

## 4-H Family Newsletter



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### Annual Banquet Reminder: April 2nd

This is a reminder that the Annual 4-H Awards & Recognition banquet has been postponed to April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. It will be held in the evening at the Iron River Community Center. The decision to postpone the event was made by the Awards & Recognition Committee and was supported by the Leaders Association Executive Board.

**Please join us for the:**  
**4-H Leaders Association Annual Meeting**  
**When: 7pm November 15th**  
**Where: via Zoom or,**  
**join us for pizza at the Eileen Town Hall**  
**See email for Zoom link.**

### About the 4-H Leaders Association

The Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association includes all 4-H leaders, members, families, and supportive persons. Each club should have at least one member in attendance at each meeting. All attending adult leaders and 4-H members in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up can vote on items.

The 4-H Leaders Association meets on the third Monday of the month, except for in October, December, May, and August. There is a virtual option for each meeting. At these meetings members, leaders, and parents come together to make decisions, provide input, share ideas, and develop solutions to improve and strengthen the Bayfield County 4-H program.  
Are you interested in getting involved with the Bayfield County 4-H leaders Association? Please consider attending our November 15<sup>th</sup> annual meeting or get in contact with Kaylie Lukas- 4-H Program Assistant.

### 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board

President.....Becca Crumb-Johnson- Friendly Valley  
Vice President.....Cindy Luzzatto- Gitche Gumees  
Secretary.....Kelli Tuttle- Drummond Explorers  
Treasurer.....Andy Tuttle- Drummond Explorers

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SAVE THE DATE	
November	
14	Equine Council- General Meeting- Iron River Community Center 4pm
15	Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association Annual Meeting Eileen Town Hall or Zoom 7pm
30	State 4-H Leader Training: Relationships, Communication, & Inclusivity Session. 6:30-8pm, virtual
December	Happy Holidays! Enjoy some time with family!
January	
17	4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 7pm Virtual Via Zoom
17	Deadline for Winter Newsletter submissions
31	State 4-H leader Training: Voices, Roles, & Participation Session. 6:30-8pm, virtual

### 2022 Newsletters

In 2022 we will be switching to a quarterly newsletter format. Please add the submission deadlines below to your calendars:

Winter Issue: January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Issue: March 21<sup>st</sup>  
Summer Issue: June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Issue: September 19<sup>th</sup>



We encourage each club to send an update for each issue. Let us know what your club is up to. Pictures are great and encouraged. This is a great job for club reporters, historians, and secretaries. Individual members are also encouraged to send their own article submissions. Show others what you have been doing in your project work!

## 2021-22 Bayfield County 4-H Leaders- Including years of Leadership

Our leaders are the heart of the 4-H program. One of the things that makes the 4-H program unique is the adult-youth partnerships that are created through the program. Thank you leaders for all that you do! We would not be 4-H without you.

**\*\*Emboldened names indicate the volunteer will be receiving a milestone award at our recognition dinner in April.**

### Ashwabay

**6 Lisa Weispfenning**  
**6 Mike Weispfenning**

### Clover Valley

**15 Roger Branham**  
14 Julie Branham  
**21 Paul Beeksma**

### Gitche Gume

7 Katie Ahlberg  
**5 Nate Ahlberg**  
**10 Tiffany Bates**  
**5 Sue Bates**

1 Jenny Biolo  
4 Judith Chaney  
1 Jennifer Dull  
**36 Marjorie Falter**  
20 Peggy Golly  
7 Karen Johnson  
29 Rodney Johnson

**15 Virgil Johnson**  
39 Eunice Laakso  
17 Steven Laakso  
8 Becky Landwehr  
8 Cindy Luzzatto  
7 Daniel Pudas  
**10 Janet Martens**  
**11 Melissa Mieritz**  
1 Josh Mieritz  
3 Heidi Schiefelbein  
1 Jennifer Simmons  
8 Nathanael Swanson

