



**Marinette County
4-H Newsletter
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Welcome to a New 4-H Year!

As we kick off another exciting year in Marinette County 4-H, we're thrilled to invite you to re-enroll and continue your 4-H journey! Please reach out if you have any questions with this. Whether you're a returning member or new to the program, there are plenty of fun activities and learning opportunities ahead. Check out this newsletter for details on upcoming events, project workshops, and other exciting opportunities. We can't wait to see what this year has in store and are looking forward to growing, learning, and making memories together. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Your Marinette County 4-H Team,
Sarah and Nancy



**Celebrate
National
4-H Week!**

Oct. 4 - 10, 2026



LOOK INSIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DON'T FORGET TO RE-ENROLL IN 4-H ONLINE

All members (youth and adult) will need to re-enroll. Please remember that even though you enrolled once, adult volunteers and youth have to re-enroll each year. DO NOT make a new record. Please use the original profile that you created.

4-H KICKOFF EVENT ANNOUNCED

Marinette and Oconto Counties will be co-hosting a 4-H Club kick off event on November 1st at the Grover Town Hall. Members and Leaders will be invited to spend the afternoon participating in team-building activities, officer training opportunities and sharing a meal. A mini-grant from the state 4-H organization will make this event possible.

Watch for more information in your e-mail box soon.



2025 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY

4-H Achievement Day will be held January 17, 2027, at the Grover Town Hall. More information will be forthcoming in the months ahead. Stay tuned ...



Applications open
October 1–November 15
Grades 9–12

2026 Teams:

- Art Team
- Drama Company
- Photo Fanatics (NEW!)

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**Join The
4-H Arts
Ambassadors**

**WISCONSIN
4HARTS
AMBASSADORS**

JOIN THE 4-H ARTS AMBASSADORS

Don't miss the chance to be on one of the 2026 teams:

- ★ Art Team
- ★ Drama Company
- ★ Photo Fanatics

Youth in grades 9-12 can apply for this opportunity to develop their artistic skills. Applications will be open October 1–November 15, 2026 in 4-H Online!

Learn more on the website:

<http://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide.../state-arts-teams/>

**"4-H IS A COMMUNITY OF
YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS
AMERICA WHO ARE LEARNING
LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP AND
LIFE SKILLS"**



CEDAR CREST ICE CREAM 4-H FLAVOR CREATION CONTEST IS HERE!

Think your 4-H club has the next great ice cream flavor? The Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Creation Contest is back! Wisconsin 4-H clubs can submit up to five original flavor ideas for a chance to win an ice cream party.

One grand prize-winning club will also receive \$500, and their flavor will be produced as a Cedar Crest Feature Flavor in July. Entries are due November 15.

Get creative with a fun flavor name and an irresistible combination of flavors and mix-ins!

Submit Your Flavor:

<https://cedarcresticecream.com/4h-flavor-contest/>



Planning is already underway for Winter Leadership Camp 2027. Winter Leadership Camp is a combined effort with Marinette, Oconto, Shawano, Manitowoc, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Portage, Sheboygan, and Waupaca Counties. This camp is designed for older youth who want to increase their leadership skills and gain confidence in leading groups of youth. We use this camp to recruit our counselors for Summer Camp at Camp Bird.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

NEXT FAIR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be November 2, 7 pm, at the Grover Town Hall.

If anyone isn't getting the e-mail notices of the meetings, please contact Lisa at marinettefair@yahoo.com and provide her with a good e-mail address.



2026 4-H HORSE CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 14, 2026, at the UW River Falls Campus and Lab Farm. Cost is \$75 per person (inc. morning coffee/hot chocolate and doughnuts, lunch, dinner and break on Saturday. Additional cost for parking is approximately \$8. Registration deadline is October 28th. Youth will need a parent or chaperone. Conference is for current 4-H members 7th grade and older and 4-H volunteers. Lodging is on your own. Registration is through 4-H online at the following link: <https://264horseconference.4honline.com> Deadline to register is no later than October 28th and space is limited. You will not be able to pay online at time of registration. Please make checks payable to: UW-Madison Extension and mail by October 30th to WI State 4-H office, Attn: 4-H Horse Conference, 3500 University Avenue, Madison WI 53705.

Some highlights of the conference are: Saturday morning you will have an opportunity to attend the lab farm and experience sessions with faculty. The afternoon will be at the University Center where you have the opportunity to choose from many sessions on topics related to horses and so much more. The evening will end with dinner and 4-H Horse Association committee meetings.

For more information, visit the website:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-4-h-horse-leaders-conference/>

MINUTES

MARINETTE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 POUND TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Jennie Pillath. Attendees were Jennie Pillath, Sue Deschane, Julia Lepinski, Dorothy Kaminski, Sarah Ferdon, Anne Biernasz, Barb Kolosowski, Lisa Witak, and Margaret Graese.

Motion made to approve the secretary's report from the 7/20/26 meeting as presented in the August/September 2026 newsletter by Barb Kolosowski, second by Lisa Witak. Carried.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills by Margaret Graese, second by Barb Kolosowski. Carried

Update from Sarah Ferdon

- There have been known issues with 4-H Online so try again if you haven't been able to log in.

Updates were provided for the various Committee reports.

- Food Stand
 - Went well at the fair, minus the rain. It was a HUGE help to have the 2 older members assist in putting food orders together so we will definitely be doing that again next year. Along with having an adult in the back to assist and in the front again by the window helping ensure orders were filled correctly.
 - Discussed needing to clarify end times for each of the last shifts of the day to have members assist with some clean-up.
 - We will need to order tents that can be used for the new tables (& potentially for the club to have their own tents instead of borrowing like we do today.)
 - Motion made to pay Tracy Johnson \$150 for her cleaning the food stand before and after the fair by Margaret Graese, second by Sue Deschane. Carried
- Fair Board
 - There is a camper fee that the fair board has not charged the 2 volunteers that keep their campers on the grounds. Motion made to have the 4-H Leaders Assoc pay the \$25 and \$35 camper fees for the two campers by Barb Kolosowski, second by Sue Deschane. Carried
- Raffle
 - Did well, net profit of just over \$3,000.
- Awards and Trips - none
- Royalty
 - All 4 candidates were crowned.

Old Business:

- Fair
 - Went well minus the rain
- Peshtigo Parks & Rec Flowerpots
 - Found one in front of BMO but the sign noting who sponsored the pot was quite small. We will clean up some wooden 4 Leaf Clovers sitting in the food stand and put those in the pots next year.
- Record Book Sheets Order so all on the same path
 - Will reconnect after judging and get clearer directions for next year
 - Judging is Oct 1st at 5 pm at the Courthouse

New Business:

- Clubs for Achievement Day
 - Merry Go Getters and Pike River



- We have leftover hot dogs and nacho cheese from the food stand that will be used for the potluck prior to the awards ceremony.
- Achievement Day
 - Discussed possible dates to hold and looks to be a date in mid-January.
- Dog Project Training
 - There is a 4-H Dog Clinic in Wausau
 - It's a 2-day event on agility and rally (Oct 24th and 25th)

Discussion Only:

- Christmas decorations
- Horse presentation

Next meeting will be Monday, October 19, 2026, at the Crivitz Fire Station at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:13 PM by Dorothy Kaminski, second by Barb Kolosowski. Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Graese

