



THE COURIER

The Portage County 4-H's Bi-Monthly Newsletter
August / September 2025

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is zipping by. I hope you have enjoyed it so far. Our Amherst Fair was very fun. Congratulations to everyone who participated. For the first time in a long while, the Speech and Demonstration contest was held at the fair and seemed to be appreciated and, Wow, did you see those ribbons they received?

The summer fun is definitely not over. Members still have workshops they can attend and activities they can go to. By the time this comes out The Teen Leaders Rafters' Baseball night will have happened and the Style Revue workshop. There is still the Family Swim Party where everyone and their family and friends are invited. Also, the Virtual Blackout Poetry workshop, which sounds very intriguing.

The State Fair is currently happening. It's great to see what other WI 4Her's are doing. And if you go have an éclair for me. Of course, we are lucky to have a 2nd fair in our county. So, I'm sure you are still all preparing for that, especially the animal projects. A positive way to start the fair is to participate in the fair clean-up day.

The Adult Leaders Association was very proud to recently hand out scholarships to deserving 4H members who are starting their college experience. We are glad to be able to do this and sad to say goodbye, hopefully just temporarily, to very active 4Hers who have contributed a lot to our county. We hope very come back in the future and again contribute with gained knowledge.

See you at the Rosholt Fair.

Christine Keck
Portage County Leaders Association President



Some of our Teen Leaders at the Rafters Game in Wisconsin Rapids



Marie Keck recipient of the 2025 Portage County 4-H Teen Leader Association Scholarship.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

AUGUST

- 31-10 Wisconsin State Fair
- 6 Clothing Revue Workshop, 6:00-8:00pm, Portage County Annex
- 6 WI Rapids Rafters Game, 6:35pm, Sponsored by 4-H Teen Leaders Association
- 12 4-H Family Swim Party, 6:00-8:00pm, Donald Copps Municipal Pool
- 12 4-H Virtual Blackout Poetry Workshop, 6:30pm
- 24 Rosholt Fair Clean-Up Day, 9:00am - noon, Rosholt Fairgrounds - NEED TWO PEOPLE FROM EACH CLUB
- 25 Annual Financial Reports due to the Extension Office
- 28-1 Rosholt Fair

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Clothing Revue, 2:00pm Rosholt Fair Youth Exhibit Building
- 4 Rosholt Fair Carcass Contest
- 10 4-H Club Leader Training Night, 5:00-8:00pm (*REQUIRED)
- 15 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 27 Avian Quiz Bowl, Columbia County Fairgrounds

OCTOBER

- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 8 All-County 4-H Family Night & New Project Launch
- 17 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER

- 7 4-H Leader's Recognition Banquet
- 9 4-H Awards Program, Jensen Center, Amherst, 1:00 PM
- 31-2 4-H Fall Forum, Green Lake Conference Center
- 15 4-H Re-Enrollments Due in 4-H Online (<http://wi.4honline.com>)
- 17 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 27 Extension Office Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- 28 Extension Office Closed (Day After Thanksgiving Holiday)



2025 STYLE REVUE

Monday, September 1st | 2:00 PM
Rosholt Fairgrounds – Main Stage

Are you excited to show off something you've sewn or a favorite outfit you've chosen? The Style Revue is your chance to share your creativity and personality with an audience! Whether it's a cozy quilt, a stylish tote bag, a wearable garment, or another creative sewn item—this event highlights the skills and confidence gained through hands-on learning.

[Register Here](#)

Portage County 4-H

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Celebrating Youth Creativity & Craftsmanship

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Rosholt Fairgrounds – Main Stage

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Project Categories Include:

- Sewn Items – Handmade projects such as clothing, accessories, home décor, or utility items
- Purchased Garments – Outfits selected with care and purpose as part of consumer education

Style Revue on Stage:

Each participant will be introduced while presenting their project. Judges will provide feedback based on presentation and project knowledge.

For more information and to register visit the
[4-H Events & Calendar Page](#)
Registration deadline is Friday, August 22.



4-H ENROLLMENT TIME!

Did You Know 4-H is for **EVERYONE**?
The 4-H Year is just beginning! Don't
miss out- join us! With over 60
projects to choose from we offer
something for everyone.



4-H'ers are 2X more likely to participate in STEM activities outside of school*



4-H'ers are 4X more likely to contribute to their communities*



4-H'ers are 2X more likely to make healthier choices.*

**MEMBER & VOLUNTEER
RE-ENROLLMENT OPENS ON
SEPTEMBER 8TH IN 4-H ONLINE**

**if you forgot your password, please contact the extension office (Do NOT create a new account if you're a returning family)*

4-H AWARDS PROGRAM SAVE THE DATE

The Portage County 4-H Awards Program will be held on November 9th, 2025 at the Jensen Center in Amherst.

More details to come!



PORTAGE COUNTY HOLSTEIN CALF GRANT

The Portage County Holstein Association is again offering to help young people get a start in the Registered Holstein business. The [2025 Portage County Holstein Calf Grant application](#) is available on the Portage County Extension website.

Completed applications are due to Extension Office no later than September 30, 2025.



