



# Portage County 4-H Courier Bimonthly Periodical



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PORTAGE COUNTY

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## Letter From the President

Hello 4-H youth, parents, leaders and volunteers,

Together we have weathered the Covid-19 pandemic for nearly a year now. There have been many cancellations and modifications to our 4-H programming on a number of levels to keep everyone safe, but one thing is certain, the 4-H spirit is strong! 4-H is about “Making the Best Better,” even in a pandemic. There has been great leadership from our youth by using their Head, Heart, Hands and Health in their clubs, positive community

outreach and also by providing virtual teaching opportunities to fellow 4-Hers. Not to forget the amazing support and creativity from leaders, parents and volunteers to keep youth engaged and having fun. This is inspiring! I can’t wait for us to gather safely together, I miss seeing everyone! Be sure to check your emails and read through the Courier to keep up to date for other engaging opportunities. Till then, be sure to let your creative side show and have fun participating in the County 4-H Snowman Building Contest!

Best Regards,  
Debra Helbach  
President of the Portage County 4-H Leaders  
Association

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# COVID-19 Update

- **In Person Options - Any face to face 4-H sponsored meeting/event/or activity needs to be pre-approved.**
- Smaller groups (under 10) can be approved for inside or outside or larger groups meeting in pods of 10 outside (max of 50 people).
- **If your club or project would like to plan some small group activities, or a larger meeting with pods of people outside, please do the following:**
  - **Contact Connie to complete a Request for In-Person Programming Form.**
  - **Have a plan for social distancing, sanitation and using PPE (masks, etc.).**
- Guidelines regarding in-person meetings/events will be re-evaluated in March.
- For additional information on FAQ's related to COVID-19 visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### FEBRUARY

- 7 NEW Adult Volunteer Training, 1:00PM, Zoom
- 9 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Jensen Center, Amherst
- 11 Market Animal New Member Orientation/Species Meetings, 7:30pm Jensen Center, Amherst  
(Pre-registration is required)
- 15 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 26 Entries due for the Snowman Building Contest
- 26 Agri=Business Committee Scholarship Due

### MARCH

- 15 Portage County 4-H Scholarship Application Due
- 15 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 18 Market Animal Project Practical Applications Meeting, 7:30 PM, Zoom
- 18 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 21 4-H Teen Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom

### APRIL

- 1 Last Day for Project Changes in 4-H Online
- 2 Last Day to Register for the 4-H Speaking and Demonstration Contests
- 10 4-H Speaking Contests, 9:00 AM, Online via Zoom
- 10 4-H Demonstration Contests, to immediately follow Speaking Contest, Online via Zoom
- 14 Managerial Agreements Due to Extension Office
- 15 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom
- 19 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom

# Hula Hoop Grab & Go Project Bag

8 youth from 4 families took part in the make your own hula hoop program.

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all who participated. Below are pictures of some the participants and their hula hoops!



Autumn Polum from the Nelsonville Zippy Zees and her homemade Hula Hoop



Gwendolyn Steinhauer from the Rosholt Pioneers and her homemade Hula Hoop



Hula Hoops made by Lucia, Veronica, and Joseph Kluck from The Silver Knights



## Club Spotlight

**Carson Climbers held a Contactless Food Drive in January.**

**Their Club was able to collect 595 items to restock the Little Food Pantries around Stevens Point, Plover, and Custer multiple times in the month of January and February...and all leftover items went to Operation Bootstrap!**

**It has inspired their Club to make their own "Little Food Pantries" to put out in the community.**

**Great job Carson Climbers!**



## CONTEST RULES

- Members may submit up to 2 entries in any speaking category. Please make topics appropriate for all ages.
- Groups (2-6) are allowed for any category, but compete as individuals. The grade of the oldest person in the group will decide in what division the group competes.
- Judging will use the Danish system. Awards are Certificates of Participation, ribbons, and Rosholt Fair premiums. A Best of Show will be selected for each age division.