**10 Bill Tuura**  
**11 Katie Tuura**  
**2 Crystal Wehrman**  
**2 Cory Wehrman**

### Equine Council

8 Anne-Marie Coy

### Friendly Valley

9 Becca Crumb-Johnson  
8 Dede Maki  
4 Hilary Markin

### Drummond Explorers

**15 Andrew Tuttle**  
**15 Kelli Tuttle**  
4 Maria Renz  
**12 Melissa Wiezorek**  
3 Wade Wiezorek

### Great Divide

**6 Heather Kinnunen**

### Ino Valley

**42 Glory Bizub**  
7 Karen Bizub-Wren

### Pine Creek

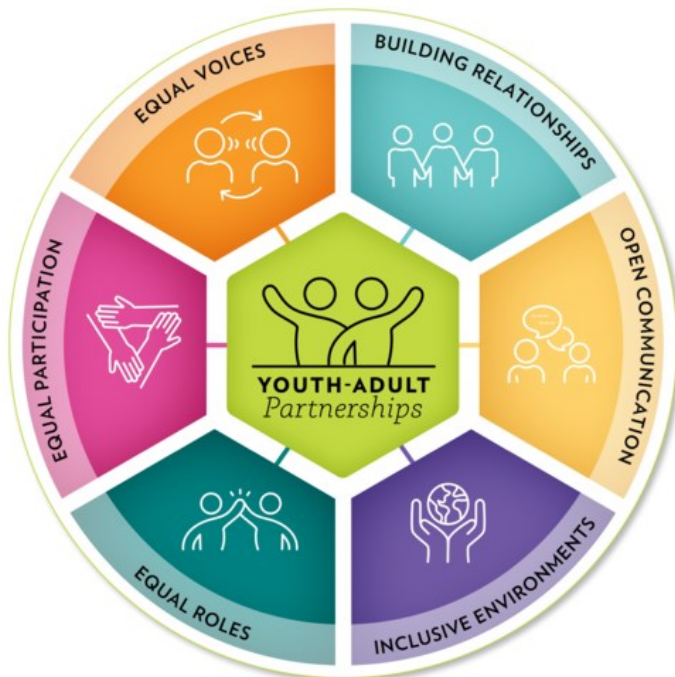
47 Agnes Farkas  
18 Kathy Huybrecht  
1 Lisa Martinsen  
9 Caloney Mesik  
1 John Mesik  
7 Amanda Tutor

### Whispering Pines

18 Darla Lahti  
**11 Marla Lahti**  
2 Shawna Olesiak  
8 Susan Ostrenga

### Whittlesey Creek

9 Sarah Kreinbring  
**25 Christine Beeksma**  
**20 Paul Beeksma**



## Welcome to Bayfield County 4-H!

Please welcome our new 4-H Project Leaders:

### Gitche Gume

Jenny Biolo (2<sup>nd</sup> year)- Horse  
Jennifer Dull- Leathercraft  
Josh Mieritz- Air Rifle  
Jennifer Simmons (2<sup>nd</sup> year)- Rabbits  
Crystal Wehrman (2<sup>nd</sup> year)- Cavies/ Guinea Pigs, Poultry  
Cory Wehrman- Fishing

### Ino Valley

Janey Mika- Organizational Club Leader

### Pine Creek

Lisa Martinsen- Cloverbud Leader

### Whispering Pines

Shawna Olesiak (2<sup>nd</sup> year)- Dairy, Poultry, Leathercraft

Please welcome these new members to 4-H:

Friendly Valley  
Landon Wiemer

Drummond Explorers  
Josiah Renz

Gitche Gume  
Sawyer Mieritz  
Tahya Nelson  
Onyx Wahlberg  
Serena Woodhull

Ino Valley  
Claire Hecimovich

Great Divide  
Peyton Mattison  
Benjamin Mattison  
Zaden Marksman  
Brea Marksman  
Lily Plum  
Kate Williamson

Pine Creek  
Johnny Galligan  
Angelica Huybrecht  
Kinsley Larson  
Violet Martinsen  
IvyAnne Schmidt

Whispering Pines  
Alyssa Nieder  
IvyAnne Schmidt

## Older Member Awards

All Bayfield County 4-H members in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older are eligible to apply for a number of recognitions and travel opportunities each year through the Older member Award Process. Members submit an application and are interviewed by a committee of 4-H Leaders Association Members.

### Congratulations to this Years 4-H Older Member Award Recipients:

#### Outstanding Leadership

Brielle Mesik

#### Beginning Leadership

Alex Renz

Sam Tuttle

#### Outstanding Youth Project Leader

Avana Beeksma

Grace Kreinbring

Brian Maki

#### Outstanding Community Service

##### Award

Grace Kreinbring

Sam Tuttle

#### Beginning Community Service Award

Avana Beeksma

Chalee Luzzatto

#### Advanced Entrepreneur Award

Brielle Mesik

#### Young Entrepreneur Award

Chalee Luzzatto



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Year Ambassadors

Chalee Luzzatto

Nate Renz

Thor Tuura

#### Citizenship Washington Focus

Promise Kreinbring

Brielle Mesik

Nick Pully

Alex Renz

#### American Spirit Trip East

Avana Beeksma

Grace Kreinbring

Brian Maki

#### Superior Days

Avana Beeksma

Chalee Luzzatto

Promise Kreinbring

Nick Pully

Sam Tuttle

#### Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference

Avana Beeksma

Grace Kreinbring

Chalee Luzzatto

Brian Maki

Brielle Mesik

Thor Tuura

Nate Renz

Sam Tuttle

#### Winter Camp

Avana Beeksma

Promise Kreinbring

Brian Maki

Brielle Mesik

Nick Pully

Nate Renz

Alex Renz

Paige Tuura

Thor Tuura

#### Bayfield County Adventure Trips

Avana Beeksma

Grace Kreinbring

Promise Kreinbring

Chalee Luzzatto

Brielle Mesik

Sam Tuttle

Thor Tuura

## 4-H Achievement Awards

4-H Achievement Awards are provided by the Bayfield County 4-H office. It is our county's way of recognize the accomplishments of our 4-H Members. The awards are based on a points system that the member fills out each year and turns into their club leaders. The awards are provided as follows:

Bronze: 75 points

Silver: 150 Points

Gold: 300 Points

Gold +1: 450 Points

Gold +2: 600 Points

Gold +3: 750 Points, and so on.