4-H VIRTUAL BLACKOUT POETRY WORKSHOP

Join us for a creative and relaxing virtual Blackout Poetry Workshop!

Whether you're a seasoned poet or a first-time writer, this workshop is a chance to express yourself, unwind, and experiment with language and design in a unique way. All you need is a pencil, a marker and a printed page – and our self-paced, pre-recorded tutorial will walk you through the process!



When: Link After August 18th
Online Self-Paced Virtual Tutorial
To access visit the [4-H Events & Registration Page](#).



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?

Email pictures and information to Lisa at lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu

FALL FORUM

October 31st - November 2nd | Green Lake Conference Center
COST: Minimal (sponsored by the Portage County 4-H Leaders Assoc.)

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!

Look for registration to open in early September. For more information visit the [Fall Forum website](#).



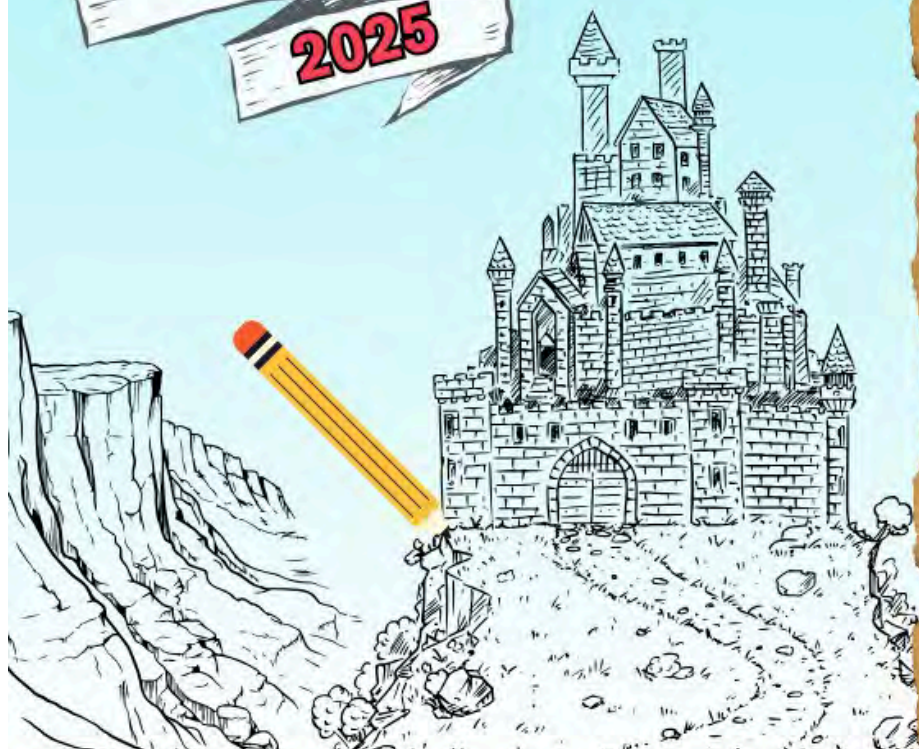
UW-MADISON EXTENSION

WISCONSIN 4-H ARTS

ARTS

CAMP

2025



WHO:

Youth in grades 6-8

WHEN:

Oct. 4-5

WHERE:

Upham Woods,
Wisconsin Dells

THEME:

Medieval

[Sign up
Here](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR –

FALL FORUM 2025!



OCT. 31-NOV. 2



GREEN LAKE



OPEN TO YOUTH
GRADES 7 AND UP
& VOLUNTEERS



Celebrate Fair
Season 2025

FAIR TIP:

*Remember to celebrate
effort just as much as
ribbons.*



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

YOUTH AS PARTNERS IN CIVIC LEADERSHIP 2025

We are dedicated to advancing youth voice in Wisconsin and we advocate for a youth voice and build mentoring, networking, and learning opportunities.

**NOV 14-16,
2025
UPHAM WOODS,
WISCONSIN
DELLS**



WORKSHOP & ACTIVITIES:

- Healthy Livings
- Interpersonal Relationships
- Diversity/Multicultural Engagement
- Ending Bullying and Youth Violence
- Advocacy Roundtable
- Talent show

**OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 14-18 AND
ADULTS 19 OR OLDER SHARING
DECISION-MAKING ROLES**

***At least 2 adults per group of 10**



**REGISTRATION OPEN IN
4H ONLINE THROUGH
OCTOBER 3, 2025**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE SCAN OR VISIT
go.wisc.edu/ypcl**



Positive Youth Development Institute
DIVISION OF EXTENSION
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



Looking Ahead: CWF 2026 Evolves into Ignite 2026: Calling all Future Change Agents!

As we look to the future of civic engagement and leadership development, we're excited to announce that CWF 2026 will transition into a dedicated track within Ignite 2026 – the premier experience for teens to discover their sparks. CWF @ Ignite will take place from March 24–29th in Washington D.C.

This evolution brings together the rich legacy of CWF with the dynamic, multi-track structure of Ignite, creating more pathways for young people to explore their passions, strengthen their leadership skills, and deepen their understanding of civic life.

