



Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes

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To submit an article or information contact Arvilla Rusnak by noon on Thursdays.

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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.

4-H Council seeks alums ages 18-23 for national advisory committee

National 4-H Council is launching a new Youth Advisory Committee that will help us engage young people- specifically young 4-H alumni- to inform the National 4-H Council Board of Trustees and to assume real leadership roles in helping to drive Council's work. **Applications must be received by 11:59pm on March 17, 2017.**

Find more info at <http://4-h.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Youth-Advisory-Committee-Guidelines-1.26.2017-v2.pdf>



Winter Leadership Camp 2017 Delegates

Isaiah Becker (Christy Brook), Ros Kramer (Lena Rocketeers) and Kenzie Jackson (Pasture Pirates), pictured above, were selected as Oconto County's Delegates at this year's Winter Leadership Camp held on February 10 & 11th at Camp Tapawingo near Mishicot. Check out the Power Point for more camp pictures. [Winter Leadership Camp Power Point](#)

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!



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

[Youth Registration](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq4EvKlv3LfI5io3_zYO-usvmzs5aK3QKOQDzdIzckgBvn6w/viewform?c=0&w=1) or
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq4EvKlv3LfI5io3_zYO-usvmzs5aK3QKOQDzdIzckgBvn6w/viewform?c=0&w=1

Oconto County Fair Animal Weigh-Ins

Beef: Saturday, March 18, 9:00-10:00am

In case of inclement weather on March 18, beef weigh-in will be held on March 19th, 9:00-10:00am at the fairgrounds.

Sheep/Swine: Saturday, April 22, 9:00-10:00am

Swine Showmanship: Tuesday, July 11th, 7:30pm

All events will be held at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett.

Paid 4-H AG/ANIMAL SCIENCE EXTENSION YOUTH INTERNSHIP

Do you know of a former 4-Her that would like to spend their summer in the Madison area and travel the state helping with the 4-H Ag/Animal Science Program and summer events? See the attached document for more info.

Email Pam Hobson at pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu.

Applications should include a cover letter and resume and must be submitted by Monday, February 20, 2017 at 4:30 PM.

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.**

4-H Exchange Program

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to open your home and life to the exciting world of international exchanges? Learning about other cultures and countries and sharing your cultures and traditions can be done in your own home by hosting a year-long student through Wisconsin 4-H. Please contact us to discuss this great opportunity that awaits! Students that participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Exchange Program are between the ages of 15 – 18, and will be sophomores, juniors or seniors in high school. They come from Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, The Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Uzbekistan and Ukraine through the FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange Program) run by our U.S. Department of State. We also place Japanese, Korean and Mexican students through the LEX, LABO and BFE. Delegate information is available upon request. For more information, please check out: <http://www.states4hexchange.org/year-long/> or call Lilly Buchholz, WI 4-H International Programs Coordinator at 608.262.2491 or Amber Rehberg, WI 4-H Educational Programs Specialist at 608.262.1557.



4-H Host Exchange – Norway or Costa Rica

The life changing opportunity to host a Norwegian or Costa Rican Exchange Student or Chaperone this summer is almost up! Applications to host are due before February 28th. Through 4-H International Exchanges, we hope to increase the friendship and understanding between people in Wisconsin and other countries and to help our young people develop a global perspective and global understanding. Wisconsin families can host an exchange student for four weeks this summer or an adult chaperone for two weeks. Youth ages 12-18 will be placed in homes with children of similar ages and same genders. Applications to host Japanese and Korean will be due later in the spring, but don't wait!

For more information and to complete an on-line application, please visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>.

Interested in Being a County Fair Judge?

There will be a webinar for County Fair Judges. The 2017 Fair Judges Training Webinar will be held on March 21 at 6:00 p.m. and is geared for new county fair judges as well as judges that would like to be updated on the general principles of what it takes to judge at Wisconsin County Fairs. Some of the topics to be covered are: The Basics of Judging at the County Fair, Steps to becoming a Judge, Expectations of Judges, and the Types of Judging such as conference and face-to-face. There will also be time for any questions they may have regarding judging at Wisconsin County Fairs.

The fee is \$15.00. Participants will be able to connect in their homes with an internet connection with the audio done as a Wisline via the phone. We will send all participants the connection information and the PowerPoint after they are registered. If their internet is not fast enough to access the webinar they will be able to follow along via the PowerPoint and audio connection.

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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