Happy New Year Everyone!

As you read this Cloverpatch, you will notice that Oneida County 4-H has a lot of opportunities for youth and families this month. As always with 4-H programming, youth and families choose in what they would like to get involved.

The 4-H Office is located in the lower level of the Rhinelander/Oneida County Airport. Park in the parking lot labeled “UW-Ext” and enter through the side door. Follow the signs downstairs.

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Why use www.4honline.com?
Use www.4honline.com to update your 4-H projects or register for 4-H events.

Forget your password?
Type in your email address and 4HOnline will send you a new one!

Online calendar
Always know when and where 4-H events are happening!
Check out the NEW online Oneida County 4-H calendar!
http://oneida.uwex.edu/4hyd/calendar

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https://www.facebook.com/OCWI4
Land & Water Speaking Contest
Register by Friday, Feb. 6

The Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department will host the Oneida County Conservation Speaking Contest at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the county board room (second floor) in the Oneida County Courthouse.

Register by filling out a registration form located online at wisconsinlandwater.org/programs/youth-education by Feb. 6. Return the form to Land & Water Conservation, P.O. Box 400, 1 S. Oneida Ave., Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501. For questions, call 715-369-7835 or email Michele Sadauskas at msadauskas@co.oneida.wi.us.

The contest challenges all area youth to write and deliver a speech promoting the conservation of natural resources and the protection or enhancement of environmental quality. Refreshments will be provided. First-place winners in both the poster and speaking contest will advance to the area competition, to be held in Oneida County this year on Feb. 20.

Need speech help?
Speech Help: Sunday, Feb. 8

Lynn Feldman, 4-H Youth Development Educator and judge of the regional Land & Water Conservation speaking contest, is available to offer help to anyone interested in participating in the Land & Water Speaking Contest. Lynn will be available to help at 6 p.m. Sunday Feb. 8, at the UW-Extension Oneida County office, located in the lower level of the Rhinelander/Oneida County Airport. Lynn is currently the regional judge for the Land & Water Speaking Contest and can help you develop a topic or answer any questions you may have about how to deliver a speech.

Please let Lynn know if you would like her help no later than Friday, Feb. 6.

★ Take advantage of Lynn’s free help! ★

Land & Water Poster Contest
Tuesday, Feb. 10

The Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department will host a poster contest in conjunction with the speaking contest. This year’s theme is “Local Heroes—Your Hardworking Pollinators.” Area school-aged youth can submit their artwork to Oneida County to have it judged on Feb. 10. All poster contest winners will have copies of their artwork displayed at the speaking contest and posters will remain on display at the Oneida County Courthouse. First-place winners in both the poster and speaking contest will advance to the area competition, to be held in Oneida County this year on Feb. 20.

Family Winter Activities
Bring your family and friends to two upcoming winter activities sure to get anyone out of the winter doldrums!

Saturday, Feb. 7—Ice Skating
- **When:** 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7
- **Where:** Rhinelander Ice Arena: 2021 E. Timber Drive, Rhinelander.
- **Cost:** $3/person. Includes FREE ice skate rentals and an ice skating demonstration by one of our very own
Oneida County 4-Hers!

- **Food/Drink:** Hot chocolate, pretzels and nachos will be available for purchase at the ice rink concessions.
- **RSVP:** Please call the Oneida County 4-H Office at 715-365-2750 or email Anne Williams, 4-H support staff, at anne.williams@ces.uwex.edu.

**Sunday, Feb. 15 — Downhill Skiing**

*Back by popular demand!*

- **When:** 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 15
- **Where?** Camp 10: W1604 Ski Hill Road, Rhinelander.
- **Cost?** $6 for rentals; $10 for lift tickets.

[Snowboard package deal: $30 for rental & lift]

- **RSVP:** Please call the Oneida County 4-H Office at 715-365-2750 or email Anne Williams, 4-H support staff, at anne.williams@ces.uwex.edu.

**4-H Volunteer Leader Training**

**Monday, Feb. 9**

- **What is it?** Get trained to become a 4-H leader at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9. Being a certified 4-H volunteer leader allows you to:
  - Guide and mentor our country’s future citizens and leaders!
  - Give back to the community.
  - Build connections with others.
  - Be covered under county 4-H liability coverage and insurance when working with youth.
  - Receive letters of recommendation from UW-Extension educators.
- **Where?** The UW-Extension Oneida County office (lower level of the Rhinelander/Oneida County Airport).
- **RSVP by:** As soon as possible by calling the 4-H Office at 715-365-2750 or by emailing Anne Williams, 4-H support staff, at anne.williams@ces.uwex.edu.