# 2021 PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H SPEAKING CONTEST

Saturday, April 10th 9:00am

Online Via Zoom

## SPEAKERS ARE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Did the presentation grasp interest from the start?
- Were important points stressed with emphasis/gestures/facial expressions?
- Did it fit the time limit?
- Did the speaker show enthusiasm for the topic?
- Did the speaker make eye contact with the audience?

<u>DIVISIONS</u>	<u>TIME LIMIT</u>
GRADES K - 2	2 - 4 MINUTES
GRADES 3 - 5	2 - 4 MINUTES
GRADES 6 - 8	3 - 5 MINUTES
GRADES 9 & UP	6 - 8 MINUTES

• **Original Speech** - A speech written by the speaker on any topic, possibly pertaining to 4-H, such as his/her projects or activities. An introduction and closing are required and included in the time limit. Speaker may use notes. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.

• **Prose Reading** - An interpretive reading of a short story or a cutting from a novel, play or essay. A series of prose readings or cuttings from readings on the same subject or theme (with appropriate transitions) may also be used. Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Reader must read prose from the printed page and stands during presentation. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.

**Poetry Reading** - An interpretive reading of a poem or a cutting from a poem. A series of poems or cuttings from poems on the same subject or theme (with appropriate transitions) may also be used. Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Reader must read the poetry from the printed page and stands during presentation. Use of a speaker's stand or podium is optional.

• **Storytelling** - A telling of a story, such as a folk tale or fairy tale, without memorizing exact words. Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Notes are not allowed. Storyteller sits during presentation.

• **Play Acting** - An acting out of a play or a cutting from a play performed by an individual or group (2-6). Original material is acceptable. An introduction (and transitions, if needed) is required and included in the time limit. Must be memorized. Actors may sit or stand. No costumes, sound effects, or props (other than chairs). Emphasis is on character development through voice, movement, facial expressions, and gestures.

To register go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2021SpeakingContest>

Deadline for Registration is April 2nd

# 2021 PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

Saturday, April 10th

*Immediately following the conclusion of the Speaking Contest*

**Online Via Zoom**



## CONTEST RULES

- Demonstrations may be done individually or by a team of two youth.
- The brochure, *Let's Demonstrate*, is available at the Extension Office.
- Judging will be on the Danish system. Rosholt Fair premiums are included as awards (Cloverbuds receive participation ribbon).
- Awards and Best of Show will be offered for each age division.
- Please make demonstration topics appropriate for all age groups.

## Enter in One of These Categories:

- Family, Home & Health / Cultural Arts
- Animal, Plant, or Soil Science
- Mechanical or Natural Science

### DIVISIONS

### TIME LIMIT

GRADES K - 2

5 - 10 MINUTES

GRADES 3 - 5

5 - 10 MINUTES

GRADES 6 - 8

8 - 12 MINUTES

GRADES 9 & UP

8 - 12 MINUTES

To register go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2021DemoContest>

**Deadline for Registration is April 2nd**

## Project Changes in 4H Online

Families now have the ability to edit their projects in 4H Online! Families can edit projects by clicking View near the member name on the family member list screen and then clicking on Projects. Then click the Edit button to open a window similar to the add projects screen during enrollment.

**Just a reminder that the last day to update your project list in 4-H Online is APRIL 1, 2021.**

- 4-H exhibitors at the 2021 Amherst & Rosholt Fairs will only be able to enter exhibits for which they are enrolled in related projects (see the [2019-2022 Portage County Fair Book](#) for details).
- 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, visit the following link: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/families-editing-a-project-or-club/>



# Portage County 4-H Snowman Building Contest



*Do you wanna build a snowman?*

**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. Make sure you list the Division, Class, your 4-H Club or the 4-H family you are a member of when you email your photo submission.

