors time to write a thoughtful letter!

Qualifications:

- Must be a present or former Portage County 4-H member or leader
- May study in any field at an accredited school
- Must be used within 1 year from time of award
- Minimum of 2 years as club project/youth leader
- Minimum of 3 years of participation in 4-H
- Scholarship can be received only once
- A member needs their general leader's signature
- A leader's form must be signed by their general leader or the county agent.

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 2025.

Applications include a resume, cover letter, list of 4-H projects, and a recent photo of the applicant.

For application instructions, visit:

<http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-H YOUTH

2025 AG SOURCE DHI FOUNDATION PORTAGE COUNTY FUND GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships awarded for:

- College students having already completed a college semester and evidence of continued college enrollment
- Adults seeking continuing education
- Those wanting to attend professional ag related seminars, conferences, or courses

Scholarship requirements include:

- Applicant, Parents, or Grandparents must have been a DHI member from Portage County
- No application will be accepted if applicant applied for other DHI Fund Groups
- College students must maintain 2.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Include two letters of recommendation or ag related seminar/course brochure
- Application must be postmarked by May 1, 2025.

Application can be found on page 11 of this newsletter. Send completed scholarship application to:

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

Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation (WROF), Inc. Premier Scholarship Award Program

Apply by Friday, March 7, 2025, by 11:59 pm

\$3,000 awards will be presented to five outstanding High School seniors.

To be eligible, you must meet the following requirements:

- You are a resident of a rural Wisconsin area with a population of 25,000 or less.
- You plan to pursue post-secondary education in Wisconsin.
- You plan to return to rural Wisconsin upon graduation.

Please visit [here](#) for more information on the application requirements and to apply online.

YQCA Scholarship

They will provide a total of \$30,000 in scholarships to selected youth in 2025! Individual scholarships will be awarded in the following amounts:

- One recipient - \$10,000 | • Two recipients - \$5,000 | • Four recipients - \$2,500

For more information and to apply: [Click Here](#)

Scholarship applications are open from January 1st – February 17th. Recipients will be announced in May.

2025 Wayne Schroeder Portage County 4-H Scholarship & 2025 Pinkerton-Burns-Noble Portage County 4-H Scholarship Application

QUALIFICATIONS

- ☼ Must be a present or former Portage County 4-H Member or Leader.
- ☼ May apply to any field of study (post high school) at any accredited school.
- ☼ Must be used within one year from the time of scholarship award or money must be returned to the 4-H Leaders Association
- ☼ Minimum of 2 years as a project or youth leader at the club level. Provide detailed list of experiences where projects are listed on this application.
- ☼ Minimum of 3 years participation in 4-H.
- ☼ Scholarship can be received only once.
- ☼ A leader's form must be co-signed by a general leader or county educator.
- ☼ A member's form must be signed by their general leader.



Date:

Name:

Home Address:

Present Address If Different):

Name and Address of High School(s) Attended:

Name and Address of accredited institution of higher education you are or will be attending:

Why have you chosen the field of study you are pursuing? What is the reason you chose the school you will attend?

How has your experience in 4-H prepared you for your career path?

Number of Years in 4-H _____ Number of years in Youth Leadership Project _____

Background in 4-H

Attach additional sheets if necessary. Be concise but thorough. Answer all questions.

1. List all leadership positions held in 4-H (Examples: Club or Teen Leader Officer, Committee Chair, Youth Leader in Club or County Project(s), etc.)

2. List all other leadership experiences related to 4-H (Examples: Mentor For New Club Member(s), Educational Presentations And Demonstrations, Assisted In County Workshops, 4-H Camp Counselor, 4-H Ambassador, etc.):

(over)

3. List all club and county activities you participated in (Examples: Community Service, Member Recruitment, Fundraising, Recreation, etc.):

4. List all virtual and in-person 4-H educational workshops and 4-H state and national events that you attended:

5. List all 4-H contests that you participated in (Examples: Speaking, Demonstration, Livestock Judging, Style Review, Fairs, Virtual Contests, etc.):

6. List all 4-H awards received based on your performance (Examples: Leadership, Showmanship, Talent, Creativity, etc.):

7. List your major 4-H project areas:

Summary of Non-4-H Involvement

8. Please summarize your interests, activities, and community involvement outside of 4-H:

9. Furnish one letter of recommendation.

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information in this application is accurate.

4-H Member's Signature: _____

4-H General Leader's Signature: _____

Return Form To: Portage County Extension, 1462 Strongs Ave, Stevens Point, WI 54481
Application Deadline: March 15, 2025

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- Include two letters of recommendation or ag related seminar/course brochure
- Application must be postmarked by May 1, 2025

Send completed scholarship application to:

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

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____ Major _____ GPA _____

Applying under herd number and farm name _____

Name and address of school attending or seminar, conference, or course wishing to attend _____

Using additional pages, please respond to the following:

1. Activities – school (students only)
2. Activities – community
3. Family Farm History
4. List employment in agribusiness
5. List goals and plans for the next five years

Limiting yourself to one page, please describe the following

How will your educational experiences help meet these goals?

