



**Marinette County
4-H Newsletter
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Greetings 4-H Families!

Spring into 4-H: Exciting Opportunities Ahead!

Mother Nature sure seems to be hanging onto winter, but despite the chilly days, signs of spring—and a busy 4-H season—are just around the corner! As we shake off the last bit of snow, it's time to start looking ahead to all the exciting opportunities coming up in 4-H.

From summer camps, to hands-on learning experiences, a trip to Washington, D.C., and, of course, the county fair, there's something for everyone. Whether you're looking to explore new projects, make lasting memories, or take on a leadership role, now is the perfect time to get involved.

As we gear up for the months ahead, we also want to take a moment to celebrate our incredible volunteers during **National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 20–26)**! 4-H wouldn't be the same without the time, energy, and dedication our volunteers give to help youth learn, grow, and thrive. If you see a 4-H volunteer this month, be sure to thank them for all they do!

Keep reading to find out more about upcoming events, deadlines, and ways to make the most of your 4-H experience this season. Let's make this spring and summer one to remember!

Your 4-H Staff Team,
Aimee, 4-H Educator, and Nancy, 4-H Program Support Staff



**HAPPY
SPRING !!!**

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JUNE 24-27—CAMP MARCOSHA AT CAMP BIRD—REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

4-H Camp MarOcoSha is for youth in grades 3 - 7 at Camp Bird in Crivitz. Marinette Co. 4-H Leaders Association will pay 75%. We work with Shawano & Oconto Counties to put on this fun program. Reserve your spot today! <https://tinyurl.com/4HMarOcoSha25>



4-H CAMP MARCOSHA
CAMPER REGISTRATION
OPENS SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST
FOR 4-H YOUTH
<https://tinyurl.com/4HMarOcoSha25>
Grades 3 - 7

Join us for activities lead by 4-H Camp Staff, including trained counselors and adult volunteers in:
Arts & Crafts - STEM - Archery - Indoor Games - Waterfront
Mindfulness - Outdoor Recreation - Team Building - Communication
Camp is held at Camp Bird, Crivitz from June 24 - 27, 2025.

2025 THEME: WILD WEST

4-H RAFFLE

Barb Kolosowski is asking that clubs let her know what they will be donating for prizes. Please let her know by June 1. Either e-mail her at barbmiracllell@yahoo.com or call 715-927-5213. Raffle tickets will be ready for clubs to sell soon.

SPRING REACTION DAY

May 10-CHAIN Reaction Week starts. Marinette County Elderly Services is asking for volunteers to lend a hand to help older adults in their community with basic outdoor chores, including raking and window washing. If you are willing to volunteer (individually or with a group), please contact their agency at 715-854-7453.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 20-26 is National Volunteer Week! It's time to celebrate our volunteers and all that they do. Volunteering is a big part of 4-H. We rely on a network of volunteers to provide caring and supportive mentoring to our 4-H'ers helping them learn life skills and grow into true leaders. THANK YOU for your service! We could not have 4-H without our volunteers!



SUMMER TRIP: JUNE 6TH—BLIZZARD DAIRY NIGHT

The 4-H Leaders Association will pay for 4-H kids and parents. Julia Lepinski, Treasurer, will be the contact to register with. Deadline to sign up will be early to mid-May. Event to highlight local 4-H clubs and groups, more information and fundraising opportunities to come. Contact Julia at jdlsta-bles@yahoo.com or 920-672-7370.



Presented by: Milksource
GREEN BAY BLIZZARD
FOOTBALL
Presented by: Robinson

June 6th // 7:05pm // DAIRY NIGHT

MOO-ve on over to the Resch Center and kick-off Dairy Month in style with Green Bay Blizzard Indoor Football as they look to put the Barnstormers on ICE!
Hard-Hitting, Affordable, Family-Fun
EXCLUSIVE 4H or FFA club specials:

- "Steer" clear of normal tickets price with a special **BOGO = Two Tickets for \$20!**
- Fundraise for your club – with each \$20 two pack purchased on your link – a \$5 donation will be made back to your club.
- Custom ticket link provided for your group.
- Cow and Calves – pre-game.
- Special pre-game experience for 4H and FFA Groups
- **Exclusive** opportunity for 4H and FFA Groups to compete at half-time **SPACE IS LIMITED so RSVP - ASAP!**
- Special Jersey, Special Game Ball And more. . . It will be "udder" chaos!

#GoBlizz

**Get off your "Dairy"- ere
and get your group signed up!
FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER:
Email: cass@greenbayblizzard.com**

NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT ROYALTY

Any youth, male or female, at least 14 years old and in high school, interested in becoming part of Marinette Co. Royalty can apply. If interested, contact Dorothy Kaminiski at 920-897-2316. Applications will be mailed out soon with interviews to be scheduled for May.

ATTENTION: ADULT VOLUNTEERS

We still have lots of volunteers that are in need of completing training. If you re-enrolled but did not receive a confirmation email from UW-Madison with your role descriptions, you are not yet fully approved and need to reach out to us as soon as possible. Contact the 4-H office at 715-732-7514.

