



4-H NEWSLETTER

Ashland County

May-July 2022 (plus fair prep)



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Dear 4-H Families,

We just wrapped up a busy spring including successful archery and riflery series, and a String Art Contest that were all well attended. We're looking forward to summer programming: Elementary Adventure Days, club activities gearing up for a busy summer season, 4-H Camp in July, and the Ashland County Fair in August.

Most of you have heard that I am retiring from Extension. It has been a privilege to work with so many gifted 4-H leaders, parents and youth for almost 17 years. I would like to thank our volunteers (and encourage you to do so) and our highly functional Leaders Association (including the officers under the able leadership of Jennifer Nortunen). You are folks who make a difference in our community! I will miss working daily with each of you and our great youth but will continue to see you as a project volunteer. I would also like to thank Blake, our front office Manager for all the good support that she provides to the program.

As the office transitions and hires a replacement for my position, please utilize the knowledge and skills of Blake Frost in my office, the Leaders Association & associated officers, and your club leaders. Questions can be directed to any of those sources, and they will know who has an answer if they do not. Gina Pearce, our Fair Secretary, is a font of knowledge and the institutional memory not only for the Fair, but for the county 4-H program as well.

As we charge through summer, don't forget to take time out to enjoy this beautiful land we call home with your family, to look after all of our neighbors, and to keep the Four H's close to your hearts.

Be well!
-Doug

Spring Art Contest - String Art

4-H Youth were invited to participate in this year's Spring Art Contest. Supplied with wood, nails, and some inspiration, Youth created amazing string art pieces! With 24 total entries and two talented local artists judging, the 2022 Spring Art Contest was a huge success! Jen Weiler and Joni Chapman donated their time and expertise to judge the art contest and provide the youth with valuable advice. 4-H partnered with the Vaughn Public Library to show off the art pieces on the second floor! The Library is excited to continue showing local art!



MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022

ARTISTIC STATEMENT *prepared by Joni Chapman and Jen Weiler*

Let's start with a little background information about the art farts. Jen and Joni are both former art teachers from Ashland (and elsewhere). We met in the 1990s at UW - Madison, while we were pursuing our art teaching credentials.

When we looked at all of your artwork, we were awed at the array. We were impressed with the variety of subject matter, whether realistic, symbolic, or abstract and the different approaches people employed to create their artwork.

Our criteria for rating each piece involved a simple chart that included creativity, craftsmanship, and overall success in completing the artwork. We were very pleased that everyone met or exceeded our expectations. Each piece was assessed on its own merit, without comparison to other entries within the age bracket.

We would like to mention a few entries that were particularly memorable. One artist chose to treat the background with fire. Another artist sparked a discussion about ROY G BIV, which is the order of colors in the rainbow. One piece was so whimsical that we imagined the seeds of a pear to be eyes staring at us. Some pieces were examples of bas relief, otherwise known as 3-dimensional, as is evident in the soccer ball piece.

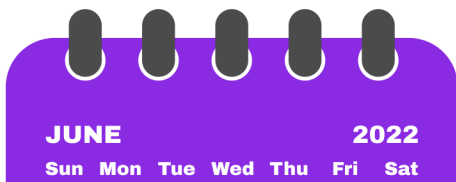
String art is fussy business. We really appreciate all of your hard work and creative ideas. Thank you for participating in this project. Also, don't forget that the 4H fair is coming up later this summer. Doug can fill you in about the dates and details. So keep making stuff. We look forward to seeing your next projects.



Left: Doug Liphart presenting Liam Grady with his first place award for his age category! Liam's piece, WI Love, is pictured above them.

Right: Lilly and Greta Robertson with their art and awards.

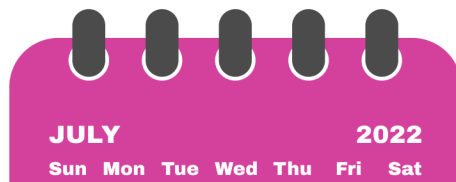
Not pictured: lots of cake!



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WHAT'S GOING ON IN 4-H?

- Thursday, June 9th: Art Contest Celebration, 6:00-6:30PM at Vaughn Public Library
- Monday, June 13th: Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30PM via Zoom
- Mid-June: Pick up art from Spring Art Contest at Extension Office
- Friday, June 17th: Doug Liphart's last day as 4-H PYD Educator
- Monday, June 27th: EAD Hike at Houghton Falls, 12:30-2:30PM
- Wednesday, June 29th: 4-H Camp Counselor Training, 10:00-3:00PM at Washburn Courthouse
- Thursday, June 30th: End of 4-H Fiscal Year



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- Friday, July 1st: Fair Premium Paper comes out, find on our website
- Monday, July 4th: Office Closed for Fourth of July, see the Rezberries in the Ashland Parade!
- Thursday July 7th-Sunday July 10th: 4-H Camp, located at Crosswoods Camp in Mason, WI
- Monday, July 11th: Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30PM at Ashland County Fairgrounds
- Monday, July 18th: EAD Farm visit, 1:00-3:00PM at Moonlight Meadows Farm in Marengo
- Monday, August 8th Leaders Association Meeting, 6:30PM at Ashland County Fairgrounds
- Thursday August 18th-Sunday August 21st: Ashland County Fair!
 - Thursday 10:00AM-6:00PM, Exhibits Accepted
 - Friday at 9:00AM, judging
 - Saturday 6:30PM, Market Animal Sale and 4-H Pie Auction
 - Sunday 9:00-11:00AM, 4-H Pancakes & Sausage
- Wednesday, August 24th: EAD Paddling, 1:00-4:00PM at Pamida/Bayview Beach

*If you have anything you'd like added to the calendar, email the office!