CWF & Ignite will continue CWF's mission of empowering teens to become informed and engaged citizens, while offering expanded opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and inspiration alongside peers from across the country.

For questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to events@4-h.org



**ALL PORTAGE COUNTY YOUTH AGES 13-19 ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND IGNITE!
OUR LEADERS ASSOCIATION ALSO HELPS OFFSET THE COST OF THESE TRIPS.**

PROJECT CHANGES

FOR THE '25-26 4-H YEAR



A 4-H project is an area you want to learn more about during the year. There are projects on just about any topic you would like to study and explore, from art to woodworking, from computers to rabbits, from sewing to mechanical science.

A project is NOT what you are choosing to show at the fair, it is what you want to experience and learn about during the upcoming year.

Wisconsin 4-H has revised the available projects to make it easier for youth and families to make choices during enrollment and align with our state-wide curriculum.

These new projects will be in use starting October 1, 2025, with re-enrollment for the 2025-2026 4-H year. They will be in effect for the 2026 fair season.

**LEARN ABOUT THESE NEW PROJECT AREAS AT
OUR IN-PERSON, ALL-COUNTY FAMILY NIGHT &
NEW PROJECT LAUNCH ON OCTOBER 8TH**

**WATCH THE WISCONSIN 4-H VIDEO
ABOUT THE NEW
PROJECT AREAS FOR 2025-2026!**



Rosholt Fair

4-H Club Display Setup

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 28th.

Fair Setup Day

Sunday, August 24th
9:00am - 12:00pm

Two (2) people from each club are needed

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

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

Drinks and treats will be provided for volunteers!

Judging Schedule

Thursday — August 28th

1:00 – 8:00 p.m. Non-animal exhibits brought to the Exhibit Building.

6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Cloverbud Judging in the Youth Building.

Friday — August 29th

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 30th

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

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 — August 31st

8:00 a.m. Horse Judging - Horse Arena

8:30 a.m. Poultry Judging - Small Animal Building

8:30 a.m. Goat Judging - Pinkerton Building

9:00 a.m. Cats and Small Animals (Pets) Judging Youth Building

10:30 a.m. Dairy Judging - Pinkerton Building

Monday — September 1st

8:00 a.m. Animal Exhibits released

9:00am Animal Exhibits not going to the processors need to be removed

11:00 AM Dog Show - Livestock Show Tent

4:00 p.m. Exhibits in Exhibit Building released.

6:00pm Exhibits must be removed

Thursday — September 4th

7:00 p.m. Carcass Contest

Fair Exhibitor Information

Exhibits must be set up on Thursday, August 28th 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.

Exhibit Release

EXHIBIT RELEASE—Monday, September 1st

Animal Exhibits are released at 8:00 a.m. Any animals not going to the processors need to be removed by 9:00am.

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 .

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

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?

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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.

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!

Who's 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.

Cake Exhibitors

The Cake Auction at the Rosholt Fair will be Friday night, August 29th 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.

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! The Leaders Appreciation Banquet will be held on November 7th, 2025 at the Jensen Center in Amherst. More details to come!

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

One Year of Service

- Brenna Davis (County-Wide)
- Karissa Friday (Carson Climbers)
- Rachel Jensen (Tomorrow River Voyagers)
- Candace Lein (Almond Busy Bees)
- Karla Lockman (Plover Clovers)
- Alison Mlodik (Nelsonville Zippy Zees)
- Chris Mlodik (Nelsonville Zippy Zees)
- Nicole Skadahl (Junction City Golden Stars)
- Carrie Wade (Almond Busy Bees)
- Lindsey Wallace (Plover Clovers)
- Jennifer Wierzba (Market Animal Committee)

Five Years of Service

- Christine Keck (Casimer Boosters)
- Pam Peters (Sunnyside Climbers)
- Gail Stanislawski-Lopez (Rosholt Pioneers)
- Rachel Turney (Eager Eagles)

Ten Years of Service

- Eric Trzebiatowski (Plover Clovers)

Fifteen Years of Service

- Jessica Kildahl (Tomorrow River Voyagers)
- Joshua Kildahl (Tomorrow River Voyagers)
- Jaime Sanford (Almond Busy Bees)