The points system was recently updated by a Bayfield County Leaders Association committee.

You can see the new points system at: <https://bayfield.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/10/2021-updated-permanent-record.pdf>

### Congratulations to this years 4-H Achievers! Keep up the good work!

#### **Gold +3**

McKenzie Tuura- Gitche Gume

#### **Gold +1**

Brian Maki- Friendly Valley

#### **Bronze**

Riley Gibbs- Great Divide

Allyson Golly- Gitche Gume

Tucker Muelle- Gitche Gume

Emery Roush- Friendly Valley

#### **Gold +2**

Avana Beeksma- Whittlesey Creek

Grace Kreinbring- Whittlesey Creek

#### **Silver**

Logan Roush- Friendly Valley

## Outstanding Record Book Awards Go To:

Avana Beeksma

Allyson Golly

Natalie Golly

Chalee Luzzatto

Brian Maki

Erik Maki

Beau Mesik

Brielle Mesik

Eli Mieritz

Hayden Mieritz

Hunter Mieritz

Kiley Mueller

Tucker Mueller

Grace Kreinbring

Levi Kreinbring

Promise Kreinbring

Alyssa Renz

Alex Renz

Nate Renz

Stephen Renz

Emery Roush

Logan Roush

Beyla Wallin

Ivar Wallin

McKenzie Tuura

Thor Tuura



## 2022 Bayfield County 4-H Ambassadors

The 4-H Ambassador Program gives older members the opportunity to share their enthusiasm for 4-H with others. They serve as role models for their club and county, help to educate members and the public about the 4-H program, and take part and help out with countywide 4-H programs and events. Please welcome this year's Bayfield County 4-H Ambassadors!



### **Avana Beeksma**

This is Avana's 2<sup>nd</sup> year as an Ambassador. Avana is a 14-year-old that has been involved in 4-H for as long as she can remember. She is a member of the Whittlesey Creek 4-H Club where she served as club president last year and took part in the Bayfield County 4-H leaders Association. She is also very involved with Equine Council and the state 4-H program. She served as the council treasurer last year and wants to continue to have leadership roles this year. She loves horses and this will be her 7<sup>th</sup> year in the horse project. In her free time, she volunteers at Hooves of Joy, an organization that provides children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy the experience of horseback riding. She is excited to share her knowledge about and passion for horses with younger 4-H members this year in her leadership role with Equine Council and as an ambassador.



### **Grace Kreinbring**

This is Grace's 2<sup>nd</sup> year as an Ambassador. This is her 9<sup>th</sup> year in 4-H, including her time in Cloverbuds. She is a member of the Whittlesey Creek 4-H club. She has many project interests, but one of her favorites is photography. She entered many photographs at the Fair and at the Cultural Arts Festival. She has learned a lot, and excited to continue learning about photography this year. She has served as a club officer, is involved with Equine Council, and is always willing to jump in and help out where needed at 4-H events. She is excited to serve as an ambassador again this year and hopes to be a camp counselor.



### **Promise Kreinbring**

This will be Promise's 4<sup>th</sup> year as a 4-H Ambassador! She has been involved in 4-H since she was a Cloverbud and is currently a member of the Whittlesey Creek 4-H Club. She is always willing to lend a hand and help where needed in her club, at the fair, and at county events. This year she was a camp counselor for summer camp, and she also took part in the state 4-H leadership program. She has many project interests but one of her favorite projects is Food & Nutrition. She is excited to continue serving as a youth leader and ambassador for Bayfield County 4-H.



### **Chalee Luzzatto**

This is Chalee's first year as an Ambassador. She is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at South Shore and has been a part of the Gitche Gumee 4-H Club since she was a Cloverbud. She has many project interests and has been showing rabbits at the fair for the past 3 years. She volunteers within 4-H and at her church and loves to work with children, she has even started her own babysitting business! She is excited to serve as an ambassador this year and to hold leadership roles within her club and the county.



### **Brian Maki**

This will be Brian's 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a 4-H Ambassador! He is a sophomore at Washburn High School, is the president of the Friendly Valley 4-H Club and has been a part of 4-H since he was a Cloverbud. This past year he did a great job as club president and led his club in a solar and renewable energy project where he planned and led many meetings. He was also a camp counselor at summer camp. He has played a big role in keeping his club and county 4-H going throughout the pandemic, and is excited to continue in his leadership roles in his club and with Bayfield 4-H.