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

### **Classes:**

- Best Snowman
- Best Snow Creation (examples—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 reason no hollowed out snow structures will be allowed.*

### **Divisions:**

#### **Cloverbud:**

Kindergarten - 2nd grade

#### **Junior:**

3rd - 5th grade

#### **Intermediate:**

6th - 8th grade

#### **Senior:**

9th grade or older

#### **Family**

**Entries are Due by midnight  
Friday, February 26th!**

For Registration and Photo Submission details go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/4-HSnowmanContest>

Judging Results will be announced  
as soon as possible.

**Awesome Prizes Will be Awarded!**



# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-H YOUTH

## WI 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

**DEADLINE: MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation offers \$15,000 in scholarships annually to outstanding students pursuing higher education. To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2021-2022 academic school year.

Applications include a resume, cover letter, list of 4-H projects, and a recent photo of the applicant. **Applications must be received via a single email on or before March 12, 2021, 5:00 pm.** Applications received after 5:00 pm, March 15, 2021 (as time stamped in the email), and any USPS mailed applications will not be considered.

For application instructions, visit:

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



## PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS!

**DEADLINE: MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> | AWARD: \$250**

Scholarships are available for eligible Portage County 4-H members and leaders pursuing higher education! Turn to the next pages of this newsletter for an application or an application can be found at <http://portage.extension.wisc.edu> (Under the 4-H Youth Forms & Applications).



**The scholarship requires letters of recommendation and a signature from your General Leader.** 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 STATE FAIR DAIRY PROMOTION BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS

**DEADLINE: MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> | AWARD: \$1,000**



The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships to individuals that will be third or fourth year college students during the 2021-22 academic year. Any Wisconsin resident who is currently enrolled as a full-time student at a four-year Wisconsin school and is pursuing a dairy-related or food science degree is eligible for scholarship consideration.

All applicants are required to submit an application electronically as a PDF no later than MARCH 19, 2021. Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement and career objectives.

Application and details at: <http://wsfdairypromo.org/scholarships/application>

# 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 agent.
- ☼ A member's form must be signed by their general leader.



DATE:      /      /     

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

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

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

PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN PORTAGE COUNTY (CHECK ONE):

FARM

RURAL AREA

VILLAGE OR TOWN

CITY

PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND ADDRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION YOU ARE OR WILL BE ATTENDING:

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WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN THE FIELD OF STUDY YOU ARE PURSUING? FOR WHAT REASON DID YOU CHOOSE THE SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND?

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PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OUTSIDE OF 4-H  
(YOU WILL HIGHLIGHT YOUR 4-H BACKGROUND ON THE NEXT PAGE).

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# 4-H BACKGROUND

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY. **BE CONCISE BUT THOROUGH.**

YEARS ENROLLED IN PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_  
YEARS ENROLLED IN ANOTHER COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL YEARS IN 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

## ALL CLUB OFFICES HELD

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## ALL COUNTY OFFICES HELD:

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## ALL HONORS WON IN 4-H:

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## ALL 4-H PROJECTS:

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## ALL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

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## PROJECT LEADERSHIP:

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WRITE A PARAGRAPH ON ANY OTHER THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO ADD.

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**FURNISH AT LEAST THREE (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, WITH AT LEAST ONE BEING FROM A 4-H LEADER.**

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

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL LEADER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2021**

# MANAGERIAL AGREEMENTS

**DUE: APRIL 14th**

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 14!

Copies available at: <https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/> (4-H Forms and Applications).



## WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) 2021 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

**January 14** - Roaming the Rumen

**February 11** - Feeding & Caring for Swine without Ractopamine

**March 11** - Lamb Live & Carcass Evaluation; Lamb Culinary products

**April 8** - Artificial Intelligence in Animal Sciences

**All events are virtual and begin at 7 p.m.**

**For more information & howto register: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/anisci-educational-programs/>**

Market Animal Project members can participate in this programming and have it qualify for **one** educational credit for the market animal project. You can also watch the recording of previous programs to qualify for credit as well.

