

Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes



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New Communications Contest, May 20th

A brand new Communications Contest will be held at the Little River Town Hall on May 20th at 2:00pm. Guest judge will be Tammy McCarthy from the Machickanee Players. Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/jKwbhI6NOZ1GLWfJ2>. More info on page 5. See Page 8 for flyer.

Communications Contest Seeks Youth MC, May 20th

The Communications Contest is seeking youth interested in acting as a Master of Ceremonies for the event. This person would announce each participant and their performance piece. Contact Brigid McDowell at (920) 834-9947 if you are interested. See page 5 for more info on the event.

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New County –Wide Club charter Goal

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Fair Billboard Contest Theme Announced

The Oconto County Youth Fair Board has announced the theme for this year's fair billboard contest...more on page 5.



This area of the newsletter is devoted to everything about your club. Club articles will appear here, as well as any other items that are club specific. Be sure to visit this page every week to stay updated.

Club Treasurer Training for Charters, July 24th

There will be a very important training for all 4-H Club Treasurers or the person in charge of the club's financials on July 24th 6:30-8:30pm at the Gillett Library Community Center in Gillett. We will be preparing the financial pages for each club's charter. It is absolutely vital that these pages are filled out accurately and completely. This is great opportunity for the Club Treasurer to learn about financial responsibility.

Each Treasurer will need to come prepared with the following items:

- ✓ Club account register or complete listing of all account deposits and withdrawals from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. Bank statements are fine as long as they have been balanced, include the entire date range listed above and include all the club account(s) activity.
- ✓ Bank statement showing account balances for June 30, 2018.
- ✓ Simple calculator, pen or pencil
- ✓ Notebook or scrap paper

Snacks and beverages will be provided.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Arvilla Rusnak at 920-834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us.



New County-Wide 4-H Charter Goal Created at Leader's Association Meeting on May 10th

At the last Leader's Association meeting held on May 10th the members put together a County-wide 4-H Charter goal that all Oconto County 4-H clubs are asked to participate in. To continue to promote 4-H in our county, by expanding our horizons to as many families as possible, the Leaders Association will be creating an Expanding 4-H Access committee. This committee will work on ideas to promote 4-H to those in our county that may not know they are eligible. The committee will begin forming after the re-enrollment deadline in November. It is asked that each club consider electing one adult or older youth member to be on the committee so we can have representation from all corners of our county. We also ask that committee member take topics discussed back to their club to be discussed by the club members.

Attention Club Leaders: Club charters this year will require your club's goals include expanding access in your club. The Leader's Association would like you to consider using the following goal as one of the goal's for your club's charter. Please bring this up at a meeting when you are discussing your S.M.A.R.T. goals for next year. You may change the goal in any way your club sees fit.

*****Oconto County 4-H County-Wide Expanding Access Charter Goal*****

We will begin the process to learn more about how we can make our club more accessible to all families in our club area by electing at least one adult or older youth member to be on the Oconto County 4-H Expanding Access committee for one year. This person will bring back topics discussed at the committee meetings which we will talk about at our club meetings.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the UW-Extension Office at 4h@co.oconto.wi.us or (920) 834-6846

New Family Handbook Committee Meeting, May 15th

The next meeting of the Oconto County 4-H new Family handbook Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 15th, 4:00pm at the Lena Library. This committee is working on creating a handbook to help our new families get acclimated to the 4-H program. If you are new to 4-H we would love to have your input. This meeting is open to everyone so consider attending and help us make 4-H great for all our families.

Board of Director's Meeting, June 3rd

The next meeting of the Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association Board of Directors will be held on Sunday, June 3rd, 2:00pm at St Clare Hospital, Oconto Falls the Board of Directors is the governing body of the Leader's Association. It is made up of 4-H certified adult volunteers and youth members elected by the Leader's Association.

This meeting's agenda items include:

- Review Breakfast on the Farm Event
- Board member recruitment

This meeting is open to everyone.

4-H Youth Conference Orientation, May 24th

There will be an important web conference orientation for all delegates attending the 4-H & Youth Conference on May 24th at 6:45pm at St. Clare Hospital, Oconto Falls. We will begin with pizza, listen in on the conference and finish with a question and answer session with previous year's delegates. Contact the UW-Extension office if you are unable to attend. 4h@co.oconto.wi.us or 920-834-6846.

4-H Leader's Association Meeting, Sept 13th

The next meeting of the Oconto County 4-H Leader's Association meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13th, 6:30pm at the Gillett Library Community Building. All certified adult 4-H volunteers and youth members enrolled in 4-H Online are welcome to attend. Agenda topics to be announced at a later date.



