

Oconto County 4-H Friday Notes February 3rd, 2017

New Stuff



Condolences to the Family of Terry Nelson

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the death of Terry Nelson, chairman of the Oconto County Youth Fair Board. Terry passed away suddenly on January 30th. As a member of the 4-H Food Stand committee I worked with Terry during the fair. He was instrumental in getting us a repairman a couple years ago when our freezer and refrigeration units went down, saving us thousands of dollars in food spoilage. He will be missed. [Terry Nelson obituary](#)

Visitation for Terry will be held on Saturday, February 11th at 11:00am in the Oconto County Youth Fair Exhibition building with a memorial service at 1:00pm.

Congratulations to Art Beat! Participants

Seven of our 4-H members will be attending 4-H Art Beat! at the bargain price of \$14.25 per person on March 17th & 18th due to the generosity of the Leader's Association who contributed \$250 towards the registration fee for up to 10 members. The funds are a direct result of everyone who worked in the food stand during the fair last August. Thank you Leader's Association and thank you food stand helpers!

Club Articles in Friday Notes

You may have noticed that articles from some of our 4-H clubs have been making it into Friday Notes. I would like to invite any of our clubs to submit items about fun and interesting stuff you are doing along with pictures. (Please be sure that everyone in the photo has completed the photo waiver in 4-H Online because Friday Notes is emailed to all our 4-H families and posted on the UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development webpages.) Since this newsletter is published online make sure that spelling and grammar has been checked. I would love to have a head shot of the person writing the article also so I can post it alongside their submission. Let everyone know what your club is all about.

Board of Directors Meeting, February 19th

The Board of Directors will be meeting on February 19th at St Clare Hospital in Oconto Falls at 2:00pm. We will be electing new officers. We are in need of older youth that would be interested in being a part of our group. Please contact Kim Kamke at kim@frgf.com if you are interested.

2017 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships Applications Now Being Accepted, March 15

Madison, Wis. [January 1, 2017] – The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017. Scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2017-2018 academic school year. Applicants should visit the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website to learn more about how to apply: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>.

State Fair Dairy Promotions Board Scholarship, March 24th

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the 2017-18 school year, to third and fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities. Additional \$1,000 scholarships will be offered to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science. Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>.

Application deadline is Friday, March 24.

For more information, contact Katy Katzman at [262-903-6727](tel:262-903-6727) or katzman@idcnet.com.

Next MAQA Training Class, April 20 (see attached letter from Ag Agent, Sarah Mills-Lloyd)

If you missed the MAQA class on January 7th you have other opportunities to attend other sessions offered throughout the state. The new UW-Extension MAQA website has a listing of classes that is updated regularly. For more information on MAQA classes offered yet this year follow the link below.

[UW-Extension MAQA website](#) or <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/>

Spring Fling, May 6th

Spring Fling will be held at Washington Middle School on Saturday, May 6th. Watch Friday Notes for more information.

I Want To Know! STEM Camp 2017, May 5-6th

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 or 920-834-6846. **Financial assistance may be available for a limited number of 4-H members through the Oconto County Leaders Association.**

Fun Stuff

Let us know what fun things your club is doing so we can post it here and on our website. We would like share your experiences with other 4-H clubs. This would be a great task for a club reporter. Please send your information to arvilla.rusnak@co.oconto.wi.us. Remember to include some pix!

Oconto County Fairest and Junior Fairest of the Fair, April 2nd

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 see the attached flyer or contact Nikki Olson at (920) 373-3809 at nichole.olson84@yahoo.com.



Morgan Badgers 4-H Ties up a Difference

On January 9th the Morgan Badgers 4-H Club held their monthly meeting. The members cut and tied fleece blankets they had purchased at local craft store by the club. The blankets will be donated to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and then be given to the children at the Hospital. The members made a variety of blankets for boys and girls. Members tied 47 blankets that will be donated. Morgan Badgers meets at St. John's Church in Morgan at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of each month.



Front row: Elliot Hytinen, Natalie Portier, Michaela Crandall, Brady Chriske Nathan Seitz, back row: Lydia Klopotic, Autumn Gable, Grace Goodness, Abby Portier, Onni Hytinen, Kiley Klopotic, Hailey Bohm, Bryce Bohm, Alex Klopotic Tristen Bierhals, Mady Gohr



Animal Well-Being Conference: March 3, 2017

This conference is open to adults with a special track for youth. It will be held at Country Aire, F1312 Co Rd P, Stratford, WI on March 3rd. See the attached brochure or follow the link below for more information. **Cost is \$20 and registration for youth must be submitted online at the link below by February 20th, no late registrations will be accepted.**

NOTE: Marathon County Farm Bureau is paying 50% of the registration cost for the first 25 registered students. You will receive an email letting you know if you owe \$20 or \$10. Please dress for the weather, Equity barns are not heated.

[Animal Well-Being Conference Brochure](#) or <http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/4hyouthline/files/2017/01/Animal-Well-Being-Conference.pdf>

[Youth Registration](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq4EvKlv3Lf15io3_zYO-usvmzs5aK3QKQDzdlzckgBvn6w/viewform?c=0&w=1) or https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq4EvKlv3Lf15io3_zYO-usvmzs5aK3QKQDzdlzckgBvn6w/viewform?c=0&w=1

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.

Ag Career Exploration Event, April 22-23rd

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

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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

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.**