To do so please complete the Portage County Youth Livestock Educational Event Verification Form. This form is to be used for events, workshops, and online learning opportunities and is required to get a meeting credit for workshops attended that are not put on by the Portage County Market Animal Committee.

Portage County Youth Livestock Educational Event Verification Form can be found at <http://portage.extension.wisc.edu> (Under 4-H Youth> Market Animal Project)

### **2021 Agri Business Banquet Cancelled but Scholarship Available!**

The 2021 American Agriculture Appreciation Banquet has unfortunately been cancelled, but the Portage County Business Council is now accepting applications for the 2021 Agri-Business Scholarships. Over \$1,000 in scholarship money will be awarded!

Go to: <https://chambermaster.blob.core.windows.net/userfiles/UserFiles/chambers/390/File/2021-Ag-Scholarship-Application.pdf> for more information and the application.

**Application deadline is Friday, February 26, 2021.**

# Leader's Board Minutes



## Portage County 4-H Leaders Board - October 2020

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Board meeting of 10-19-20 was called to order by Vice-President, Betty Pionek at 6:33 PM via Zoom. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken by answering the question: "The best thing I did this past weekend was?" | PRESENT: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Kathy Glodowski and Michelle Waltenberg (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Candice Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Harleigh Carlson (Teen Leader), Jaime Sanford (Almond Busy Bees Goat Leader), Lisa Henriksen, (Support Staff) and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent | MINUTES: Approved as presented | OFFICER REPORT: Treasurer's Report: Checking - \$14,324.16 Savings - \$3432.31 | Secretary's Report and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 Update – No change to regulations | 4-H Re-Enrollment Due November 15 – Some leaders need background checks done. New system has some glitches. Can club leaders approve member re-enrollments? No, not this year. | 2020 Awards Program Update - Special Awards nominations are due to 4-H office by October 26th. Each club leader can set the date for when record books need to be turned in to them. Virtual interviews for 2021 Key Award, Leaders of Tomorrow Award and Ambassadors will be held in January. | 2020 Leader's Banquet Update – No banquet this year. A fifty-dollar gift certificate was sent to Laina and Pete Zakrzewski in appreciation for the use of their building during the plant sort. Cost for leader recognition this year is \$166.75 for pins and certificates. Mailing pins and certificates was discussed. Motion and second to move forward with mailing the pins and certificates to the leaders who are being recognized. | Record Book Update – No discussion | 2020-2021 Leaders Association Club Charters & Financial Report – Handouts: Wisconsin 4-H Charter Annual Renewal (Annual Financial Report was already completed by Jan - thank you Jan) and 2020-2021 SMART Goals Supplement. The Leaders Association needs to create SMART Goals. | Program Quality – SMART Goal: Increase attendance of youth, teens and leaders at county-wide meetings. Goal is to have more youth and adult attendance than we currently have at the association meetings. Suggestions: Introduce information about meetings during awards programs and improving quality of meetings. Expanding Access – SMART Goal: Increase diversity by improving how we support new families in our program and learn about different cultures in our community. Suggestions: Invite guests to participate and/or speak. | Plat Book – Rockford will sell the advertising and compile the 2021 Portage County Plat Book. We can purchase books from Rockford and sell books for a profit. Motion and second to move forward and present Rockford's proposal to the Leaders Association at the November meeting. Motion passed. | Discussion/Possible Action on Approval of Goat Fair Book Changes – Reference made to the two handouts that were sent with the meeting agenda. One was Harleigh's recommendation regarding changes that she would like made to the goat section of the fair book. Connie worked with Harleigh on this document. The second one was Jan's recommendation for terminology changes to make names and descriptions of classes consistent with ATCP and to change formatting to be consistent with other fair book departments. Motion to accept terminology changes proposed by Jan and to present at the Leaders Association in November. Harleigh will "clean-up" proposed changes and present at the next Leaders Association meeting. | Fall Forum – Connie, Candice and three teens will be teaching a Welcoming Environment session on Friday night. Eleven are signed up for the forum. Seven of them signed up for both days. Cost is \$20. Leaders Association will not be reimbursing registration fee. Attendance on the second day will qualify as a charter training session. | Other - None