This section of Friday Notes is dedicated specifically to Travel Experience opportunities in 4-H. The promotion of these TrEx opportunities are the result of the hard work of the TrEx Committee and funded from the profits of the food stand sales at the Oconto County Youth Fair.

TrEx Committee

Stacie Athey	Victoria Athey
Jo Hipke	Ros Kramer
Pam Jackson	Kenzie Jackson
Monica Wagner	Ryann Wagner

Six Members to Represent Oconto County at 4-H & Youth Conference

Six members will be heading down to Madison to represent Oconto County at the 4-H & Youth Conference on June 25th-28th. There they will meet youth from around the state; have the opportunity to tour the UW-Madison Campus & the Kohl Center, participate in seminars like Sailing, Kayaking, Cows, Critters and Creeks, Electrical Wiring Basics, Organics 101, Get into the Act, Behind the Bacon, 4-H at the Capital; and be a part of several community service projects like Habitat for Humanity, Stock and Shop at Choice Food Pantry, Hands on Horticulture at the UW Arboretum and Growing Food and Feeding the Community. Congratulations to:

Ian Athey
Elsie Desterheft
Logan Kramer

Southernline
Pasture Pirates
Pasture Pirates

Roslyn Kramer
Catie Kramer
Ethan Rennie

Lena Rocketeers
Lena Rocketeers
Pasture Pirates



This section is devoted to the volunteer opportunities available in our 4-H program. Consider giving back by becoming involved in 4-H at a deeper level and offer to help out in any of these areas.

4-H Tent at Breakfast on the Farm Need Volunteers, June 10th

One of the Board of Director's goals this year is to promote 4-H by creating a larger presence at the annual Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm event. This year's event will be held on the [Sunrise Dairy Farm located at 9101 State Highway 32, Suring from 8:00am-1:00pm](#).

We are planning to have a tent with 4-H promotional information to hand out and activities for youth attending the event. We are looking for older youth from our clubs to volunteer to hand out promotional materials and help spread the word about 4-H in Oconto County. We are asking that you consider signing up for a one-hour shift

If you are interested, please email Cheryl Meyer at gmeyer002@outlook.com with the time you can help.

Volunteers Needed for Breakfast on the Farm Set-Up, June 8th

The Breakfast on the Farm Committee is need of volunteers to help set-up for the event at Sunrise Dairy, 9101 State Highway 32, Suring on Friday, June 8th starting at 4pm. A pizza party for volunteers will be held at 6:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering, sign-up at the link below.

Volunteers Needed for Breakfast on the Farm, June 10th

The Breakfast on the Farm event is a huge event that serves 3000-4000 visitors every year. It takes a LOT of help to make it a successful event. 4-H has a proud tradition of volunteering for this event. Jobs include helping participants to their tables, cleaning tables, serving food and various other tasks.



The Breakfast on the Farm Committee has generously donated the bottled water we sell at our 4-H fair food stand for the past three years. We can say thank you by helping out at this event. Consider doing it as a community service project with your whole club or maybe as a 4-H family.

Here is Breakfast on the Farm's online link to volunteer:

[Breakfast on the Farm Volunteer Online Sign-up](#)

To sign up for a one-hour shift at the 4-H booth contact:

Cheryl Meyer at gmeyer002@outlook.com



New Communications Contest, May 20th

A brand new Communications Contest is being introduced this year for youth of all ages. Good communication skills travel with us throughout our lives. They help us express who we are, make good decisions, solve problems and understand other's points of view.

The contest will be held at the Little River Town Hall on May 20th at 2:00pm. Many different styles of communication are available to participants of all ages from kindergarten through high school. Participants will be judged on their own merit and will receive prizes based on their performance.

Our guest judge will be Tammy McCarthy. Ms. McCarthy is a retired teacher and long-time member of the Machickanee Players Theatre in Oconto where she has served as actress, director and board member. See page 8 for flyer. Register at

<https://goo.gl/forms/jKwbhl6NOZ1GLWfJ2>

*Please Note**Topics of graphic or violent nature should be avoided.*

Area Animal Science Days, June 14th

Each year Area Animal Science Days is offered in several locations around the state. This all day events allows youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep and swine projects to increase their decision making skills and knowledge of animals. Events include evaluation of dairy cattle, horses and meat animals; dairy showmanship contests; hippology (the study of horses); and oral reasons workshops. In addition, each site offers a variety of workshops for small animal projects, which may include rabbits, poultry, dogs, cats or llamas.

Kewaunee County will be our nearest location this year. The event will be held at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds in Luxemburg. Registration is due to the UW-Extension office by May 23rd. Registration fees are covered by the Leaders Association (lunch not included).