### **Brielle Mesik**

This will be Brielle's 4<sup>th</sup> year as a 4-H Ambassador! She is a junior at Ashland High School and has been a member of the Pine Creek 4-H Club for the past 10 years, and this will be her 5<sup>th</sup> year as the club president. She loves 4-H, is always very involved with the fair, countywide events, and enjoys taking part in a variety of projects. She is a part of the 4-H Market sale and served as the market sale president last year. She is excited to continue her work in the beef project and to continue showing at beef shows throughout the state and at the county fair. She has even developed her own beef cattle business where she is learning more about beef breeding, nutrition, care, and genetics. She loves working with younger 4-H members and is excited to keep her club and countywide 4-H program going.

**Nick Pully**

This will be Nick's 3<sup>rd</sup> year and his second term as a 4-H Ambassador. He is a junior at Ashland High School and has been a member of the Whittlesey Creek 4-H Club for the past 7 years. His main projects are sheep and aerospace. He has shown sheep at the county fair and throughout the state and is involved in 4-H Market Sale. His current passion and project of interest is aerospace. This will be his fourth year in the aerospace project and is excited to help with expanding the aerospace project countywide, and to help with planning countywide aerospace 4-H programming.

**Nate Renz**

This is Nate's first year as an Ambassador. He is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Drummond High School and is a member of the Drummond Explorers 4-H club. He has been involved in 4-H for the past 4 years and his focus project is veterinary science. He has learned a lot through his project work and want to continue learning about and working with animals and volunteering at animal shelters. He also enjoys volunteering with his church and takes part and helps with 4-H as much as he can. He is excited to serve as an ambassador this year and to take on leadership roles within 4-H.

**Alex Renz**

This is Alex's 2<sup>nd</sup> year in his term as a 4-H Ambassador. He is a junior at Drummond High School and is a member of the Drummond Explorers 4-H club. He has been a part of the Bayfield County Leader's Association this past year and attended many meetings. He is involved in a variety of 4-H projects, but his current interest is in photography. He is always willing to lend a hand at club and countywide 4-H events and at his church. He is excited to continue growing as a leader in 4-H and in his community this year.

**Sam Tuttle**

This will be Sam's 3<sup>rd</sup> year as an Ambassador. He is a sophomore at Drummond High School and has been a member of the Drummond Explorers 4-H Club since he was a Cloverbud. Sam always helps where he can in his community and in 4-H and he enjoys teaching and working with younger 4-H members. He enjoyed being a camp counselor for 4-H summer camp this year and plans to serve as a counselor again next year. He is also the president of his club. His main project through the years has been sheep. He took part in the market sale for the past two years and has been working on his showmanship skills, showing his sheep at the county fair and throughout the Midwest. Sam is excited to start his second term as a 4-H ambassador and to increase his role as a 4-H youth leader.

**Paige Tuura**

This will be Paige's 4<sup>th</sup> year as a 4-H Ambassador. She is 14 and is a junior at Northwestern High School. This will be her 9<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the Gitche Gumee 4-H club. She has been in the Food & Nutrition project from the start and really enjoys cooking and baking. She has been a part of the county Foods Revue each year and has learned a lot through the years. She is a youth leader in Foods & Nutrition for her club and enjoys working with her clubs' younger members and teaching them about and getting them excited about cooking. This year her project focus is on foods from around the world. Paige enjoys 4-H and likes to participate in all the activities that her club and our county offers, and she is always willing to lend a hand where needed. She is excited to represent 4-H as an ambassador again this year and to continue her leadership roles in Foods & Nutrition.

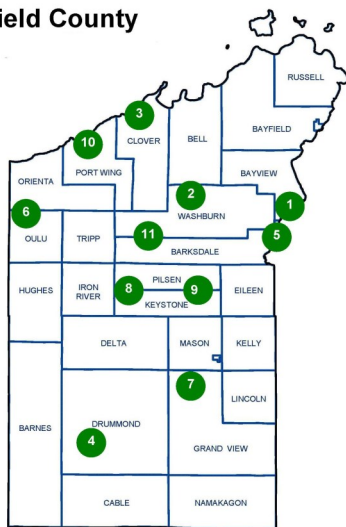
**Thor Tuura**

This is Thor's first year as an Ambassador. He is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Northwestern Middle School and is a member of the Gitche Gumee 4-H club. His favorite project in 4-H is woodworking and this will be his 6<sup>th</sup> year in the project. Thor enjoys being a part of his 4-H club and always takes part in the fair and in all the 4-H events and activities that he can. He is excited to represent Bayfield County 4-H as an ambassador this year and in increasing his roles as a leader for his club.