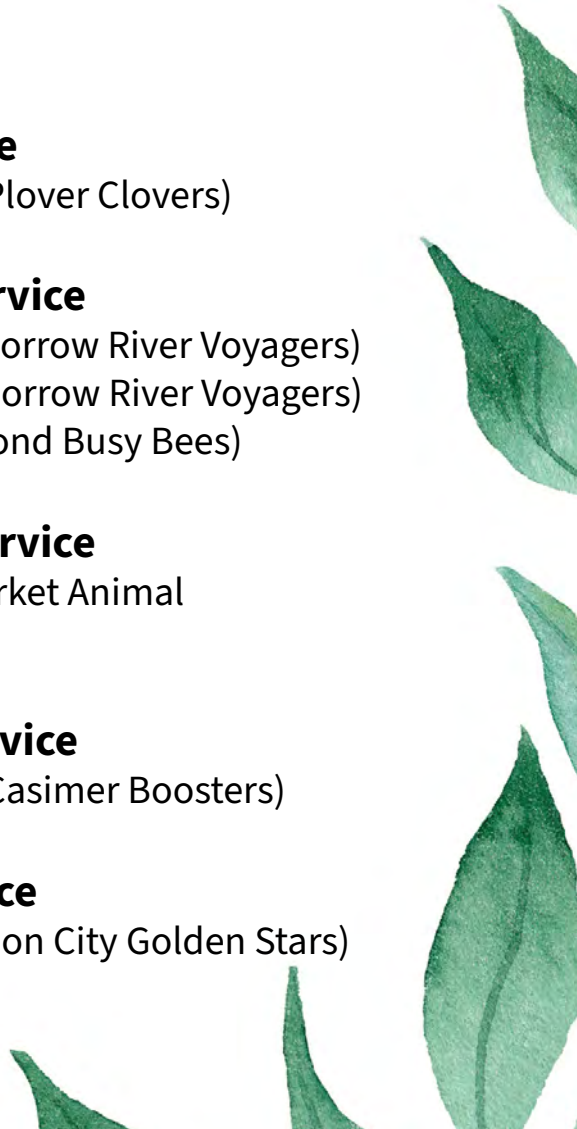
Twenty Years of Service

- Nathaniel Miller (Market Animal Committee)

Thirty Years of Service

- Mary Dombrowski (Casimer Boosters)

Fifty Years of Service

- Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars)
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IT'S RECORD BOOK TIME!



WHAT IS A RECORD BOOK?

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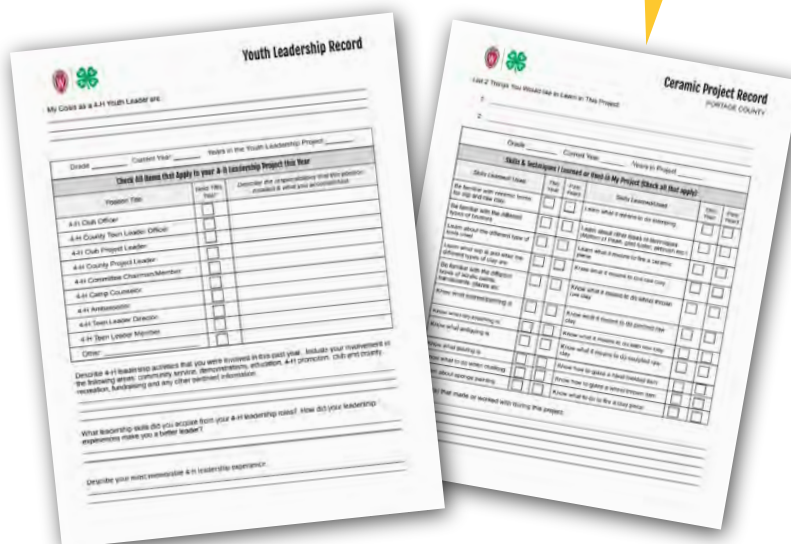
WHY DO A RECORD BOOK?

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.

NEW PAGE FORMAT!

Printable or Fillable PDF

NEW



DEADLINES/DUE DATES:

Due to your Club Leader: Varies by Club
(ask your leader)

Due to County Office: October 8th

ACCESS THE ALL-NEW
RECORD BOOK INFO &
FORMS WEBSITE HERE:



Amherst Fair Best of Show

Dairy

Grand Champion – Colton Kuntz – Open Class

Trophy Sponsor- Dambroski Family Farm, LLC.

Reserve Champion – Maria Elizalde - Tomorrow River Voyagers

Trophy Sponsor – Ski-Glo Farms

Grand Junior – Madison Omernick – Open Class

Trophy Sponsor – Wolosek Family Enterprises.

Reserve Junior – Wyatt Kuntz – Open Class

Trophy Sponsor – Portage Co. Holstein Breeders Assoc.

Best Udder Cow – Colton Kuntz – Open Class

Trophy Sponsor – Rosholt FFA Alumni

Senior Showmanship –Lizzy Parker – Open Class

Trophy Sponsor – Front Page Holsteins

Intermediate Showmanship – Maria Elizalde - Tomorrow River Voyagers

Trophy Sponsor – Ardency Farm

Beginning Showmanship – Madison Omernick – Open Class

Trophy Sponsor – Sopa Fairview Farm

Beef

Grand Market – Tanner Doyle – Peterson Mill

Trophy Sponsor – Circle P Cattle – Gregory Pratt & Buster Pratt

Reserve Market – Addie Glodowski – WI JR Simmental

Trophy Sponsor – New Hopestead Farm

Grand Female Beef– Addie Glodowski – WI JR Simmental

Trophy Sponsor – Krutza Spreading, LLC.

Reserve Female Beef – Nora Lein – Almond Busy Bees

Trophy Sponsor – Jeff & Suzi Kaminski Family

1st Senior Showmanship – Addie Glodowski – WI JR Simmental

Trophy Sponsor – Dambroski Family Farms, LLC.