**4-H Legos—Come join in the fun!**

**Wednesday, Feb. 11**

*Interested in building Lego creations and meeting new friends?*

Join the 4-H Lego group from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the lower level of the Rhinelander District Library. Youth in grades 3 and up are welcome to participate! Bring a friend! Don’t have Legos? We have some for you to use! Please make sure you are enrolled in 4-H online at www.4honline.com before you participate. It’s free to sign up and easy to do! Contact Amy Engel if you have questions at 715-362-5334.

**4-H Art Beat**

**Register by Feb. 20**

- **What is it?** Created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders to learn more about Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more!
- **When?** March 20-21
- **Where?** Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells.
- **How do I sign up?** Sign up online at www.4honline.com. Sign into your personal 4-H account (if you don’t remember your password, type in your email address and you can get a new one), and sign up under “events.”
- **Deadline to sign up?** Feb. 20.
- **Cost?** The (to be determined) fee will include all materials and supplies, special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.
- **Carpooling?** We do have one person from Oneida County 4-H signed up already, so ridesharing is a possibility!
4-H Model Rockets
Saturday, Feb. 21
Anyone in grades 3 and older who are interested in learning how to build a model rocket are welcome to attend the 4-H model rocket building class from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Oneida County Senior Center, 100 W. Keenan St. (next to Trig’s). Please RSVP by calling 715-365-2750 or by emailing Anne Williams, 4-H support staff, at anne.williams@ces.uwex.edu.

4-H Drama
Saturday, Feb. 21
Youth in grades 3 and older are welcome to attend the next 4-H drama workshop to be held 10-11:30 a.m. at the Oneida County Senior Center, 100 W. Keenan St. (next to Trig’s). Participants will have fun playing drama games, developing characters, creating skits, meeting new friends and enhancing self esteem. Even if you have not attended a drama workshop before, you are welcome to come and be a part of this fun-filled group!

Please RSVP by calling 715-365-2750 or by emailing Anne Williams, 4-H support staff, at anne.williams@ces.uwex.edu.

Above: Three 4-H 4-Hers participate in a fun drama game called “Sculpture.”

4-H Youth Leaders Meeting
Sunday, Feb. 22
4-H Club Officers and youth who are in grades 6 and older who want to learn leadership skills are encouraged to meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, (an hour before the 4-H club meeting) at the UW-Extension Oneida County office located in the lower level of the Rhinelander/Oneida County airport. Participants will come up with the meeting agenda and ideas for future 4-H programming.

Keep it in the Northwoods Club
Next meeting: Sunday, Feb. 22
The Keep it in the Northwoods 4-H Club will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at the UW-Extension Oneida County office located in the lower level of the Rhinelander/Oneida County airport. New to 4-H? Come to the 4-H meeting and meet others in 4-H! Learn about upcoming 4-H events. All are welcome to attend! 4-Her Lauren Rosendahl will be giving a demonstration about ice skating at this meeting.

Oneida County Fair Judge Training
Register by Monday, Feb. 23
Interested in being a judge at the 2015 Oneida County Fair? Learn more by viewing the Fair Judges Training Webinar at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 3.

The webinar is geared for those interested in becoming a county fair judge, as well as judges that would like to be updated on the general principles of what it takes to judge at Wisconsin County Fairs. Some of the topics to be covered are:

* The basics of judging at the county fair
* Steps to becoming a judge
* Expectations of judges
* Types of judging such as conference and face-to-face.

There will also be time for any questions you may have regarding judging at Wisconsin County Fairs. If you know of volunteers or project leaders that
might be interested in being a county fair judge, please pass the registration information to them.
The fee to view the webinar is $15, which can be paid for by Oneida County 4-H Leaders Association.
Register by Monday, Feb. 23, by filling out the form located at http://oneida.uwex.edu under 4-H youth development—4-H Members & Leaders. All communication will be relayed via email. After you are registered, the PowerPoint and the call-in information for the program will be emailed to you.

**Leaders Association Meeting**

**Next meeting: Monday, Feb. 23**

The Oneida County 4-H Leaders Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at the UW-Extension Oneida County office, located in the lower level of the Rhinelander/Oneida County Airport.

