

Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes September 16th, 2016

New Stuff

4-H Fall Kick-Off, November 5th

We are doing something a little different for 4-H Fall Kick-Off this year. We will be holding it just before the Achievement Banquet on November 5th from 3-5pm at St Anne's Church in Lena. Come and check out what is new in the project areas this year, meet some of the project leaders and of course....get your challenges for January Thaw. This event is open to the public so bring your friends and show them to what YOU like about 4-H!

4-H Fall Kick-Off is an open house event where we have an opportunity to show our communities and our members everything that is available to them in the 4-H program. Tables will be set up with information about many different project areas, the trips we fund, Summer Camp, Teen Court, our Board of Directors and much more. Some of the project leaders will be available to talk to and our members get a chance to choose project area challenges which they will work on and bring completed to our January Thaw project event on January 7th. For more information on this event contact Arvilla at (920) 671-4803 or aliveatfulldraw@gmail.com.

It's...Charter Time, November 1st

Club Advisors check your email for all your Charter renewal documents. If you prefer hard copies or have any questions about filling out your club Charter, feel free to contact Arvilla, (920) 834-6846 or arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us and she will gladly assist you.

4-H and Youth Photo Display Winners

Each year during the fair three photos are chosen by a panel of judges to represent Oconto County in the State 4-H and Youth Photo Display. These photos are submitted to Madison with photos from around the state. The State Photo Advisory Committee will choose the top 12. These photos will then be displayed at the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair and afterwards, county Extension offices and volunteer leaders may borrow the print or electronic displays through the Cooperative Extension Media Collection to use for local photo training and for exhibiting at 4-H events. So your photo could be seen by people around the world! The best part is...you don't have to do anything special to be eligible for this prestigious honor. Just have fun taking great photos and enter them in the Oconto County Youth Fair.



Here is one of the photos taken by Mallory Pienta from Willing Workers 4-H that was chosen for this year's 4-H and Youth Photo Display:

Will we highlight your photo next year?

4-H and Youth Art Expo Winners

Once again, each year during the fair (did you know all this was going on during the fair?) two art exhibits were chosen to represent Oconto County in the 4-H and Youth Art Expo. The Expo is held during the 4-H and Youth Conference in Madison where hundreds of youth and adults will see the exhibit. At the Expo a panel of judges from the State Youth Art Team award prizes for various categories. This year Amber Seitz of Morgan Badgers and Felicity Janhke of Little River 4-H clubs are this year's choices.

Amber Seitz's
water color painting entitled
"Chameleon Life"



There is room for your art exhibit next year!

4-H New Year, Re-enrollments

It's time to re-enroll for another year in 4-H. 4-H Online is now open for enrollment for 2016-2017. Our membership in 4-H expires each September so we must re-enroll each year, even if you have been a long-time member. Be sure to visit www.4honline and complete the process so you and your family can be eligible to participate in everything 4-H has to offer this year. If you experience problems or just have questions about the re-enrollment process, feel free to contact Arvilla at the UW-Extension office, (920) 834-6845, arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us for assistance.

4-H Achievement Banquet and I-Pad Giveaway, November 5th

After re-enrolling on 4-H Online for another great 4-H year we need to celebrate last year! The 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 5th at St. Anne's Church in Lena. Watch for a *save the date* card in the mail soon. Dinner will be potluck with pulled-pork sandwiches as the main course (there may be some food stand recipe chili there too). Thank you to Hintz 4-H club for hosting this year. It is building up to be another great night with of course...an I-Pad giveaway at the end of the evening. More details coming soon.

Fun Stuff to Do

This is a brand new heading that we would like to try out. If your club has done something cool or went somewhere awesome, we would like to hear about it and share it with the rest of our clubs. We know you guys are doing neat stuff all the time so let's share! Even if it is something you've done a while ago, some other club may not have done it yet and would have just as much fun as you did. **Just email the information to arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us.** Be sure to send some photos of your club having fun so we can see what a cool thing this would be to do. We will post the information here, in Friday Notes, along with your photos so everyone can see what a great time you had and want to do the same thing. We can't wait to hear from you.

Walleyes for Tomorrow, October 6th

Thank you Little River for being the first club to submit an item for our new column. Great job!

Little River 4-H Club has teamed up with *Walleyes for Tomorrow*. WFT is a volunteer organization that has been actively promoting more robust walleye populations through spawning habitat construction, enhancement and rehabilitation. The event will include demonstrations on casting, knot tying, fish identification and safety and will end with free fishing rods & reels given out to youth. This event is open to the public so bring a friend and show them what we do in 4-H. For more information contact, Valerie Staidl-Borkevec, (920) 373-0731.



**Thursday, October 6th
Little River Town Hall
3627 County Road A, Oconto County
7:00pm**

Team Green VEX-IQ Robot Demonstration, Oconto Fly-In, September 17th

Come and see our very own **championship VEX-IQ Robotics 4-H club, Team Green**, demonstrate the robots they are designing for this year's competitions at the Oconto Fly-In. They will also be selling the really cool Hexbugs and water and Gaterade to raise funds for their robotics projects. Team Green 4-H club is a project-based 4-H club which means the main focus of their club meetings and activities revolves around VEX-IQ robotics and the VEX-IQ competitions. If you are interested in the VEX-IQ robotics program contact Team Green 4-H Club advisor, Kent Lyng, (920) 846-2097, klyng@centurytel.net

**Team Green 4-H VEX-IQ Robotics Demonstration
Oconto Fly-In
Saturday, September 17
9:00am-4:30pm
Oconto Airport
Admission to the Fly-In \$5, children under 12 Free
Free parking, shuttle service provided**



Upcoming Events

Fall Forum Registration Open Now

Have you seen the email from 4-H Online for Fall Forum? If not, please check it out. What is Fall Forum? Fall Forum is an opportunity to meet and help plan what the 4-H program in Wisconsin looks like. You will meet people from all over Wisconsin that are fired up about 4-H. You will never look at 4-H the same way again after experiencing Fall Forum.

Opening night at Fall Forum kicks off with over 20 different interactive sessions and Saturday has over 25 workshops to choose from! Here's a list of some the great sessions you can attend:

Electricity	Science	Archery	4-H Military Kids	Exploring Upham Woods
	Photography	First Generation 4-H	Team building	

Fall Forum will be held November 4th-6th at Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake. It is open to adult volunteer leaders and youth, grades 7-13. If you are interested in attending this amazing event and meeting people who love 4-H, call the extension office at (920) 834-6845 so we can get you going.

I know you want to go...so give us a call!

Important Stuff

Project Kick-Off Fair Selections

Those of you who had fair projects with a pencil attached to them when you picked them up should watch for a letter coming in the mail. Your project was chosen because of its uniqueness and originality by a panel of secret judges from the Project Development Committee. We would love for you to display your project at Fall Project Kick-Off coming up soon. Your letters will have all the information. Congratulations!

Project Development Survey

Over the past three years The Project Development Committee has been committed to offering three project events each year, 4-H Fall Kick-Off, January Thaw and Spring Fling. We would like your input to make these events more in tune with our members. Please take a few minutes to answer some questions in our survey and help us make these 4-H project events even better! We encourage both adult and youth members, with an adult's help, to complete the survey. Thank you from the Project Development Committee. To participate in survey click here: [Project Event Survey](#)

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