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Thank you to David and Jennifer Nortunen and Mike Anderson for help with Riflery; Stephanie Baker, Russell Weber and Nadia Perales for help with Archery [and the Chequamegon Archery Club for their space]; and Jen Weiler and Joni Chapman for judging our String Art Contest [and the Vaughn Public Library for hosting the exhibit]; The Madeline Island Marathon for their generous donation of a portion of their 2022 proceeds to 4-H CANSKI; Seija Anderson, the Mika family and the 4-H Ambassadors for putting together and supporting our Elementary Adventure Days programs this summer; Ian Meeker and the Bayfield County staff for handling 4-H camp this summer; Liz Wabindato for getting the Rezberries there.

Shooting Sports Recap: Archery and Riflery

Archery and Riflery had successful seasons!

Riflery was coached David Nortunen and Doug. Youth learned about gun safety, played games and had competitions! Advanced shooters practiced shooting clays!

Archery was coached by Stephanie Bakker and Doug with help from assistant coach Nadia Perales. Youth learned the safety rules of being on an archery range, the basics of archery, and had a lot of time to practice! The final day had an archery course where youth put their practice to work!



CANSKI at the Madeline Island Marathon

4-H CANSKI was lucky enough to be the recipients of the Madeline Island Marathon's annual donation! The Marathon donates a portion of the proceeds each year to a local cause.

This year, Doug and Beth Liphart volunteered at the Marathon as CANSKI representatives. Grace Hogan presented Beth Reed of 4-H CANSKI with a check from the Madeline Island Marathon on May 21st. 4-H CANSKI (Chequamegon Area Nordic Ski Club) gets 150 area youth out on cross country skis each winter under the guidance of 30 volunteer coaches and with a focus on healthy active outdoor lifestyles, serving the community and leadership.



There's Still Time to Register for EAD 2022!

Free, half-day excursions for youth grades 2-6. Lead by 4-H volunteers, 4-H Youth Ambassadors, and trained outdoor professionals!

Register by calling 715-682-7017 or visiting the office

Permission slips and additional information available on our website



ELEMENTARY ADVENTURE DAYS (EAD)



Second Adventure - Farm Visit!

Monday, July 18 . 1:00-3:00PM . Meet at Moonlight Meadows Farm
Learn about our local food system with one of our 4-H Families! The Mika Family Farm is located at 41359 Mika Rd, Marengo, WI
Register by 9AM on Friday, July 15th.

Third Adventure - Paddling

Wednesday, August 24 . 1:00-4:00 . Meet at Pamida Beach
Paddle with Parks and Rec Activities Assistant and practice the art of sand sculptures! Please bring swimsuits, towels, sunscreen, and a life jacket if you have one that fits (we'll have some too).
Register by 9AM on Monday, August 22nd

***Parents/Caregivers should be sure to pack clothing appropriate for the weather that day, shoes/footwear that can get muddy, sunscreen & water bottle. A snack will be provided!**



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Catching Up with the Rezberries

The Rezberries have been working on a beading project for the past few months to be featured in the Madeline Island Museum. The Rezberries host beading workshops for their club and community members! They've also been working on painting projects for elders' Mother's day



Left: youth painting cup sleeves

Right: BillyJo finishing his medallion and Dylan working on his bear paw



Don't miss the Rezberries in Ashland's Fourth of July parade!



Above: Rezberries at the 4th of July Parade in 2019
Right: 2021 Fair Queen and Rezberry Viddy Wabindato



Ashland County Fair: Thursday August 18th- Sunday August 21st



The Ashland County Fair is right around the corner! Four days of family, fun, and food! Stop on by the Dairy Bar (either for your shift or a sweet treat) and see the Market Sale Club's hard work! The fair will be opening Thursday with a carnival and to accept exhibits! Friday through Sunday you can expect a fun schedule of events and smiling faces.

**grab a premium paper
from the office!**



Happy Retirement Doug! Thank you for your years of hard work!!



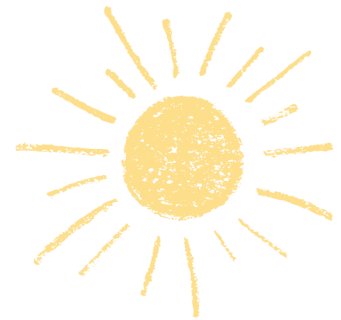
**We've started looking for a new
4-H&PYD Educator!**



**In the meantime, the Ashland
County Extension Office is open
Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00PM! Stop by
in person or call 715-682-7017 to
chat about 4-H!**

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