

# Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes

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## Leaders Association Meeting, April 20<sup>th</sup>

The next Leaders Association meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm at the Gillett Community Center (next to the library). We are excited to announce we will be holding a "Real Colors" training by certified Real Colors facilitator, Paula Huff, for all Club Advisors, adult volunteers and youth members (15 & older). Club Advisors, if you won't be attending please send an adult or older youth in your place. We would like to see representation from all 15 of our clubs. Real Colors is an awesome program that teaches participants to see themselves and others around them in terms of personality colors. You will not want to miss this opportunity. We will also discuss food stand shifts and duties. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Please register by April 14<sup>th</sup> at: [April 20<sup>th</sup> Real Colors Training](#)



## 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 & 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Valentines**

**Submitted by Amber Seitz, Reporter**

On February 13th the Morgan Badgers 4-H club held their monthly meeting.

Members made several Valentine cards for the residents for the Sun Valley Home and Country Villa Assisted Living in Pulaski. Members had fun cutting

Valentine hearts and stamping and coloring cards. Valentine cards were delivered on Valentine's Day. Residents enjoyed receiving the colorful cards.



Morgan Badgers members: front row- Sawyer Goodness, Mason Stevens, Iliana Flores, Natalie Portier, Alexa Flores.

Back row: Tristen Bierhals, Alex Klopotic, Owen Kasper, Nathan Seitz, Brady Chriske, Payten Bierhals, Kiley Klopotic, Miranda Seitz, Grace Goodness, Lydia Klopotic, Summer Stevens, Abby Portier.

### **Morgan Badgers Camp Bird Fundraiser**

**Submitted By Amber Seitz, Reporter**

Morgan Badgers 4-H Club will be starting their Spring Fundraiser again this year. Members will be selling Vande Walle's Candy Bars for \$1.00 each. Monies raised will help pay for 4-H members who will be going to Camp Bird in Crivitz this June. Thanks for supporting our Morgan Badgers Campers!!



Morgan Badgers members: front row-Payten Bierhals, Iliana Flores, Alexa Flores, Natalie Portier, Amber Seitz, Summer Stevens.

Back row: Kiley Klopotic, Brady Chriske, Nathan Seitz, Abby Portier, Lydia Klopotic, Grace Goodness, Sawyer Goodness, Owen Kasper, Tristen Bierhals, Alex Klopotic.



### **Oconto County Fairest and Junior Fairest of the Fair, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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 this link:

[Fairest of the fair](#) or contact Nikki Olson at (920) 373-3809 at [nichole.olson84@yahoo.com](mailto:nichole.olson84@yahoo.com).



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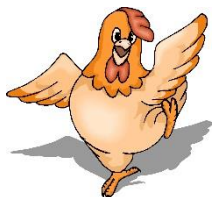


### Pullorum Testing

Pullorum testing **will not** be hosted for poultry/waterfowl exhibitors at a central location this year. It will be the responsibility of each poultry/waterfowl exhibitor to contact a Wisconsin certified Pullorum tester to arrange for testing prior to the 2017 Oconto County Youth Fair.

Oconto County Fair Poultry Superintendent, Keith Schardt, will be holding a Poultry session at Spring Fling on May 6<sup>th</sup> where he will be available for questions regarding the Pullorum test.

A list of Wisconsin certified testers is located on the Oconto County UW-Extension, Youth Agriculture Program website (<http://oconto.uwex.edu/agriculture/youth-agriculture-programs/>).



### 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:00am at the fairgrounds.*

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

**Swine Showmanship:** Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

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](mailto:john.pinkart@co.oconto.wi.us)

**Ag Career Exploration Event, April 22-23<sup>rd</sup>**

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](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](mailto:arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us).**

**I Want To Know! STEM Camp 2017, May 5-6<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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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