Check out this link for more info and registration forms:

[AASD Registration Packet](#)



Fair Premium List Available Online

The Oconto County Youth Fair Premium List is now available online at

<http://www.ocontocountyfair.org/fairrulesandforms>.

4-H members interested in exhibiting projects at this year's fair, August 16-19, should read through the premium list thoroughly to ensure your project is ready to exhibit according to the fair's general guidelines.

This is a new edition of the premium list and **there have been changes made**. Please discard any old lists you may have. Each project area has its own specifications so read the list carefully to avoid exhibiting issues at fair time.

If you have questions about the premium list contact Fair Board Premium List Committee member, Clara Luther, at clara.luther@yahoo.com.

Fair Announces Billboard Contest Theme

Each year the Oconto County Fair Board offers a Fair Billboard contest. The billboards are placed in strategic places throughout the county to help advertise the fair. The billboards are then displayed at the fair and judged with cash prizes awarded to several places as well as public favorite. This year's Fair Billboard contest theme is:

"Fun for the Whole Herd"

Contest rules will be available as soon.

Sheboygan County Lock In, June 29-30

Sheboygan County 4-H Youth Association will be holding a dance and lock in for older youth grades 7 and up at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in Plymouth. The event will begin at 6pm on June 29th and end at 7am on June 30th. The cost is \$10 per person.

This would be a great way to meet youth from another county. If you are interested in attending, contact the UW-Extension office at (920) 834-6846 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us. If enough youth are interested we could form a carpool for transportation.

Registration deadline: June 14th. See flyer on page 10.

Dairy Fitting and Showing Clinic, June 20th

Learn how to get your dairy animal exhibits ready for the fair at the Dairy Fitting and Showing clinic to be held at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett on June 20th from 4-6pm. This clinic is especially helpful if you are new to exhibiting a dairy animal or just want to brush up on your skills.

For more information contact:
Erin Buhrandt
ehbuhrandt711@yahoo.com.



Pssst...Attendance at any of the events listed on this page counts as one educational point for animal exhibitors. Three educational points are required by the Oconto County Youth Fair for all exhibitors intending to participate in the Show of Champions. One point must be from YQCA, one must be species specific and the other may be any animal related event. Please see the Oconto County Youth Fair Premium list for more information.

www.ocontocountyfair.org

Goat Showing & Fitting Clinic, June 23

If you have questions about showing your goat at the Oconto County Youth Fair, here is a great place to get your answers. A Goat Showing & Fitting Clinic will held on June 23rd, 3:30-4:30pm at Honey Park in Gillett

For more information contact:
Alyssa Rudie
arcticcatgirl@live.com

Sheep Educational Clinic, July 14th

Need a species specific educational point to show your sheep at the Oconto County Fair this year? This clinic will qualify. The Sheep Educational Clinic will be held on July 14th, 10:00am at Sweet Grass Farm, 8742 Red Bank Rd, Suring.

For more information contact
Erin Hischke
(920) 590-0432

Swine Showmanship Clinic, June 25th

Get all the information you will need to do your best at exhibiting your swine project at the Swine Showmanship Clinic to be held on June 25th at 7:30pm on the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett.

For more information contact:
Ann Steffel at
(920) 373-4984
asteffel77@gmail.com.

Poultry Educational Clinic, July 19th

You can be sure to have all your questions about exhibiting poultry at the fair answered at this event. The Poultry Educational Clinic will be held on July 19, 7:00pm at the Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett.

For more information contact
Keith Schardt
(920) 590-0397
keith.schardt@gmail.com

Beef Showing & Fitting Clinic, June 30th

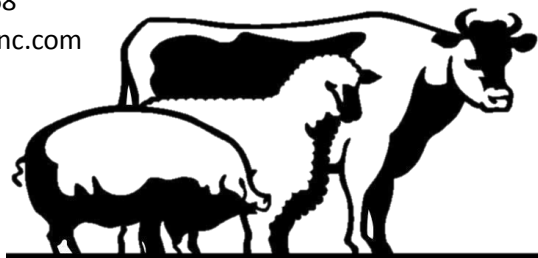
Are you planning on showing Beef at the Oconto County Fair and not sure how to get ready? Here's the clinic that will get you on your way. A Beef Showing & Fitting Clinic will be held on June 30th, 10:00am at the Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett.

For more information contact
Julie Yonker
(920) 373-5668
julie.yonker@gaasinc.com

Rabbit Educational Clinic, July 19th

Rabbit exhibitors will get everything they will need to know to exhibit their rabbit at this year's fair at this event. The Rabbit Educational Clinic will be held on July 19, 6:00pm at the Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett.