## Township Map of Bayfield County 4-H Clubs

1. Ashwabay
2. CANSKI
3. Clover Valley
4. Drummond Explorers
5. Friendly Valley
6. Gitche Gumee
7. Great Divide
8. Ino Valley
9. Pine Creek
10. Whispering Pines
11. Whittlesey Creek



### Ashwabay

The Ashwabay Bike Club has had a very successful 2021 season. After riding as a group all summer, we continued to meet on Monday afternoons after school started. We have biked on the Ashwabay Trails in Bayfield and had a well attended fall celebration down in Cable where we rode at the Cable Bike Park then went out for dinner afterwards. We will continue to ride every Monday until the snow flies.



The Ashwabay 4-H Club at the Cable Bike Park in September.

### CANSKI

Planning for the CANSKI season is underway. Initial registration and gear check out will be held in December and the season will officially begin in January. Please contact Ian if you are interested in getting involved with CANSKI. Have fun while you improve your cross country or skate skiing skills this winter! All ages and abilities welcome.

### Drummond Explorers

In October Drummond Explorers held officer elections and created their annual calendar. There are plans in the works to tour an art gallery or glass blowing business in November.

### Equine Council

Bayfield County Equine council had an organizational meeting for members and parents on 10/10 at the Iron River Community Center. Members and parents discussed what they would like to see from the group moving forward. Due to the lack of horse project leaders at some local clubs, members and parents discussed it would be helpful if the equine council leaders could act as horse project leaders, so members of those clubs are better prepared for riding at the fair. The equine council will work on a calendar, so members know when events are and the deadlines to sign up. The members showed interest in hosting clinics, developing a trail miles club/competition, practice shows, winter rides/practice at indoor arenas, field trips, horse bowl and state trips. Our next meeting will be 11/14 at the Iron River Community Center. Officer elections will be held. Pizza will be provided during the meeting.



The Friendly Valley 4-H Club on a fall hayride.

### Friendly Valley

For the 4H Friendly Valley October meeting we went on a hayride at the Rusch's. We took the long route, so it took about 45 minutes. We could take a friend or a few friends on the hayride. After the hayride we went to Pat Shield's house for a potluck. We ate chili, caramel dip, cheese, and crackers, bread and cookie bars. Then we had a fire outside and ate smores. - By Emery Roush

### Gitche Gumee

On October 16, 2021, the Gitche Gumee 4-H Club held their meeting. In this meeting we voted for our officers. Our new officers are president-Natalie, VP-Selah, Secretary-undecided, Treasurer-Kiley, and Reporter-Chalee. We also planned our hayride, which we held on October 10, 2021. All of us had so much fun, and the whole Gitche Gumee 4-H club wants to thank our two drivers, Don and Jo. Thank you so much for the use of the tractor, truck, trailers, and time. We had a lot of fun and just wanted to thank you guys. We also had our mini Halloween Carnival at the park October 30, 2021, and everyone enjoyed it and had fun. We also want to say thank you to all the helpers that helped make the Carnival happen. - Chalee Luzzatto, Reporter, Gitche Gumee





Gitche Gumees members have fun at their annual Halloween Carnival.

### Great Divide

The Great Divide 4-H Club has been busier than ever!

Our club was awarded two grants through the Ashland Elks Lodge No. 137 and the Elks National Foundation. One grant project has been dubbed "Growing Within Our Community". This grant has now been in effect for several years. In 2021 alone, 4-H members donated nearly 2,000 vegetable plants to consumers at The BRICK Ministries, Inc., as well as other locals in need. Our group also planted, grew, harvested, and donated more than 750 pounds of produce, some of which went to local food shelves. The other portions were distributed to those in need who do not necessarily take part in the food shelter's programs but were deemed "in need".

Via another grant through the Elks, 4-H members have advocated for reading and the arts. Part of the funds for this grant went to purchasing books locally, and filling area "Little Free Libraries". With the help of two local woodworking experts, Eric Pierre and Van Kinnunen Sr., our club was able to build two brand new libraries (located in Bayfield County) and refurbish two libraries (located in Ashland County). A special thank you to the Ashland Elks Lodge and the Elks National Foundation for continually supporting our northern Wisconsin region.

In other news, our club met on Sunday, October 10th at the White River Ag corn maze and pumpkin patch. We welcomed several new members to our group, and had a blast riding the hayrides, traveling through the corn maze, picking out pumpkins (graciously donated to our group by a local member), and playing on straw bales. Fun was had by all!

We also had a very brief meeting to hold elections. Congratulations to the following members: President - Beyla Wallin,, Treasurer - Morgana Gibbs, Secretary - Riley Gibbs & Jacob Quaderer



The Great Divide club grew and donated over 750lbs of produce to the Brick.



Next time you're at the Delta Diner, take a look at the new "Little Free Library" built by the Great Divide Club.



Ivar & Beyla Wallin of the Great Divide 4-H Club at the White River Ag corn maze & pumpkin patch.