What challenges do you foresee and how will you overcome them?

I certify that all information given on this application is true, correct, and completed to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Scholarship's amount may differ based on availability and need. Preference may be given to students in agriculture related field. Portage County Fund Group reserves the right to make the final decision.

Managerial Agreements

DUE: APRIL 15th

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

This applies to Cattle, Horses, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Dogs, Cats, and Alpacas. Please note: Market Animal Project Beef, Swine and Sheep cannot be managerial animals. Copies available at [https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/\(4-HYouth—Forms and Applications\)](https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/(4-HYouth—Forms and Applications)).

Share-a-Kid Application Information

Each year, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways we encourage our young people in this aspect of agriculture is through our Share-a-Kid Program. We award an average of 4 to 6 dairy goat kids to young people across the state each year.

This is a competitive statewide contest. The youth applicant will write an essay of 100 words or more about why they would like to have a dairy goat, how they are going to take care of her (food, shelter, and medical care), and if they have ever raised a goat.

The deadline to submit your application/essay is by no later than March 15, 2025.

Visit <https://www.wdga.org/out-and-about/> for more information and to download an application.

4-H ArtBEAT! is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H expressive arts and was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents and leaders.

ArtBEAT! provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience different art forms in a camping environment at the Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in Wisconsin Dells.

Come join our most enthusiastic and creative 4-H members! [For more information.](#)



Art Beat
REGISTRATION OPEN

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	COST
4-H members in grades 3-5 can explore visual arts, drama, music, and STEAM through hands-on activities	March 15-16, 2025	Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center	\$125 for Youth Members, \$75 for Adult Volunteers

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Participants at the Holiday Barn Quilt Workshop

Leader's Board Minutes



Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - November 2024

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Association meeting, held on 11-18-24, via Zoom and in-person at the Annex conference rooms 1 & 2, was called to order by President Christine Keck at 6:32 p.m. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken by introducing ourselves and sharing something unique about ourselves.

PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Amanda Jordan (Plover Clovers), Christine Keck, Pat Mrozinski and Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Kathy Glodowski (County-Wide), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Dr. Barb Kasprovicz (Almond Busy Bees), Louise Skornia (Sunnyside Climbers), Jeremy Solin (Area 7 Extension Director), Jennifer Swenson (4-H Program Manager) and Lisa Henriksen (4-H Support Staff)

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: County Roller Skating Event

MINUTES: Approved as presented

OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Checking account - \$31,773.04 Savings account - \$655.79
Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Club Charters & Financial Report – All charters and financial reports have been completed except for the Howling Huskies 4-H Club. They will not be renewing their club charter. Jennifer will work with club general leader to complete required documents. New this year, all chartered clubs will receive a charter letter and certificate.

Re-Enrollment in 4H Online – Due November 15th: 80% completed. Lisa will send a reminder email to encourage the remaining 4-H youth and leaders to complete their re-enrollments.

Pumpkin Contest Update – 20 winners were selected from the 48 entries. Lisa will be selecting prizes and sending out an email announcing the winners.

2024 Award Program & Leader's Banquet – Banquet attendance increased this year (58 adults and 6 youth). Five 4-H Ambassadors helped with the program. Discussion regarding booking Jensen Center for 2025. Kathy will check on the availability of the facility for the first weekend in November.

Fall Forum – Good attendance from Portage County (3 adults and 7 youth). Trisha Edmundson was elected to serve on the Wisconsin Leadership Council. Portage County Leaders Association budget included funding for all youth attending Fall Forum. Per Lisa, invoice should be sent to participating counties sometime this week. Fall forum will be held in Green Lake County next year.

Other - Dr. Barb requested that non-4-H events such as the Holstein Association banquet be included in the 4-H calendar. Lisa will check with the State 4-H office. If approved, she will need help knowing dates of non 4-H events

NEW BUSINESS:

Awards & Ambassador Applications Due – December 15th- Information will be included in next newsletter.

Funding for State and National 4-H Events – Only three applications were received by the deadline. Per Lisa, Advanced Space Camp for 2025 was cancelled. Jan suggested that we extend the due date. Motion by Louise, second by Jan to extend due date for the Financial Assistance Application for State and National 4-H Events until December 15th. Motion passed. Jennifer Swenson shared information about a new online booklet on the State 4-H website that explains the State and National 4-H Events.

Updated Record Book Form – Jan discussed the revised My 4-H Activity Planner form that was included with the agenda and minutes in the meeting announcement sent to the leaders. Motion by Louise and second by Pat to accept the revised 4-H Record Book Activity Planner document. Motion passed. Jan also recommended that our county awards be reviewed and updated. Currently, our county awards require applicants to be youth leaders (grades 7 and older). We need to include younger youth in our record book awards. Waupaca county has project awards for all ages. Also recommend that community service be added as an award category. In 2025, suggest that we organize a record book subcommittee to review and simplify record book pages and revise youth awards criteria. Dr. Barb requested additional record book training. Jan recommended that we wait to do another record book training until revisions have been made.