1st Intermediate Showmanship – Nora Lein – Almond Busy Bees

Trophy Sponsor – Tomorrow River Voyagers

1st Beginning Showmanship – Charlie Burns– Almond Busy Bees

Trophy Sponsor – Roy & Lissa Danforth

2nd Senior Showmanship – Jillian Bruder – WI JR Simmental

Trophy Sponsor – Country Vet LLC

2nd Beginning Showmanship – Raleigh Oliver - Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Country Vet LLC

Swine

Grand Market – Andrew Helbach – WI Show Pigs

Trophy Sponsor – Steve & Meghan Kubisiak

Reserve Market – Tanner Doyle – Peterson Mill

Trophy Sponsor - Warzynski Sand Box Farms

1st Runner Up Market – Vernon Karl – Silver Knights

Trophy Sponsor . Paul & Kali Kubisiak Farm

Grand Carcass – Copper Kubisiak - Tomorrow River Voyagers

Trophy Sponsor – Rosholt Pioneers 4-H

Reserve Carcass – Ella Kubisiak - Tomorrow River Voyagers

Trophy Sponsor – Zielinski Family Farm

1st Senior Showmanship – Tanner Doyle – Peterson Mill

Trophy Sponsor – Allen Peterson Family

1st Intermediate Showmanship – Vernon Karl – Silver Knights

Trophy Sponsor – Michael & Debra Helbach Family

1st Beginning Showmanship – Kinslee Kubisiak - Tomorrow River Voyagers

Trophy Sponsor – The Romundson Family

2nd Senior Showmanship – Andrew Helbach – WI Show Pigs

Trophy Sponsor – Tim & Sue Pederson Family

2nd Intermediate Showmanship – Maria Elizalde – Tomorrow River Voyagers

Trophy Sponsor – Pond Hill

2nd Beginning Showmanship – Cortnee Peterson - Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Grit and Grace LLC

Sheep

Grand Meat Breed – Tanner Doyle – Peterson Mill

Trophy Sponsor – Gary & Linda Onan

Reserve Meat Breed – Nora Lein – Almond Busy Bees

Trophy Sponsor – Tomorrow River Voyagers

Grand Market Lamb – Andrew Helbach – Amherst FFA

Trophy Sponsor – Kenneth Glodowski Busing, LLC.

Reserve Market Lamb – Andrew Helbach – Amherst FFA

Trophy Sponsor – Jeremy & Elizabeth Spoelstra

1st Runner-up Market Lamb – Nora Lein – Almond Busy Bees

Trophy Sponsor – Paul & Kali Kubisiak Family

Grand Champion Carcass – Emma Olson Plover Clover

Trophy Sponsor -The Potato Plant

Res. Champion Carcass – Andrew Helbach – Amherst FFA

Trophy Sponsor -Roy & Lissa Danforth

1st Senior Showmanship – Isaac Doyle – Peterson Mill

Trophy Sponsor – Amherst Communication

1st Intermediate Showmanship – Nora Lein – Almond Busy Bees

Trophy Sponsor – Peplinski Roofing, LLC

1st Beginning Showmanship – Eddy Reinke – Almond Busy Bees

Trophy Sponsor – Stevens Point FFA Alumni

2nd Senior Showmanship – Andrew Helbach – Amherst FFA

Trophy Sponsor – Butcher Block 66

Amherst Fair Best of Show

2nd Beginning Showmanship – Joshua Kildahl - Tomorrow River Voyagers

Trophy Sponsor - Grit and Grace LLC

Goats

Grand Champion Dairy Goat – Scott Raschka – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Wisconsin Silo, Inc

Reserve Champion Dairy Goat – Ralieg Oliver – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Grit and Grace LLC

Grand Champion Meat Goat – Brenna Lockman – Plover Clovers

Trophy Sponsor – JNT Farms

Reserve Champion Meat Goat – Collin Lockman – Plover Clovers

Trophy Sponsor – Country Booking & Payroll

Senior Showmanship – Natalie Carlson – Amherst FFA

Trophy Sponsor – Grit and Grace LLC

Intermediate Showmanship – Brenna Lockman – Plover Clovers

Trophy Sponsor – International Bank of Amherst

Beginner Showmanship – Cortnee Peterson – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Amherst FFA

Horses

Grand Champion Horse – Kaitlin Cisewski – Carson Climbers

Trophy Sponsor – Amherst Boots & Saddles Club, Inc.

