

**Oconto County 4-H  
Friday Notes  
September 30th, 2016**

**New Stuff**



***Wear a 4-H T-shirt for National 4-H Week, October 7<sup>th</sup>***

Join the national initiative to promote 4-H and wear your 4-H t-shirt on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>! Let's show Oconto County how proud we are to be in 4-H! Take some selfies with your friends in your shirts and I will post them on our website. (arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us)

***Project Development Phone Conference Meeting, October 6<sup>th</sup>***

Project Development will be meeting via phone conference on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The number and passcode will remain the same. Please have your assigned project area information available along with any other assigned tasks. We will be discussing set-up and challenges.

***Club Advisor Member/Award Verification Forms***

Club Advisors please complete your member and award verification forms and turn them in by next week. We need this information in a timely manner so we can have all the awards available at the Achievement Banquet on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

***Oconto County Fair 4-H Best of Show Winners (Great Job!)***

| 2016  |    | Department                                  | Name                   | Club                 |
|-------|----|---|------------------------|----------------------|
| Dept  | 1  | Dairy Cattle                                | Bradin Bjelland        | Christy Brook 4-H    |
| Dept  | 4  | Sheep                                       | Hannah Simpson         | Little Seedlings 4-H |
| Dept  | 6  | Horses                                      | Mikaela Reed           | Northern Riders 4-H  |
| Dept  | 8  | Rabbits                                     | Mallory Pienta         | Willing Workers 4-H  |
| Dept  | 9  | Dog Obedience                               | Ella Hischke           | Northern Riders 4-H  |
| Dept  | 10 | Caged Birds & Small Pets - Parakeet         | Amber Jo Farrar        | Southernline 4-H     |
| Dept  | 10 | Animal & Vet Science - Horse                | Hannah Krejcarek       | Southernline 4-H     |
| Dept  | 13 | Cats  | Myriah Marohl          | Little Seedlings 4-H |
| Dept  | 14 | Plant & Soil Science                        | Darcy Shallow          | Willing Workers 4-H  |
| Dept  | 14 | Fruits & Garden Vegetables                  | Bunny Kramer           | Northern Riders 4-H  |
| Dept  | 15 | Flowers & Houseplants                       | Kate Pytleski          | Willing Workers 4-H  |
| Dept  | 16 | Natural Resources & Environmental Education | Ethan Rennie           | Pasture Pirates 4-H  |
| Dept  | 18 | Cultural Arts                               | Kylee Wojtyslak        | Southernline 4-H     |
| Dept  | 18 | Cultural Arts                               | Kate Pytleski          | Willing Workers 4-H  |
| Dept  | 20 | Photography                                 | Mallory Pienta         | Willing Workers 4-H  |
| Dept  | 25 | Food Preservation                           | Merick Zak             | Little River 4-H     |
| Dept. | 25 | Foods & Nutrition                           | Kari Draheim           | Little River 4-H     |
| Dept  | 26 | Clothing                                    | Isabella Rennie        | Pasture Pirates 4-H  |
| Dept  | 28 | Home Environment                            | Kylee Peterson         | Willing Workers 4-H  |
| Dept  | 32 | Booths                                      | Pick Your Track in 4-H | Southernline 4-H     |
| Dept  | 34 | Health, Social & Political Sciences         | Delaney DeBauch        | Christy Brook 4-H    |

### **4-H Fall Forum Registration Ends October 2nd**

Time is rerunning out to register for this great event. So far 130 participants from 38 counties in Wisconsin have registered. Let's represent Oconto County and sign-up. Here is a link for all the information:

[I want to go to 4-H Fall Forum](#)

### **Adult Volunteer Background Checks**

Background checks are done periodically on our adult volunteers. Beginning in October some of you may receive an email regarding a background check. This is a legitimate email that you need to respond to within 5 days. You will need to access the link provided which will take you to secure website where you will need to input information. Please provide the information requested so the background check can be completed. Your enrollment in the 4-H program as an adult volunteer will be pending (not active) until the background check is completed.

### **Mandatory Club Advisor Training, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Club advisors, please mark your calendars for this very important **mandatory meeting**. As required by the state we will be holding our annual mandatory Club Advisor training on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm at St. Clare Community Hospital, 855 S Main St, Oconto Falls, the Assisi Community Room. You are strongly encouraged to bring a youth officer from your club. We will be collecting input for our strategic planning process so our 4-H community at large is invited. The Board of Directors will be participating also.

## **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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>**

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 6<sup>th</sup>  
Little River Town Hall  
3627 County Road A, Oconto  
7:00pm**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **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](mailto:arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us) and she will gladly assist you.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **4-H Fall Kick-Off, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information on this event contact Arvilla at (920) 671-4803 or [aliveatfulldraw@gmail.com](mailto:aliveatfulldraw@gmail.com).

### **Donations for Achievement Banquet, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Board of Directors would like to invite each club to bring an item or create a basket to be used as door prizes at the Achievement Banquet. This is entirely optional and dependent on the interest of each club. It would be great to see the item somehow represent your club but again, that is entirely optional. If your club is interested in donating an item or basket, let Arvilla at the Extension office know, so we have an idea of how many door prizes will be available. We will be setting up a table at the banquet to display the donated items.

## **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](#)