County-Wide workshops/project meetings – Barn Quilt workshop with Christmas theme scheduled for December 8th at the Boston School Forest. Ceramics workshop scheduled for December 15th from 2-4 p.m. at the Boston School Forest.

Winter Camp – Registration still open. Will close on December 3rd. So far, 14 youth from Portage County have registered to attend.

Other: County Roller Skating – Jan is willing to organize a county 4-H roller skating event between Christmas and New Years Day again this year. Last year, eighty-one 4-H family members and their friends participated. Motion by Louise, second by Dr. Barb to sponsor a county 4-H roller skating event again. Motion passed. Jan will provide Lisa with details for the newsletter.

Per Jennifer, the 2024 Wisconsin 4-H Thriving Survey was sent to 4-H members via an email, the 1st week in November. 4-H youth who complete the survey will be entered in a raffle to win a \$25 gift card. Survey will remain open until December 2nd.

Agent Report – Jeremy reported that there were 13 applicants for the Portage County 4-H Educator position. Applications were screened and 6 were selected for interview next Friday or Monday. Final interviews will be December 11th. Expected start date is early January.

Next Leaders Association Meeting Date – January 20, 2025

Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson

4-H Club Reports

Tomorrow River Voyagers Club Report - December 2024

During the month of December the Tomorrow River Voyagers 4H Club has participated in the mitten tree event. The tree went up in The bank of Amherst as well as posters around the community to let you know how to donate to the mitten tree. During the annual Amherst Christmas Parade we decorated a float as well as hand out candy canes. Also at our meeting in December we had an ugly sweater contest to go with our Christmas party. If you would like to learn more about 4H you can attend our next meeting on January 19 at K.B. Willett Ice Arena.



Carson Climbers Club Report - January 2025

Claire started the meeting | WELCOME VISITORS & HAND OUT AGENDAS (Ben & Paula) |Start Meeting (President: Kessa or Vice President: Claire) |Pledges |Icebreaker (Jordan & Sophia) |Reports |Secretary's Report (Catrina & Lezlee) -Give by Catrina |Treasurer's Report (Abbee & Florah) - Give By Catrina (Florah gone/ Absent/ sick) |Sunshine Buddy Report (Nora) - Given out birthday cards

Old Business: Humane Society Collection/Field Trip/Toy Making| We are collecting humane society items until our next meeting. We plan to make our next meeting a field trip meeting to drop items off and do a walk-through. Stephanie is currently trying to schedule this. There is also a need for toys, and we will be making some after today's meeting. - Made toys out of old shirts and toilet paper rolls for the dogs and cats at the humane society. |Status Update on Little Food Pantries?| Items from Extension Office & Checks for Club| Painting Decisions for March 16th Meeting – Steph will talk about options and we can vote. \$ 15 per member Owl -6 Flowers -2 Birch trees - 4 The group chose the owl painting.

New Business: February Meeting is Planned for February 2nd at 1pm If we can get ahold of the director. This will be at the Portage County Humane Society. If the Humane Society cannot do the 2nd, we will try for the 9th. |Portage County Meat Judging Contest is February 8th Registration, lunch, and travel is all paid for by the Market Sale committee this year! Practice Meeting on the 26th, Carson Town Hall @ 2pm | Any other new business?

Adjourn Meeting (Make Toys for Pets) Claire Adjourned the meeting, Lezlee Seconded it

Congratulations to the Sunnyside Climbers for winning the Cedar Crest Ice Cream contest! Their winning flavor, Demo Derby, features Chocolate Ice Cream Dented with Chocolate Cookie Crumbles, Smashed M&M's® & Swirled with Chocolate Fudge. The chocolate ice cream and cookie crumbles represent the derby's dirt track, while the smashed M&M's & Swirled fudge invoke the broken car parts and oil spills of your favorite demolition derby. Demo Derby will be produced by Cedar Crest for the 2025 summer season as a Feature Flavor for the month of July. The Grand Prize winner will have an ice cream party and will be awarded \$500.



4hers in Action!

Pictured left and below: Sunnyside Climbers club members with tie blankets and holiday cards they made for nursing home members.



Pictured Left: Rosholt Pioneers club members bell ringing for Salvation Army.

Pictured Below: Plover Clovers club members bell ringing for Salvation Army.



PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM CANCELLATION POLICY

All Portage County 4-H Programs are automatically cancelled if:

- The local school districts close due to inclement weather.
- We are under a Winter Storm Warning.
- Travel is not advised due to snow, wind or ice storms.

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

- Sending out an e-mail and Facebook post if program is cancelled during work hours.

Unsure if something is cancelled?

Call the 4-H Office at 715-346-1316 or 715-346-1462.

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Participants at the December 15th ceramics workshop held at the Boston School Forest

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