Reserve Champion Horse – Phoebe Konopacky - River Valley Riders

Trophy Sponsor – Scott Peterson Family

Senior Showmanship – Kaitlin Cisewski – Carson Climbers

Trophy Sponsor – Miller Angus Farm

Intermediate Showmanship – Delaney Brown - River Valley Riders

Trophy Sponsor – Kubisiak Cattle Kingdom

Beginning Showmanship – Elias Kadoch – River Valley Riders

Trophy Sponsor - Wierzba Quarter Horses

Poultry

Grand Champion – Gavin Mlodik – Nelsonville Zippy Zee

Trophy Sponsor – Dave & Melinda Trebiatowski

Reserve Champion – Colton Schulist -Tomorrow River Voyagers

Trophy Sponsor – Bob's Plumbing & Heating

Grand Champion Market Turkey – Isaac Spoelstra - Tomorrow River Voyagers

Trophy – Paul & Kali Kubisiak Family

Reserve Champion Market Turkey – Ramsey Beaudoin Tomorrow River Voyagers

Trophy Sponsor – Rosholt FFA Alumni

Grand Champion Bantam – Gavin Mlodik – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Sunnyside Climbers

Reserve Champion Bantam – Gavin Mlodik – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Ardency Farm

Grand Champion Waterfowl – Otto Schultz -Tomorrow River Voyagers

Trophy Sponsor – Lake Elaine Game Farm

Reserve Champion Waterfowl – Ciara Waltenberg – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Ardency Farm

Grand Champion Pigeon – Scott Raschka – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Rosholt Pioneers 4-H

Reserve Champion Pigeon – Ciara Waltenberg – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor - Amherst Spirit Wear

Senior Showmanship – Otto Schultz -Tomorrow River Voyagers

Trophy Sponsor – Community Insurance – Amherst

Intermediate Showmanship – Gavin Mlodik – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Krupka Farms

Beginning Showmanship – Grant Mlodik – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Starlight Ranch

Rabbits

Grand Champion – Scott Raschka – Nelsonville Zippy Zee

Trophy – Amherst Veterinary Hospital

Reserve Champion – Rosalyn Knutson – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Bob's Plumbing & Heating

Senior Showmanship – Natalie Carlson – Amherst FFA

Trophy Sponsor – Casimer Boosters 4-H

Intermediate Showmanship – Scott Raschka – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – A & C Clover Patch Rabbitry

Beginning Showmanship – Emmett Beach – Nelsonville Zippy Zees

Trophy Sponsor – Almond Busy Bees

Amherst Fair Best of Show

Best Of Show

Small Animal

Camryn Wade – Almond Busy Bees – Grand Champion Cat
Autumn Polum -Nelsonville Zippy Zees – Pet Rabbit

Vet Science

Isla Kadoch -Nelsonville Zippy Zees
Natural Science
Magnolia Merchak – Plover Clover

Crocheting

Autumn Polum – Nelsonville Zippy Zees Stuffed Project

Plant & Soil Science

Evelyn Wendt Bagneski – Nelsonville Zippy Zees -Cherry Tomatoes
Elsa Newport – Plover Clover – Green Beans
Elsa Newport – Plover Clover – Yukon Gold Potatoes

Flowers & Houseplants

Abby Bey – Plover Clovers – 3 Blooms
Noah Furmanek – Tomorrow River Voyagers Bouquet

Cultural Arts

Kathleen Behr – Almond Busy Bees – Clay Item
Noah Furmanek – Tomorrow River Voyagers – Fiber Item
Corrina Pliska – Nelsonville Zippy Zees – Art Item
Abby Bey – Plover Clovers - Charcoal
Elsie Berdan – Tomorrow River Voyagers – Ink Painting
Elsie Berdan – Tomorrow River Voyagers – Glazed Item
Ciara Waltenberg - Nelsonville Zippy Zees – Oil Painting
William Skadahl – Junction City – Crayon/Markers
Photography
Kelsie Davis – Rosholt Pioneers – Enlargement
Mads Jensen - Tomorrow River Voyagers -Three Action Photos
Beau Jensen - Tomorrow River Voyagers – Three Photos
Marcus Kruger – Casimer Boosters – Enlargement

Food & Nutrition

Emma Reincke – Almond Busy Bees – Decorated Cookies
Jessica Oliver – Nelsonville Zippy Zees – Canned Cherries

Cake Decorating

Isla Newport – Plover Clovers – Double Layer Cake
Matti Trzebiatowski - Plover Clovers – Double Layer Cake

Clothing

Aubrey Raddatz – Nelsonville Zippy Zees – Night Gown

Health & Citizenship

Marie Keck – Casimer Boosters - Citizenship
Marie Keck – Casimer Boosters – Health

Youth Leadership

Gabriel Young Bassett — Tomorrow River Voyagers – Leadership

Demonstrations & Presentations

William Skadahl – Junction City Stars – Creative Writing

Woodworking

Grant Mlodik – Nelsonville Zippy Zees – Outdoor Article

Youth Booths

Tomorrow River Voyagers

Clean Barn Awards – Sponsors Amherst FFA Alumni

Dairy – Rosholt Pioneers
Beef – Tomorrow River Voyagers
Swine – Plover Clovers
Sheep – Tomorrow River Voyagers
Goats – Almond Busy Bees
Poultry – Carson Climbers
Rabbits – Nelsonville Zippy Zees



4-H'ERS IN ACTION!



Cloverbuds from the Rosholt Pioneers club during a butter making demonstration at their July club meeting.



Members of the Tomorrow River Voyagers checking out the fish at the Wild Rose Fish Hatchery



Tomorrow River Voyagers and their 'Christmas in July' themed booth at the Amherst Fair.



Members of the Tomorrow River Voyagers Club at Antiquity Acres for their June meeting, where members picked out flowers and got a tour of the greenhouses.