NEW BUSINESS: Mandatory Charter Trainings – Will be done virtually | Pumpkin Contest – One hour zoom on Thursday at 4:00 PM. Open to 4-H members, leaders, parents and siblings. | Theme Boxes (similar to Camp in a Bag) – Also did Hula Hoop in a box. Cost was \$10.00 per box with an additional \$5.00 charge for other family members. Connie would like to continue doing theme boxes. Recommendation made to have project items that could be exhibited at the fair. It is a good way to reach out to members and their families. Michelle volunteered to see if Lowes would donate some woodworking kits. Motion and second to help fund theme boxes by budgeting up to \$300 total from Leaders Association for theme boxes. Motion passed. | County Officer Training for Youth – Virtual program to be held in January. Looking for input from club leaders. | Virtual Programming – All workshops will be virtual. Looking for youth/leaders who are willing to do a virtual workshop. Possible topics are rabbit, poultry or dog. | 4-H Tech Changemakers – Youth teaching adults how to be more tech savvy. Sponsored by Microsoft. It is an incredible program. Need youth willing to do training. | New Adult Leader Training (VIP Training) – Will be done virtually. | Expansion & Review Committee – On hold. | Speaking and Demonstration Contest – Will be held virtually in February or March. Youth were disappointed that a contest was not held last year. Make contest flexible when it is offered. Consider doing contest on a weekend. | December Meeting Cancelled | Next Meeting Date – February 15, 2021 | Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

# Leader's Board Minutes



## Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - November 2020

The Portage County 4-H Leaders Association meeting of 11-16-20, held via Zoom, was called to order by President, Debra Helbach at 6:34 pm. Pledges were recited and roll call was taken. | **PRESENT:** Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers), Debra Helbach and Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers) Kathy Glodowski, Michelle Waltenberg and Malaya Polum, (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Sharon Cisewski, Candice Wolosek and Lynette Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Betty Pionek, Pat Mrozinski and Bonnie Ziolkowski (Casimer Boosters), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars), Dr. Barb Kasproicz (Almond Busy Bees), Lisa Henriksen, Support Staff and Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent | **MINUTES:** Correction to minutes from the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Charter due date was incorrectly listed as October 15<sup>th</sup>. Correct due date for charters was November 1<sup>st</sup>. Minutes were approved as corrected. | **OFFICER REPORT: Treasurer's Report:** Checking \$14,324.16 Savings \$3432.81 | **Secretary's Report:** None

**OLD BUSINESS: COVID-19 Update** – No more than 10 people or a family group gathering inside or outside. Permission required prior to any activity. Talk to Connie about paperwork that needs to be completed. The Extension Office is creating Bags that contains gloves, masks and signage that are available for each 4-H Club to use when ringing bells for Salvation Army and other approved programs. Debra volunteered to donate hand sanitizer. | **4-H Re-Enrollments Due November 15th** – 57 % of youth and 70% of adults have completed re-enrollment. | **Pumpkin Contest Update** – Great participation for event. Awards for each category were \$10 for 1st place and \$5.00 for honorable mention. Discussion/Possible Action on Approval of Pumpkin Contest Reimbursement – Motion by Pat Mrozinski to reimburse \$25 to Connie for use of her own money to help pay pumpkin contest awards. Motion passed. | **Discussion/Possible Action on Approval of Pumpkin Contest Reimbursement** – Motion by Pat Mrozinski to reimburse Connie for use of her own money to help pay pumpkin contest awards. Motion passed. | **Fall Forum** – Candice, Connie and 3 teen leaders taught a Welcoming Environment session Friday night. Youth did a nice job with their 20- minute hands on icebreaker program. Thanks to Candice for working with youth. Forum had 4 sessions this year and everyone who attended received a t-shirt. Bonnie also attended the complete forum and was impressed with the program energy. | **Virtual Speaking & Demonstration Contest** – Discussion about having a virtual speaking and demonstration contest on a Saturday at the end of February or in early March. Options are via Zoom or live videos. Youth would need to have proper resources in order to participate. Connie will check with colleagues. | **Club Charter Update** – Still missing a few. | **New Adult Leader Training (VIP)** – Will be done virtually with other counties in December and January. There are several potential new leaders who will need this training.

