



Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes

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Condolences to the Family of Terry Nelson



It is with a heavy heart that I announce the death of Terry Nelson, chairman of the Oconto County Youth Fair Board. Terry passed away suddenly on January 30th. As a member of the 4-H Food Stand committee I worked with Terry during the fair. He was instrumental in getting us a repairman a couple years ago when our freezer and refrigeration units went down, saving us thousands of dollars in food spoilage. He will be missed. [Terry Nelson obituary](#)

Visitation for Terry will be held on Saturday, February 11th at 11:00am in the Oconto County Youth Fair Exhibition building with a memorial service at 1:00pm.

2017 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships Applications Now Being Accepted, March 15

Madison, Wis. [January 1, 2017] – The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017. Scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; 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 2017-2018 academic school year. Applicants should visit the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website to learn more about how to apply: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>.

State Fair Dairy Promotions Board Scholarship, March 24th

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the 2017-18 school year, to third and fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities. Additional \$1,000 scholarships will be offered to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science. Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>.

Club Articles

Club articles must be submitted by Thursday noon in order to appear in that week's Friday Notes. All articles should be edited for proper grammar and spelling, cover the, who, what, where, when, how and why of the event, include the reporter's name and the club involved. If a headshot of the reporter is submitted, that will be placed alongside the article but is not a requirement.



Morgan Badgers New Banner Submitted by Amber Seitz, Reporter

Morgan Badgers 4-H recently got a new banner donated to the club to replace the faded and torn banner on their aluminum can donation fund raiser sight. Drop off can sights are located by the Town Hall in Morgan and at the Morgan Fire Station, both on Hwy C in the town of Morgan. Cans then are turn in to be recycled and monies are used for varsities Morgan Badgers projects and activities. Thanks you for donating!!

Pasture Pirates Make Fleece Hats to Donate Submitted by Kenzie Jackson, President

Our club spent our December meeting making fleece tie hats for people in need. We had a great time learning this new skill. (See picture on left below)

Pasture Pirates Enjoy Woodworking Submitted by Kenzie Jackson, President

On Sunday January 15th, the Pasture Pirates 4-H club had the opportunity of trying woodworking. Chuck McDermid came to our meeting to assist us. We had a great time assembling our bird, butterfly, or bat houses! (See picture on right below)



Pasture Pirates members: front row- Evan Rennie, Ethan Rennie, Nathan Desterheft and Jacob Gander
Back row- Bella Rennie, Grace Oninski, Emmie Magnin, Kenzie Jackson, Mrs. Karen Lutz, and Elsie Desterheft



Pasture Pirates members: front- Mitchell Duescher, Evan Rennie, Christopher Duescher, Nathan Desterheft
Back- Ethan Rennie, Jordan Rennie, Bella Rennie, and Elsie Desterheft

Oconto County Fairest and Junior Fairest of the Fair, April 2nd

Applications are now being accepted for the Fairest of the Fair selection for this year's Oconto County Youth Fair. The Contest will be held in the Gillett High School auditorium. For more information see the attached flyer or contact Nikki Olson at (920) 373-3809 at nichole.olson84@yahoo.com.



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Board of Directors Meeting, February 19th

The Board of Directors will be meeting on February 19th at St Clare Hospital in Oconto Falls at 2:00pm. We will be electing new officers. We are in need of older youth that would be interested in being a part of our group. Please contact Kim Kamke at kim@frgf.com if you are interested.

Animal Well-Being Conference: March 3, 2017

This conference is open to adults with a special track for youth. It will be held at Country Aire, F1312 Co Rd P, Stratford, WI on March 3rd. See the attached brochure or follow the link below for more information. Cost is \$20 and registration for youth must be submitted online at the link below by February 20th, no late registrations will be accepted. Please dress for the weather, Equity barns are not heated.

NOTE: Marathon County Farm Bureau is paying 50% of the registration cost for the first 25 registered students. You will receive an email letting you know if you owe \$20 or \$10.

[Animal Well-Being Conference Brochure or
http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/4hyouthline/files/2017/01/Animal-Well-Being-Conference.pdf](http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/4hyouthline/files/2017/01/Animal-Well-Being-Conference.pdf)

[Youth Registration or
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq4EvKlv3Lfl5io3_zYO-usvmzs5aK3QKOQDzdlzckgBvn6w/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq4EvKlv3Lfl5io3_zYO-usvmzs5aK3QKOQDzdlzckgBvn6w/viewform?c=0&w=1)

Next MAQA Training Class, April 20 (see letter from Ag Agent, Sarah Mills-Lloyd, page 5))

If you missed the MAQA class on January 7th you have other opportunities to attend other sessions offered throughout the state. The new UW-Extension MAQA website has a listing of classes that is updated regularly. For more information on MAQA classes offered yet this year follow the link below.

[UW-Extension MAQA website or http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/](http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/)

Summer Camp at Camp Bird, June 10-13

Mark your calendars for this year's summer camp at Camp Bird in Crivitz. Camp is open to 4-H & non-4-H members grades 3-6, so ask your friends to come along. Watch Friday Notes for more information.

We are looking for Camp Counselors age 15 and older. If you are interested please contact Laura Huff @ donttalk2meimreading@gmail.com.