All are welcome to the Leaders’ meeting (new 4-H members, parents, leaders and youth leaders). Their work is so important to the continued functioning of the 4-H program as they set the guidelines for the Fair Book, set up the 4-H portion of the fair, raise money for trips and workshops, and explore new programming ideas. Come and be a part of 4-H expansion in Oneida County!

**Camp Scholarships Available**

**Apply by Wednesday, April 15**

The Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department is offering three scholarships (includes camp fee and mileage stipend) to attend the Sand Lake Conservation Camp in Marinette County. Camp will be held June 24-26 at Camp Bird near Crivitz, WI. For more information about the camp, visit http://wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-conservation-camps.

To be eligible for a scholarship, students must be living in or attending school in Oneida County, entering grades 6-8 in the fall, and submit a 200-400 word essay (must be typed) answering the following question:

“You have just been given the job of Oneida County Conservationist for a day. You also received a magic wand for the day. How would you use the magic wand to better Oneida County, and why?”

Please send essays with registration materials (will be available mid-February at the above link) by April 15, 2015 to: Michele Sadauskas, Oneida County LWCD, Camp Scholarships, P.O. Box 400, Rhinelander, WI 54501 or email msadauskas@co.oneida.wi.us.

Remember to include your name, address, telephone number, and school name.

Any questions please contact Michele Sadauskas at msadauskas@co.oneida.wi.us or 715-369-7835.

**Parents, Leaders: Call-In!**

**Phone Call: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 1**

4-H leaders, volunteers and parents are encouraged to participate in a phone conversation with Lynn Feldman, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 1. This phone call is toll free and will last less than an hour.

**To call in:**

Dial-In: 1 (855) 947-8255
Passcode: 9357741 #

**How do I enroll in 4-H?**

There are 2 ways to join 4-H:
1.) Visit www.4HOnline.com and sign up online for free.
OR
2.) Print off a paper copy of the enrollment form and drop it off or mail it to the Oneida County 4-H Office located at 2275 Airport Road #10, Rhinelander, WI 54501 (we are located in the lower level of the Oneida County/Rhinelander airport). After you turn in your enrollment form, 4-H staff will set you up with a www.4HOnline.com account complete with username and password. (continued on next page)
Enrolling in 4-H
Frequently Asked Questions:

How can I enroll in 4-H online if I don’t have internet access?
- Stop by the Oneida County 4-H Office located in the lower level of 3375 Airport Road in Rhinelander. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Visit the Oneida County Courthouse, where there are several computers open for public use with free internet access. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Visit your local library and ask a librarian to help you log onto www.4HOnline.com.

How do I add my children as members using 4HOnline?
After you set up a username and password through www.4Honline.com, the website will ask you to first enroll as a family.
Once you’ve entered your basic family information, the website will allow you to add your children as 4-H members. Click on the black arrow under “Add A New Family Member.”

Select “Youth” and then add your child. You need to add children separately.

3. Do I need to declare a 4-H project?
In order to successfully enroll in 4-H, you must enroll in at least one 4-H project. If a 4-H member is in grades K-2, their project should automatically be Cloverbuds.

4. Do I need to belong to a 4-H club when I enroll?
Yes. You must join the Keep it in the Northwoods Club because it’s currently the only 4-H club in Oneida County. This does not mean you must attend club meetings or are obligated to volunteer for club activities.
Belonging to a 4-H club, however, has its benefits. Clubs aim to help youth:
- Develop a zest and skill for life-long learning.
- Acquire confidence and a positive attitude toward self.
- Develop leadership, citizenship and teamwork skills.
- Explore possible vocations and careers.
- Learn to manage time wisely and set priorities.
- Interact with adults who serve as role models.

Answer questions, win a prize!
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources offers fun weekly quiz for anyone who likes to learn about wildlife and plants. Every week that you submit your answer, your name will be entered to win a weekly prize! Go to:
http://www.wiatri.net/NHC/Quiz/

Here is a sample question:
This slim-bodied and state Endangered snake is very rare in Wisconsin. Its diet consists almost entirely of small amphibians, so you’re likely to spot it near water.
A) Eastern Ribbonsnake
   Lined Snake
   North American Racer

Did you guess the eastern ribbonsnake?
If so, you are correct! The eastern ribbonsnake has a tail that accounts for over 1/3 of its total body length! This snake hibernates during the winter in small mammal and crayfish burrows. It has been observed protecting its young by swallowing them until the threat has passed.

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