**NEW BUSINESS: Discussion/Possible Action on Approval of Plat Book** – Rockford will sell the advertising and print the plat books. We can purchase the books from them for resale and sell them through the 4-H program. They will charge us \$20 per book plus a \$36 shipping fee. If we sell plat books for \$40 each, we will make approximately \$20 per book. It is a no risk fundraiser for us to participate in. No minimum purchase is required. We can order as many or as few as we want to. Motion and second to proceed with Rockford's offer and sell the plat books. Motion passed. | **Discussion/Possible Action on Approval of Goat Fair Book Changes** – Leaders received handout with Harleigh's recommendation for changes to the goat section of the fair book. Discussion about possible ways that goats that are not required to have a scrapie tag because of their age and sex can be identified. Suggestions were an ear tag, registration papers, microchip or tattoo. Motion by Betty to accept the updated goat section of the fair book. Motion passed. | **Summer Camp** – Date and Location: Upham Woods June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup>. \$1,000 deposit paid by Waupaca County. | **Trip/Award Drive Through** – Getting too cold for this. 166 adult leaders are eligible for years of service recognition in 2020. Award recipients will be recognized in the next 4-H Courier. Certificates and pins will be distributed at the Leaders Banquet in 2021. A zoom slide show will be presented in January. | **Virtual Programming** – Connie plans to reach out to Tom Zimmerman, State Specialist who does virtual experiments with youth, to see if he will do a program for Portage County. We also need to reach out to project leaders and youth to see if they are willing to do a virtual presentation. Youth and their families could do presentations from their homes using Zoom. Suggestion made to send postcards to 4-H families asking what topics they are interested in learning about. | **4-H Tech Changemakers** – Connie applied for a \$4,000 grant that would be used to help youth teach technology to adults. It would be a great leadership opportunity for 4-H youth. | **4-H Project Offered Virtually** – See Virtual Programming | **Other: 4-H Promotion** – Lynette reported that 4-H members from the Plover Clovers 4-H Club developed a flyer and did 4-H member recruitment by going to classrooms at the Plover- Whiting and McDill Elementary Schools during National 4-H week. As a result of their recruitment efforts, two youth enrolled in the 4-H program. The Plover Clovers are requesting the \$20 that the Leaders Association pays to clubs for promoting 4-H. | **Winter Camp** – Connie is working with other counties to plan a virtual winter camp with in-person options. Possibilities include a two-hour outdoor session for 10 youth who must stay 6 feet apart. When indoors, youth would be in separate rooms. | **Kids Activities** – Connie is planning a Gingerbread Contest with a virtual class prior to the contest. Contest would have multiple categories for different age groups and a Cloverbud category for cookie decorating. Motion and second to pay up to \$150 for awards for the contest. Motion passed. The following suggestions for other contests were made: Snowman Building Contest in January and I Love My Pet (Dress-Up Valentine) in February. Previous motion was amended to include each contest. | **Next meeting Date – January 18, 2021** | Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

## Tomorrow River Voyagers Club Report - December 2020

# 4-H Club Reports

The meeting of the Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H club was called to order by Vice President Taylor M. At 1:03 p.m. Sunday, December 20th via Zoom. The pledges were recited. Our get to know you activity was led by Lily P. Each member shared their favorite holiday tradition. The secretary's report was given by Abigail H. And treasurers report was given by Aleda S. There was no leaders report. Old business discussed was tie blankets made for our community senior citizens, Mitten Tree items donated, ringing bells for Salvation Army and caroling at Hillside Manor after our club meeting. New business consisted of dissecting owl pellets after the January club meeting. We also discussed the need for a new Mitten Tree next year. There was no demonstration. The next general club meeting will be Sunday, January 17th at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m. After the meeting some members played fun holiday games.