For more information contact
Stacie Pienta
staciepienta@gmail.com



Horse Project Event, May 23rd

All Horse Project members are welcome to our first horse event on Wednesday, May 23rd, 6pm sharp at the Gillett Fairgrounds. Our topic will be grooming and we will also talk about show prep. We will have a demo horse on hand. ***Please note: this is NOT a bring-your-horse event.**

We will have grooming demo/discussion from 6-6:45-7ish and then a member Tack/Clothing show. Plan to bring your own tables and display racks, etc. for the items you are looking to sell. You are welcome to set up prior to the 6pm demo. I plan to be there by 5:30pm. It is helpful to have all items clearly marked/labeled for others to easily view. All usable tack, saddles, show clothing, boots, pads, etc. would be acceptable items to bring. Sellers are responsible for their own transactions and should plan to have change on hand or be willing to accept checks, etc.

As always, if weather is at all questionable, please text or call in advance. We will also try to send out an email if a cancellation occurs, but sometimes it is last minute.

Members please RSVP via text or email by May 21st letting me know if you are attending and/or plan to sell items. Hope to see you all there! Danna (920) 373-7058, djmdmm@bayland.net

Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship Program, May 31st

The Wisconsin Town's Association, Rural Mutual Insurance Company and Scott Construction, Inc. will be awarding \$7000.00 in scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2018 from either a public or private high school in Wisconsin that plan to enroll in a Wisconsin public or private college or a university in 2018. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest.

The essay should address the topic: "Why is town road investment important to economic development in Wisconsin?"**

Essay Requirements

- The essay must be typed and between 500 and 1000 words, double spaced.
- Essays must include a bibliographic listing of sources if appropriate
- Essays must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2018 and mailed along with Background Information Form (see page)to:

Wisconsin Towns Association
W7686 County Road MMM
Shawano, WI 54166-6086

**Applicants do not need to be residents of towns. See pages 11-12 for more information.



Super Summer STEM Spectacular for Kids of Military Families

Super Summer STEM Spectacular is offered to youth with a parent/guardian/sibling in the military, ages 9 -13. Camp will be held August 2 -5 at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in Wisconsin Dells. This is a four day, three night camping experience where youth stay in cabins at Upham Woods.

The following activities are part of the camp programs: swimming in lake/river, canoeing/boating, hiking on irregular terrain, and ropes challenge course. Counselors are youth ages 16 -18 and adult leaders. Registration forms and payment are due by Sunday July 1, 2018. The fee is \$100 and covers all meals, lodging, and activities for the four day camp. If you need financial assistance for camp, please contact Sue Curtis, 4-H Military Liaison, sue.curtis@ces.uwes.edu.

An email letter with more information and materials will be sent to participants after registration closes July 1. Check it out at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wiomk/camping-programs/> or see the flyer on page 9.

Door Prizes will be awarded.
Must be present to win.

Registration
Deadline
May 14

Oconto County Communications Contest

May 20th, 2:00pm
Little River Town Hall

Kindergarten
thru High
School

Open to All
Oconto
County Youth

Puppetry (Individual, Duo or Group)

Speak or sing through puppets.
Be sure to bring any supplies you may
need including stage, puppets, music
and/or props.
Bring a copy of your script for the
judge.

Time Limits

K-2nd grade: 2-8 min. grade 3 & up: 5-10 min

Interpretive Reading

(Individual, Duo, Group)

Perform a from a Reader's Theatre script.
Read a story from a book or any other
literary form.
Recite a poem.

Time Limits

K-2nd grade: 1-2 min. grade 3 & up: 2-5 min

Show What You Know

(Individual or Duo)

Give a presentation on something you
know or something you can do.
May use props, computer-based visual
aids, posters, handout, videos or music.
Judge may ask questions after
presentation.

Time Limits

K-2nd grade: 2-8 min. grade 3 & up: 5-10 min

Speech (Individual)

Deliver a speech written by you.
Be sure to acknowledge the source of
your information.
You may use note cards.
Visual aids, props, posters are
encouraged.

Time Limits

K-2nd grade: 1-2 min. grade 3 & up: 2-8 min

Storytelling (Individual)

In your own words, tell a story or fairy
tale you know or one you have made up.
You may use costumes, makeup or other
special effects.
Props and music also allowed.

Time Limits

K-2nd grade: 2-5 min. grade 3 & up: 3-10 min

Register online at

<https://goo.gl/forms/jKwbhl6NOZ1GLWfJ2>

No internet access? Just call Brigid McDowell

920-834-9947

Prizes will be awarded
Face to face judging on your own merit
Pie social to follow event

***Topics that are graphic or violent
in nature should be avoided.***

Super Summer STEM Spectacular

August 2 - 5, 2018

Ages 9 - 13

Youth with a parent/guardian/sibling in the military are eligible to participate.