### Ino Valley

Ino Valley club members helped with Whistle Stop again this year. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed spending time together! We did some cleanup work and set up the Ino water station on the corridor, then passed out water, Gatorade, and snacks to the runners as they came by.



Ino Valley club members wait for Whistle Stop runners. Left to right: Nolan Hecimovich, Jenny Mika, (back) Cali Mika, Gage Galligan, Lane Halvorson, Janey Mika (back), Gage Mika, and Henry Hecimovich.



## Sewing Camp



It is time to start planning 2022 sewing camp! If you are a youth member, leader, or parent who is interested in sewing, please consider joining our planning committee.

We hope to hold an initial planning meeting in December, a second meeting in January to finalize the details, and the event will be held in February. Please contact Kaylie at the 4H office if interested.

## Archery Certification Workshop for 4-H Leaders

Bayfield County 4-H is looking for adult leaders interested in becoming certified in archery. The county has many materials and supplies available for youth instruction.

A statewide 4-H archery certification workshop for adults will be offered Saturday, January 22 in Waupaca. Please contact Ian if you are interested in attending. All fees, travel expenses, and lodging will be covered.



## 2021 Giant Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest

The Giant Pumpkin & Sunflower contest is a fun countywide activity that any 4-H member can take part in. Once you sign up, pumpkin and sunflower seeds are mailed to you free of charge in April. Then it is up to you to grow the biggest pumpkin or sunflower that you can!

The weigh in for the contest was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a rainy day but that didn't stop our 4-H families from driving over to the Eileen Town Hall with their sunflowers and pumpkins. Thank you to the families who made the trip and weren't worried about getting a little wet in the rain, and of course a big thanks to Mike & Sue Ostrenga for organizing the event.



### Giant Pumpkin Award goes to:

Cloverbuds: Tilia Lupin- 98lbs  
Beginner: Ivar Wallin- 86lbs  
Intermediate: Beyla Wallin- 88lbs  
Senior: Maggie Ostrenga- 27lbs

### Tallest Sunflower Award Goes to:

Cloverbuds: Elias Schmidt- 9'4"  
Beginner: Ivar Wallin- 9'4"  
Intermediate: Erik Maki- 8'9"

### Largest Sunflower Head Award Goes to:

Cloverbud: Elias Schmidt- 13.5"  
Beginner: Maria Huybrecht- 17"  
Intermediate: Erik Maki- 15"

Proud Cloverbud Tilia Lupin and her little brother display her winning 98lb pumpkin.



Mike Ostrenga measures Maria Huybrecht's winning 17" sunflower head.



Erik Maki with his winning 15" sunflower head.



Ivar & Beyla Wallin brave the rain with their Giant Pumpkins



## Club Officer Training



The Bayfield County 4-H office plans to hold officer trainings in December or January. If your club has held officer elections this year, please send your updated officer list to Kaylie at [Kaylie.Lukas@wisc.edu](mailto:Kaylie.Lukas@wisc.edu). If you are not yet an officer but are interested in learning more about what it takes to be a club officer and are interested in running for office in the future, we encourage you to join us. The trainings will be done virtually through Zoom.

### State Horse Expo by Avana Beeksma

On Sept 16th and 17th, Beau Reijo and I travelled to the state fairgrounds in West Allis, for the 4H State Horse Expo. The horse expo is a state competition for 4H members, 6th grade and up, who have won blue ribbons in qualifying horse classes at their county fairs. This was my first year competing with my horse, and for Beau, it was another return trip, having qualified in prior years. It is about 7 ½ hours from Ashland to West Allis, pulling a horse trailer. It was my first time traveling that distance with my horse. Beau and I had to travel separately, because the show is divided by grade levels, and I had to attend 3 days of the competition. Beau only had to attend Saturday and Sunday when classes for her age group were held. When I arrived Thursday afternoon at the fairgrounds, everything was organized chaos. Horses and trailers were being unloaded, stalls were getting set up, horse and rider combos were headed down to practice at the riding arena, and people everywhere! After I got my tack stall set up (with everything a horse needs for several days!), and my horse's stall ready, I took my horse to ride. The first challenge was getting to the riding area, because all the barn aisles were crammed with hay bales, bags of shavings, horse equipment, horses, and people. Eventually we got to the warm-up ring, and it was huge! At least 20 people were riding, and there was still room for more. The Coliseum (where the actual horse classes would be held) was ever bigger—30 horses with room to spare! On Friday, my first day of competition, was not a good day for me, but Saturday was much better, and I won a Top Ten in Western Riding, along with a Top Ten in Trail. Beau competed in classes Saturday and Sunday and had awesome rides, --3 Reserve Grands and a Top Ten. Overall, showing at Horse Expo was an amazing learning experience, and I hope to go again next year.

Avana Beeksma, Beau Reijo and their horses at the State Horse Expo in West Allis, WI.