Date: 12/20/2020

Signed: Abigail H.

## Tomorrow River Voyagers Club Report - January 2021

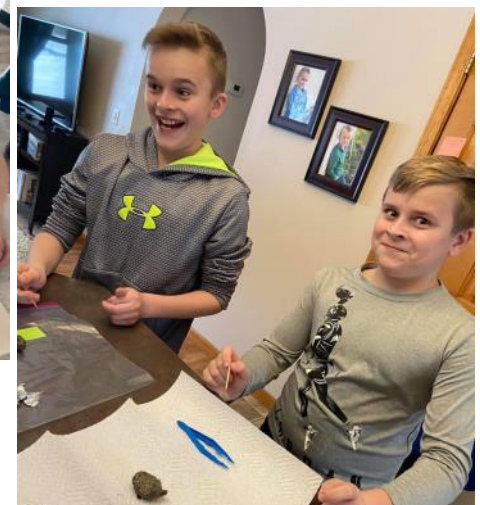
The meeting of the Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H club was called to order by President Sarah T. at 1:04 p.m. on Sunday, January 17th via Zoom. The pledges were given. Lily P. led the get to know you activity. Each member shared their favorite place they have travelled to. The Sunshine report was given by Oakley F. Secretary's report was given by Abigail H. Treasurer's report was given by Aleda S. For the leaders report, Debra reminded members of project add/drop date by April 1st. Seniors can apply for the WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships. She also reminded Rosholt MAP members to pay attention to the exhibitor book rules, dates and requirements. She asked members to think of suggestions for demonstrations, speakers and activities that youth are interested in learning more about through the county. Old business discussed was club members talking about their participation in the county gingerbread contest, owl pellet dissection after today's meeting and the success of the Mitten Tree. In new business, a reminder of the Teen Leaders meeting being held tonight, encouraged more youth to attend, registration for Youth Winter Leadership Camp is coming up also. Club officer training is coming up. Some adult leaders are working on putting together a beginner sewing class. The county 4-H youth awards program will be held virtually this year on Tuesday, January 19th via Zoom. Email any ideas for other service projects to Debra & Sarah. A committee will be formed for this. After the February meeting we will go ice skating if it is approved. Let Debra know if you are interested in doing a demonstration at the next club meeting. The next general club meeting will be on Sunday, February 21st at 1:00 p.m. Via Zoom. The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m. Members had fun dissecting owl pellets after the meeting.

Date: 01/17/2021

Signed: Abigail H.



Members of the Tomorrow River Voyagers Club participating in a club activity of dissecting owl pellets.





## 4-H Projects

4-H engages youth in **project-based** education. Through project learning, youth can dive deeper into their **interests** and **passions**, ultimately **mastering** new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be **hands-on** to create a memorable learning experience.

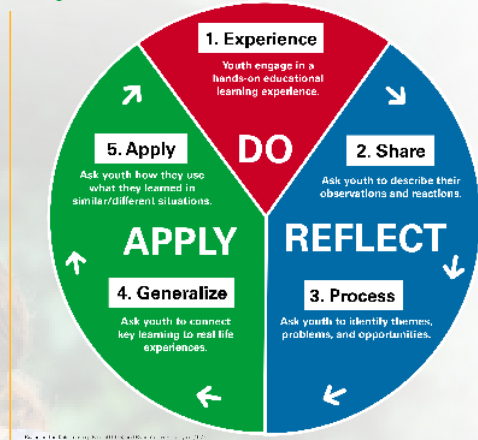
### What is a project?