Wisconsin Dells



\$100 Participation Fee

Youth will be divided into appropriate age groups for programming and lodging.

Do you want to add some excitement to your summer? Join us for a Super Summer STEM adventure! Participants will delve into robotics, aerospace, insect collection/identification, and using digital observation technologies in the woods. You'll spend time with other military kids canoeing and swimming, exploring the beautiful winding trails of Black Hawk Island, and telling stories around the campfire. Upham Woods, the camp location, is located along the beautiful Wisconsin River and includes experiences in team building and low ropes challenges as well as raptors and reptiles nature programs. Come and enjoy this fun-filled adventure and make new friends and memories to last a lifetime!



This camp is open to all branches of the military.

For questions contact:

Sue Curtis: sue.curtis@ces.uwex.edu or 608-778-7747

You can find more information and registration forms (Due July 1) at:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wiomk/camping-programs/>



The participation fee has been raised due to lack of support grants for camp this year. If you need financial assistance to attend camp, please contact Sue Curtis at 608-778-7747

We would like to thank the Wisconsin American Legion Juniors for their generous donation for camp.

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SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Presents THE...

OLDER YOUTH LOCK IN 2018!

(Gr. 7 and up)

where: SHEBOYGAN COUNTY
Fairgrounds, PLYMOUTH, WI

when: June 29-30
STARTING AT 6PM UNTIL 7am

\$10 Per Person

4-H Dance From 8:00 P.m. - 11:00 P.m.

FOOD - BRING A TREAT TO SHARE

Capture THE FLAG

RETURN THE BOTTOM OF THIS FORM ALONG WITH \$10
Payment TO UW-EXTENSION, 5 UNIVERSITY DRIVE,
SHEBOYGAN, WI 53801 BY JUNE 14, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

***4-H Members: Please Update Health Form in 4-H Online

***Non-Enrolled Friends: A Health Form will be mailed to you

YOUTH PLEASE READ: I accept the opportunity to participate in the 4-H Youth Association Lock-in in Plymouth. During the lock-in, I will conduct myself in a positive manner to represent myself, my family and my community. I will participate in activities as requested by the leaders and I understand that my participation in the 4-H Lock-in is dependent upon my ability to conduct myself in a responsible manner, to follow instructions and rules and to behave in safe and appropriate ways. *Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the program and will require that my parents provide for my transportation home from the lock-in at any time of the day or night.*

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

1

Entrants must prepare an essay addressing the 2018 WTA Scholarship program topic.

“Why is town road investment important to economic development in Wisconsin?”

2

The typed (not handwritten) essay should be between 500 and 1,000 words and double spaced.

3

Essays must include a bibliographic listing of sources used.

4

The completed essay should be postmarked no later than May 31, 2018 and mailed to:

Wisconsin Towns Association
W7686 County Road MMM
Shawano, WI 54166-6086

Your thoughts — combined with your writing skill and creativity — can put you in line to receive one of seven scholarships.



Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Scott Construction, Inc. are again offering the following scholarships to winners of an essay contest. Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis:

- Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, one each to the highest ranking boy and highest ranking girl from a town or village insured by Rural Mutual Insurance Company as of May 1, 2018.
- Five (5) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top five additional students.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

All applicants must graduate from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2018 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or University in 2018.

- Essays will be judged independently on originality and subject matter in relationship to the topic. The essays must also contain correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Judging will be completed by August 14, 2018.
- Recipients will be announced by August 31, 2018. Successful recipients are strongly encouraged to attend the Wisconsin Towns Association Banquet on the evening of October 15, 2018 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point, WI. Proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin public or private college is required to receive a scholarship.

**2018 Wisconsin Towns Association
Scholarship Program
Background Information**

Name:	
Telephone:	
Mail Address:	
City/State/ Zip:	
Email:	
Residence Town/Village/City of:	
Residence County of:	
Parents' Names:	Father: Mother:
Is either parent a town or village officer?	Yes: _____ No: _____ If "yes" specify office held:
Name of High School from which you are graduating in 2018?	
School or institution of higher education you plan to attend after Graduation?	
Date of intended enrollment?	
Career you plan to pursue?	
Hobbies or activities in high school of interest to you?	
Your signature:	
Date:	

Mail this completed form and your essay to the following address by May 31, 2018

Wisconsin Towns Association
W7686 County Road MMM
Shawano, WI 54166-6086