## State 4-H Annual Leader Training: Learn & Lead Together WI 4-H Zoom Sessions

If you are a junior leader, club officer, or adult leader, please mark your calendars and join us for two 4-H training sessions: **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8pm** -- Relationships, Communication, and Inclusivity

This session will help youth and adult volunteers be more aware of the importance of youth voice and inclusive environments. Tools for building trust and respect between youth and adults will help youth and adults create the safest most open environment for idea sharing and decision making. **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30-8:00pm** -- Voices, Roles and Participation. This session will build on the safe environment developed in the first training and show participants how to give more voice to youth, how to get more active participation, and how to create a thriving youth-adult community.

To register contact Kaylie or go to <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2021/10/14/2021-2022-wi-4-h-annual-leader-training-save-the-dates/>

### News From the Bayfield County Fair Office: SCRAPIES IDS FOR GOAT AND SHEEP

This is a reminder for those entering sheep and goats at the fair – your animals will not be allowed to be entered at the fair if they are not identified with an approved Scrapies Tag.

As part of the Wisconsin's Department of Agriculture & Consumer Protection (DATCP) Animal Requirements for Fairs, the Bayfield County Fair is required to maintain records for all sheep and goats exhibited at the county fair. This means that all exhibitors are required to provide this information to the fair when entering their animals. This is not a new requirement; however, a review of our records and a recent audit of our fair by the DATCP has revealed that exhibitors are not providing this information on a consistent basis.

GET YOUR SCRAPIES ID TAG HERE:

<https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/WIScrapieTagOrderForm.pdf>.

Scrapies ID tags are required. If it's leaving your farm, put in an official ear tag.

For more information on Official ID Tag requirements to exhibit at the Fair, please visit our website: <https://www.bayfieldcounty.wi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12870/Sheep-n-Goat-Official-ID-Types>.

If you have questions or concerns regarding Scrapies ID tags, please contact the Fair Office at 715-373-3493.



**Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 20, 2021**  
**Via Zoom or at the Bayfield County Board Room @ 7:00pm**

*Attending: Kaylie Lukas, Ian Meeker, Peggy Golly, Maria Renz, Avana Beeksma, Lisa Weispfenning, Verne Gilles, Rebecca Crumb-Johnson, Andy Tuttle, Dede Maki, Cindy Luzzato*

**PRELIMINARIES**

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Rebecca Crumb-Johnson**

**Pledge of Allegiance and 4H Pledge recited by all**

**Roll Call**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report provided by Email**

Motion to approve by Verne, second by Dede to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Treasurer's Report provided by Email**

Motion to approve by Cindy, second by Maria to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**Market Sale**

Andy gave a brief update from the last meeting where the sale checks were handed out. Since the animals sold at such a high rate this year the club now has ample cash reserves. They are considering ways to improve the barns and facilities at the fairgrounds.

**Awards & Recognition**

The meeting scheduled to take place before the Leaders Assn. meeting was cancelled. They will meet next Wednesday (Sept. 22) to prepare for older member award interviews the following Wednesday (Sept. 29).

**Food Booth**

Maria and Andy gave an update of the financials. The Food Booth generated about \$4,600 in income with a few outstanding bills yet to be paid. It was also agreed that Maria would be paid a base rate of \$500.00 plus 10% of the net profit.

**Awards Banquet**

The group discussed whether or not to hold an in-person banquet. Most agreed in-person could be done but some modifications such as limited attendance and menu as well as asking masking may be appropriate. Becca asked

**Older Member Awards** – Interviews are scheduled for September 29th.

**Club Awards** – Packets with the point information were mailed out to the leaders. Outstanding record books are due October 11th.

**Club Charters** – All club charter documents are due November 1st.

**4H Online Enrollment** – Online enrollment is open and encouraged, however, the paper option still does exist if someone needs it. Enrollment is due November 30th.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Hall of Fame** – The awards & recognition committee will discuss candidates at their next meeting.

**National 4H Week** – There will be no formal school visits this year. Clubs are encouraged to find alternative ways to promote 4H.

**2021-22 Leaders Assn. Meetings** – The Association will try to alternate meeting in Iron River and Washburn. Meeting dates will need to be scheduled in advance so the meeting rooms can be reserved. This can be finalized at the November meeting. Election of Vice President and Secretary will need to happen at the November meeting as well.

**Committee List** – The committee list will need to be updated. The executive board will look through the committees and have recommendations for the November Meeting.

**Fall Forum** – This will be a one-day virtual event on November 1st. There is still time to sign-up and a reminder email will be sent out.

**Topside Property Logging** – Andy walked the property and has recommendations for management of the timber and potential incomes. A committee consisting of Andy, Becca, and Kaylie will investigate the options.

**Club Updates –**

Gitchee Gumee has been holding virtual meetings and planning a hayride.

Ashwabay Biking will be having an end of season get together at the Cable Bike Park.