Tomorrow River Voyagers members at the Amherst Fair



(Above): Members from Clubs all over the county participated in a Stepping Stone making workshop at the Lettie Jensen Library in Amherst- Their creativity with found object design was pretty amazing! (Below): Some of the tie dyers at work in the county-wide Tie Dye Extravaganza held at Central Sands High School in June



 **SUMMER 4-H FUN!** 



Participants in the 2025 Speaking and Demo contest with their awards. From left to right, Brenna Lockman (Plover Clovers); Alli Raddatz (NZZ); Camryn Wade (Almond Busy Bees); Connor Lockman (Plover Clovers).



Volunteers from the Stevens Point HCE group create beautiful hand-made rosettes for the Speaking and Demo contest, style review & future 4-H contests.
THANK YOU LADIES!



Alli Raddatz (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), a first-time goat show-woman, demonstrates how she prepared her goat and worked with her mentor to learn how to prep for the fair.



Ambassadors Annika & Natalie Kildahl promote 4-H through activities in the expo building at the Amherst Fair.



Campers from Portage County, Iowa County & Waupaca County, experienced the beauty and awe of the Dells during their 4-H Summer Camp stay at Upham Woods.



We were thrilled to see so many youth (and kids at heart!) participate in the Ag Olympics at the Amherst Fair this year.
We hope to see you all next year- start practicing those wheelbarrow turns!

PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H LEADER'S BOARD MINUTES

April 2025

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association Board meeting, held on 4-21-25, via Zoom and in-person at the Annex conference rooms 1 & 2, was called to order by President Christine Keck at 6:30 p.m. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken.

|MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Betty Pionek and Christine Keck (Casimer Boosters), Sharon Cisewski (Plover Clovers), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Louise Skornia (Sunnyside Climbers), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golder Stars), Malayna Polum (Nelsonville Zippy Zees) and Amy Boelk (4-H Educator)

GUESTS: UWSP Collegiate 4-H members: Holly Gilchrist, Claudia Lenz, Brooklyn Butzin and Carrissa Kettlerell

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Plat Books and Cookbooks |MINUTES: Approved as presented | OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Checking account - \$30,702.71 Savings account - \$773.48 Treasurer's report was placed on file. |Secretary's Report and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS:Record Book Subcommittee – State 4-H is revising project groupings. Revised record book forms need to align with new groupings. Submit completed updates to Lisa or Amy. |Portage County Scholarship Review Committee – Received six scholarship applications. Lisa compiled scores from committee members. Scholarship recipients are: Abby Bey, Marie Keck, Mara Raddatz and Noah Spoelstra. The two youth who did not receive scholarships this year will still be eligible to reapply next year. Jan recommended that this information be included in the notification letter that is sent to them. | County-Wide project workshops/meetings – A Ceramics Special Techniques Workshop scheduled for April 27th at the Boston School Forest has been opened up to all youth interested in learning about ceramics. Officer Training will be held at the Boston School Forest on April 27th from 4-6 p.m. An online Feed Bag Workshop is scheduled for Friday April 25th at 5:00 p.m. A Stepping Stone Workshop is scheduled for May 5th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Possible location is Lettie Jensen Library. | 4-H Ambassador Update – Maple Syrup Festival was cancelled. Next event is Mark Motors Safety Fair on May 17th. |Plant Sale: Total number of plants sold this year (1,003) is less than number sold in 2024 (1,033). Hibiscus plants and 4" geraniums will be purchased from Village Gardens. Karthauser has extended due date for shade combo basket sales and has decreased price from \$45.00 to \$35.00. Collegiate 4-H may be interested in selling plants.

NEW BUSINESS: Date of Leaders Association Board Training/4-H 101 – Changes to State 4-H policies and new county initiatives will be discussed. Amy will send out a poll to determine date. | Budget Committee Formation – Per Jan, need to schedule close to the end of the fiscal year since previous year's income and expenses are used to estimate budget numbers for upcoming year. Jan will need estimates from Amy for the projected cost of camps and State and National 4-H events for 2026. Historically, the budget meeting has been held right before the June Leaders Association Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Per Amy, in the future, voluntary dues money from clubs will go to the county budget and the county will be paying for the 4-H insurance. Jan asked if cost of expenses that have been paid with dues money by the Leaders Association in the past (literature and 4-H Foundation dues) will be paid by the county. Per Amy, county 4-H should not be paying money to the State 4-H Foundation. Jan distributed an information sheet containing her suggestion for changes in the funding for State and National 4-H Events. Amy discussed the non-chartered 4-H project groups (small animal and dog projects) that need to be chartered if they have large amounts of money. |Speaking & Demonstration Contests – Christine is checking on date and will get back to Amy. |Clothing Review – Will be held Monday during the Rosholt Fair. Need to check with Lisa Wroblewski on exact time. Fair Board will need to hire judge. Christine would like to hold a workshop In June. |Amherst Fair Food Stand – Per Malayna, no projected changes. Malayna would like an exhaust fan for the food stand. |Other: Plat Books – Per Rockford, printing of new edition should be done by the end of September. Jan researched history of books sold and recommends that our initial order be increased from 350 to 400 books to avoid additional shipping charges on a second order. Motion by Louise, second by Betty to order 400 copies of the new plat book. Motion passed. Contract for purchasing 400 plat books was given to Amy to obtain state approval so Jan can sign the contract. Sponsoring a photo contest for the plat book cover was discussed. Jan will talk to Lisa about requesting photos from 4-H youth for the plat book cover. |Cookbooks – Per Malayna, original order for cookbooks consisted of 12 boxes of 50. Currently, there are 4 boxes left. Recommendation made to have Lisa send out an email to 4-H families encouraging them to purchase 4-H cookbooks for special occasion gifts. |4-H Educator Update – UWSP State 4-H Collegiate guests shared information about their organization. They have been holding business meetings, sponsoring activities and fundraising. They are regulated by both 4-H and the UWSP. They are eligible to become Portage County 4-H leaders if they enroll and complete leader training. Amy will be promoting 4-H Summer Camp. She will also be mailing post cards to recruit new members. The newsletter and website will be redesigned. A 4-H events calendar is available on the 4-H home page. The State 4-H will be releasing new down loadable curriculum, some of which will be free. Amy has been meeting with schools to organize in-school 4-H programs. Federal funding for AmeriCorps programs has been cut. Juniper's position is secure because the State 4-H had already received her funding.