2017 Camp Bird T-shirt Design Contest, April 1, 2017

The weather has been kind of dreary lately. Here's something to do to remind you of summer fun. The N.E.W. 4-H Camp Team (Counties of Door, Kewaunee, Marinette, Oconto & Brown) is looking for their 2017 4-H summer camp T-shirt design. The contest is open to 4-H members grades K-13, campers and camp youth staff.

The design should:

- Include the 4-H clover
- Relate to a camping theme
- Be your original artwork (no photos)
- Be able to be reproduced on a t-shirt (in black & white on colored shirt)
- Be 8 ½ X 11 inches
- Include your name, county, age, phone number and e-mail on the back of your design

The winning youth artist will have his or her artwork displayed on the 2017 camp T-shirt and will receive their choice of \$25.00 off of their camp registration or a \$25.00 gift certificate for the 4-H Mall. All other entries will be put into a random drawing and one person will receive their choice of \$25.00 off their camp registration or \$25.00 gift certificate from the 4-H Mall book. Please note that your design will become the property of the N.E.W. Camp Team and will be subject to editing & change at their discretion.

Please submit your design to your UW-Extension Office by April 1, 2017.

Spring Fling, May 6th

Spring Fling will be held at Washington Middle School on Saturday, May 6th.

Watch Friday Notes for more information.

**Community/School Garden, Oconto Elementary School**

The Community/School Garden is looking for individuals or 4-H club(s) that would be interested in participating in the garden at the Elementary School in Oconto. For more information contact John Pinkart at (920) 834-6898 or john.pinkart@co.oconto.wi.us

Ag Career Exploration Event, April 22-23rd

The **Youth Leadership Derby**, sponsored by Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin (PDPW), is scheduled for April 22-23 in Colby, Wis. This lock-in style event is perfect for youth who have an interest in **real-world science, leadership development and hands-on learning in the agriculture industry**. More importantly, students say they have an amazing time!

Students who attend PDPW's Youth Leadership Derby will experience:

- Hands-On dissection with veterinarians, farm labs and tours
- Choice of Discovery Forums
- Agriculture Career Exploration
- Group activities to increase confidence, team-work and leadership skills
- Amazing featured presenters including Bryant Gill, the Assistant Farm Director for WI Farm Report, and Tasha Schuh, a motivational speaker that is sure to inspire.

A brochure can be found [here](#) and a registration link can be found [here](#) or at http://pdpw.org/programs_and_events.php#event_link_177.

The cost is \$79/student. **Financial assistance may be available through the Leader's Association. Contact Arvilla at 920-834-6846 or arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us.**

I Want To Know! STEM Camp 2017, May 5-6th

Do you like science, technology or engineering? Would you like to engage in cool, hands-on scientific experiments? If so, then the IW2K! STEM Camp is for you! The Wisconsin 4-H STEM I Want to Know! Camp (IW2K! STEM Camp) will be held this year at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. This overnight camp, open to 6th-8th grade 4-H members and non-4-H'ers, will take place on May 5-6. Youth will get the opportunity to learn about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) during hands on sessions.

Campers will arrive on Friday at 5:30 p.m. for check in and then will get to participate in teambuilding group activities and a large group session. On Saturday, campers will participate in sessions that include hands on STEM activities taught by UW faculty and volunteers. Previous year sessions included topics such as food science, DNA, electricity, herpetology and robotics! Camp ends at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Registration for this camp is limited and fills up fast, so make sure to register as soon as possible! The **Registration deadline is April 14, 2017**. The cost for the IW2K! Stem Camp is \$70, which includes meals, lodging and a t-shirt. Transportation to and from camp are to be arranged by the youth's family. For more information contact Arvilla at arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us or 920-834-6846. **Financial assistance may be available for a limited number of 4-H members through the Oconto County Leaders Association.**

January 17, 2017

Livestock Animal Exhibitors,

In order to align with the state standards, the Oconto County Fair Board has decided the following species exhibitors must attend Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) training **dairy, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry** in addition to **beef, sheep, swine and meat goats** in order to be eligible to sell in the 2017 Sale of Champions.

The MAQA curriculum is set by the state and focuses on safe food production, proper animal care, and ideal management practices. The livestock raised by youth exhibitors are an important part of our agriculture industry, and we want to strive for high quality food production. Many counties in Wisconsin have adopted the Meat Animal Quality Assurance trainings as part of their fair requirements. The Oconto County Youth Livestock Committee recognize the importance of this training, and it is a requirement for livestock youth to be eligible to sell their animals in the Sale of Champions. The training focuses on different topics each year, and it counts as one of your educational points for County Fair.

The MAQA trainings scheduled for this year:

Thursday, April 20—Pound Town Hall, Coleman 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, May 6—Gillett Community Center, 200 E Main Street, Gillett 1:00- 2:30 pm

Registration for these trainings is required. You can register by calling the Oconto County UW-Extension Office (920) 834-6845.

If you are not MAQA certified, you will not be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions at the 2017 Oconto County Fair. MAQA training must be renewed every year. Exhibitors must attend the entire training to be certified. Please choose the date and location that works best for you!

If you are unable to make any of these dates, you are allowed to attend MAQA in another county. Please visit the UW-Extension MAQA website <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/maqa-meetings/> for training in other counties, or contact the Oconto County UW-Extension office. Most counties will be holding their trainings in spring and early summer, so please do not wait until the last minute!

If you have any questions about MAQA, please contact Sarah at (920) 834-6845. If you know of any new 4-H, FFA, or Scouts members which might be showing livestock this year, please pass this information along to them.

Thank you,



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