New Stuff

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
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.

After Fair Food Stand Clean-up Thank You
I would like to send a huge thank you out to Little River 4-H club and members of the Gillett Fire Dept. for helping clean the 4-H food stand last Saturday morning. The work went quickly and we had some lunch afterward. Thank you so much to the members of Little River 4-H and if you see a Gillett Volunteer Fireman please tell him thank you for going out of their way to make sure our food stand is clean and ready for next year.

Oconto County Fair Flower Planter Winners Announced!
Listed below are the results of the 2016 Fair Flower Planter judging. The Fair thanks the club advisors and members who participated. The planter program does much to help “dress up” the fairgrounds during the Fair.

Ken Harter
Oconto County Fair Secretary

2016 Flower Planter Contest Results

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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. Who will be the first club to submit something? Why not yours??!!

Upcoming Events

Fall Forum Registration Begins September 6th
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:

- Science
- Archery
- 4-H Military Kids
- Exploring Upham Woods
- Electricity
- 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](#)