A project is simply a topic area that **sparks** a youth's interest! Projects can be offered at a club or group setting, or on your own outside of the club. 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. 4-H members in 3rd grade and higher are eligible to sign up for any 4-H project. Almost all 4-H projects can be divided into these nine broad project areas:

- Animal Sciences
- Arts & Communication
- Community Involvement
- Cultural Projects
- Family, Home, & Health
- Outdoor Education (Natural Sciences)
- Plant & Soil Sciences
- STEM
- Start Your Own

A tenth project area is specifically for grades K-2, known as **Cloverbuds**. It is intended to be more developmentally appropriate for our youngest members.

### 4-H EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING MODEL



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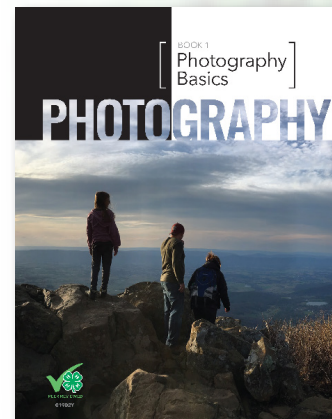
More details about specific 4-H projects and statewide project learning opportunities can be found on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/>

### What resources are available?

Each county's 4-H program differs in how project learning opportunities are offered. Some programs offer countywide, short-term workshops. Others may have countywide programs with set dates and meeting locations. Some 4-H clubs may have adults specifically devoted to certain project areas.

### What if my county or club doesn't offer a project?

Anywhere can be a great place for project learning where a trusted adult or older youth serves as the teacher. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects from [shop4-h.org](http://shop4-h.org) or your local Extension office.



### What is a project leader?

Project leaders provide a safe environment to learn about a project area in which they have experience. Adults can volunteer as a project leader to share their specialized skill set with youth!



Credit: Heidi Vanderloop Benson





## Pick a Project!

Go through the list below and circle the letters of the things you like to do best. At the end, tally your results to find your major project areas of interest. For your first year, it's best to pick only one or two projects from your top major project area. You can always add more later!

H. I like to build with LEGOs	E. I like to sew	H. I like rockets
C. I like to help younger kids	F. I like learning about insects	G. I grow crops for my animals
H. I want to be an engineer	D. I enjoy my family traditions	B. I like to take pictures
G. I like fairy gardens	F. I like hunting	D. I want to learn about my own history
H. Rube Goldberg Machines interest me	E. I like to help around the house	H. I am interested in how robots work
C. I would like to be a camp counselor	A. I like to ride horses	B. I like puppets
A. I like taking care of sick or baby animals	B. I like to draw or do crafts	F. I care about the environment
B. I like to make scrapbooks	G. I want to have a flower garden	C. I like to lead and organize events
H: I like to work on engines	H. I want to learn about computers	E. I like to bake or cook
G. I want to learn how to grow vegetables	E. I would like to be a teacher	C. I want to be a leader
B. I like collecting things	H. I like radio-controlled cars	H: I like geography and maps
H. I am interested in outer space	F. I like being outdoors	A. I like snakes
E. I like babysitting	G: I like to garden	B. I like to act or sing
E. I like to decorate my room	H: I like to build things	C. I would like a project to help me find a future career
F. I like riding ATVs	H: I like to code	A. I like teaching my dog tricks

**Totals: A: \_\_\_ B: \_\_\_ C: \_\_\_ D: \_\_\_ E: \_\_\_ F: \_\_\_ G: \_\_\_ H: \_\_\_**

A: Animal Science

B: Arts & Communication

C: Community Involvement

D: Cultural Projects

E: Family, Home, & Health

F: Outdoor Education

G: Plant & Soil Sciences

H: STEM

*Adapted from Ohio State University's "Making the Best 4-H Clubs Better, Version 2.0 Pick a Project," by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator UW-Madison Division of Extension*

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my **HEART**  
to greater loyalty,

my **HANDS**  
to larger service, and

my **HEALTH**  
to better living, for

my **Club, my Community,**  
**my Country,**  
**and my World.**

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