Next Leaders Association Board Meeting Date – June 16th, 2025 | Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. |Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson

PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H LEADER'S ASSOCIATION MINUTES

May 2025

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association meeting, held on 5-19-25, 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.

PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Betty Pionek and Christine Keck (Casimer Boosters), Sharon Cisewski (Plover Clovers), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Louise Skornia (Sunnyside Climbers), Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers) and Amy Boelk (4-H Educator)

MINUTES: Approved as presented |OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's Report: Checking account - \$33,883.02 Savings account - \$773.46 Treasurer's report will be placed on file. |Secretary's Report and Correspondence: None

COMMITTEE/CLUB/LEADER REPORTS :Record Book Subcommittee – Lisa and Amy have been entering check lists. Any additional check lists not completed yet, should be submitted by next Monday. After documents are completed, the general leaders can contact Lisa to print forms for their club members.

County-Wide workshops/project meetings – Tie Dye Event scheduled for Sunday, June 8th at 4:00 p.m. Location to be determined. A Stepping Stone Workshop will be held In July at the Lettie Jensen Library. A Speaking and Demonstration Workshop is scheduled for June 18th from 6-8 p.m. A Style Review Workshop will be held August 6th in the Annex from 6-8 p.m. The volunteer who taught the Cake Decorating Workshop in the past, is getting married at the end of June and will not be available this year. Louise held a Ceramics Project Workshop on April 27th at the Boston School Forest from 1-3 p.m. There were three no-shows. Youth who did attend were very interested in learning more about ceramics.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Plant Sale: Total plants ordered was 1,044 which is an average size order. Expect profit to be a little lower due to change in types of plants ordered. Received more orders for smaller plants this year. Delivery location had to be changed to a warehouse in Rosholt. One club member was shorted 21 plants due to an error made when general leader submitted club order to Jan. Jan worked with club leader to secure plants from other sellers and by purchasing additional plants from the Village Gardens. Louise was a big help finding the plants we needed from the local greenhouse.

NEW BUSINESS: Budget meeting before June meeting –Regular meeting date is June 16th. Amy and Christine are not available on that date due to a conflict with camp counselor training. One option would be to hold the meeting earlier on the 16th. Earlier time could make it difficult for leaders who work during the day, to attend. Moving the meeting date to the following Monday is not an option because of a conflict with 4-H Summer Camp. What about June 9th? Amy and Christine will discuss options and communicate decision to Leaders Association members. |Summer AmeriCorps Member– AmeriCorps funding no longer available. UW Madison is supplying the funding to hire Juniper as a UW Madison intern. Juniper Rydberg started today. |Summer Camp – All set |Speaking & Demonstration Contests – A Speaking and Demonstration Workshop will be held on June 28th at the Annex. Would like to hold the contest at the Amherst Fair on July 18th. Waiting for confirmation. | Clothing Review – Will call event Style Review since contest entries includes purchased items. Contest will be held at the Rosholt Fairgrounds Monday, September 1st at 2:00 p.m. A workshop will be held on August 6th from 6-8 p.m. | Amherst Fair Food Stand – No information available | FairEntry/Sign Up – Deadline for Amherst Fair sign-up is June 1st. |June Dairy Palooza – June 14th at Feltz Dairy Farm. There will be a county 4-H booth that Amy will set up. Looking for volunteers to help with face painting from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. | Plat Book – Contract has been approved. Jan can sign the contract and order copies of the new edition of the Portage County Plat Book.

4-H EDUCATOR UPDATE – Amy is working on summer schedule and calendar of events. Scheduled events will be posted on the 4-H website.

Next Leaders Association Meeting Date – July 14th, 2025 at the Amherst Fairgrounds |Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. | Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson

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