Avana is planning elections for their next meeting.

Friendly Valley went canoeing in early August and is planning a hayride for October.

Drummond Explorers picked up a several new members, so they will start planning for the upcoming year starting with club election in October.

**New Project** – Ian explained a new electro-magnet kit project that is available. He will send out an email with further details.

**CLOSINGS**

**Plan Next Meeting** – The Executive Board will meet on October 18th. The Leader's Association Annual Meeting will be held on November 15, 2021 at the Iron River Community Center.

**Additional Comments** – Avana Beeksma asked about reimbursement for mileage and entry to the State Horse Expo. She will need to submit the info to Andy.

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting** – made by Andy, second by Peggy.

**Submitted by Andy Tuttle on October 2, 2021**



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association- Executive Board Meeting**  
**October 18, 2021 @ 7pm via Zoom**

*Meeting called to order at 7pm by Rebecca Crumb-Johnson*

*Attending: Kelli Tuttle, Rebecca Crumb-Johnson, Ian Meeker, Cindy Luzzatto, Kaylie Lukas, Andy Tuttle*

Secretary's Report – None provided.

Treasurer's Report presented by Kelli Tuttle – Andy noted that all Food Booth bills are paid in full as is Maria Renz.

Correspondence – None received.

Old Business

**A. Older Member Awards** – List of awardees provided by Kaylie. Winter Camp is expected to be a single day event consisting of Bayfield and Ashland Co. members to occur in late March. There will be four CWF attendees this year due to the cancellation of the event during the past two years.

**B. Awards Dinner** - The awards dinner is scheduled for April 2, 2022, at the Iron River Community Center. The venue has been booked for the entire day. Kaylie is preparing a special newsletter to recognize those receiving Older Member Awards within the next month or two so that they receive recognition prior to the awards dinner in April. A letter will be prepared and sent to 4-H members informing of them of the decision by the Leaders Association to postpone the awards dinner. The decision was made to postpone in the hopes that a traditional awards dinner and evening can be planned with a full meal and events. An awards dinner in November would necessitate a pared-down version without the sharing of a meal due to Covid concerns. An American Spirit East planning committee meeting is scheduled on November 9, 2021, and that trip is expected to resume as in previous years.

**4-H Hall of Fame nominations** were discussed

New Business

**A. 2021-2022 Calendar** – Upcoming meeting dates and formats:

- November 15, 2021 – Annual meeting
- December – No meeting
- January 17, 2022 – Via Zoom
- February 21, 2022 – In-person
- March 21, 2022 – Via Zoom
- April 18, 2022 – In-person
- May 16, 2022 – Executive Board Only
- June 20, 2022 – In-person
- July 18, 2022 – In-person
- August – No meeting
- September 19, 2022 – In-person
- October 17, 2022 – Executive Board Only

Attending via Zoom will be provided for each meeting regardless of format or location.

Pizza will be provided at the Annual Meeting being held November 15, 2021. Location is expected to be Eileen Town Hall.

The Cultural Arts Festival is expected to be April 23, 2022, at the Drummond School auditorium.

Foods and Clothing Review is expected to be May 14, 2022, with May 23, 2022 as a backup date if the Iron River Community Center is not available on May 14.

Sewing Camp date is TBD. Kaylie will call Donna to see if she might be interested in helping with this event.

**B. Club Officer Training** – It has been approximately 10 years since this training has been offered. A session will be developed by Ian via Zoom that will include breakout sessions for each officer position. This is to be scheduled in December.

**C. Ambassadors** - Maria Renz is recommended to lead this project and Kelli will contact her to discuss her interest and support needs. Two to three older Ambassadors will be asked to be youth leaders.

**D. Leadership** – No discussion.

**E. 4-H Thriving Survey** – Ian discussed that members aged 13-18 should have received an email from Janet Gousse requesting they complete this survey. The state goal for completion of survey is 20%. The survey was developed based on research from Oregon State University on 4-H trends.

**F. November Annual Meeting** – November 15, 2021, at the Eileen Town Hall. Pizza will be provided.

**G. Executive Board Elections** – The positions of Treasurer and Vice President are up for election. Cindy expressed interest in running again as Vice President. Andy is currently Treasurer and Kelli is Secretary for one more year until her term expires – both are Drummond Explorers. By-laws state that a good effort be made so that there are not two members from a single club on the Executive Board. If anyone has any suggestions for Treasurer, they are welcomed.

November Annual Meeting Agenda Ideas

The following items will be included on the November 15, 2021, Annual Meeting Agenda:

- Adoption of 2021-2022 calendar Review of 2021-2022 Budget at the ½ way point in the year. Election of Treasurer, Vice President. Update committees and sign-up. Dairy Breakfast.

**Next meeting November 15, 2021, at the Eileen Town Hall at 7pm**

**Submitted by Kelli Tuttle on October 20, 2021**



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