WI TOWNS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The WI Towns Association, Rural Mutual Insurance Company & Scott Construction, Inc., will be awarding \$7,000 in scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2025 from a public or private high school in WI that plan to enroll in a WI public or private college or a university in 2025. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest. The essay should address the topic: "What are 3 top priorities your local town government officials should pursue to improve the quality of life in your community?" Essays must be postmarked by **May 23, 2025**. For more information and an application, visit <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>

GROWMARK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The GROWMARK Foundation 2025 Scholarships are now available online for students to apply.

The GROWMARK Foundation will provide (55) \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing an agriculture and business-related degrees or certificates at colleges, universities, or technical schools in the United States and Ontario, Canada.

Eligibility Criteria:

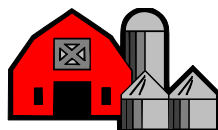
- high school senior or continuing student
- enrolled at a university, community college, or technical school for fall 2025
- pursuing an agriculture or business-related degree/certificate (does not include food science, animal science, veterinary medicine, or research)

Application deadline is April 11, 2025. Winners announced May 21, 2025.

Questions or requests for further information may be sent to recruiting@growmark.com

TREES AND SHRUBS AVAILABLE

The Dickinson County Conservation District is also doing a tree sale. Orders can be placed online, in-person at our office at 420 N. Hooper St, Kingsford, MI 49802, or over the phone by calling (906) 774-1550 ext. 103. Deadline to order is April 4, 2025. For more information and for an order form, visit <https://www.dickinsoncd.org/shop>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR— BREAKFAST ON THE FARM DATE

Marinette County's event will be at Zeitler Enterprises W8368 E 16th Rd, Coleman, WI on June 22, 2025.



DEADLINE NEARS TO ADD/DROP PROJECTS

Remember, May 1st is the deadline to add or drop projects to show at this year's county fair. It is also the deadline to sign up for 4-H in order to show at the county fair.

SUMMER ACADEMY—JUNE 16-19, 2025

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>

This new Positive Youth Development program will help you discover pathways to your future. Sign up to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI. Summer Academy will be held at the UW-Madison Campus, where youth and adult chaperones will stay at Chadbourne Residence hall. Youth will be participating in a wide variety of track-based activities and seminars. They will be able to visit different locations on Campus and in Madison. They will also have the opportunity to hear from speakers, watch a performance from the 4-H Drama Company, and participate in a variety of fun hands-on activities!



Youth currently in grades 8-11 will be able to register for Summer Academy. The registration will be done in 4HOnline.registration and is open until April 27, 2025. You can find the registration by going to your youth's profile and clicking on the events tab in 4HOnline. The event will be called "Summer Academy".

MARINETTE, OCONTO AND WAUPACA COUNTIES HERB KOHL LEARNING JOURNEY TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C. - ANTICIPATED TRAVEL DATES THE WEEK OF JULY 21, 2025

Thanks to the generosity of a Herb Kohl Philanthropies educational experience grant, we are able to provide the opportunity for 40 Marinette, Oconto, and Waupaca County 4-H youth, ages 13-17 (at time of travel), to Washington D.C. during the week of July 21st (exact dates/time of travel will be shared shortly.)

More about the experience...

The Washington D.C. Learning Journey is a grant funded opportunity through the Herb Kohl Philanthropies (HKP). Due to the nature of the grant, the opportunity for this learning journey is primarily for youth who have not experienced travel to Washington D.C. Youth who have attended Washington D.C. on other experiences (school, 4-H etc.) are welcome to still apply, but please know priority will be given to those who have not been to Washington D.C. before.

We will travel to Washington D.C. the week of July 21st (details are still being worked on). The group will meet in Green Bay, be bussed to the Milwaukee Regional Airport where we will fly to Washington D.C. as a group. Exact dates and times are currently being worked out with our travel agent, however with our timeline we need to start applications now. We will keep everyone updated as we are able.

Other requirements of the grant are to attend the U.S. Capitol Building and go on a college tour. There is a strong chance the group will be touring the University of Maryland. We will also be going on a general tour of Washington D.C. including monuments, Smithsonian Museums and more. There will be a good balance of STEM, Citizenship

and History learning opportunities. The final itinerary has not been set yet.

Youth will be roomed by gender in hotel rooms and the tour company provides overnight security.

There will be four youth in a room as this is what the grant provides. The grant provides meals (\$10/meal) and are coordinated at fast food restaurants.

There will be a minimal cost to families to assist in covering group t-shirts, snacks, bottled water, the coach bus to the airport etc. The remainder of the cost (travel, hotel, food etc.) will be covered by HKP.

If you are a youth interested in attending please complete the interest form/application here: <https://tinyurl.com/MarOcoWau-DC-Trip-2025>

We are looking for 1 additional female and 1 additional male to support this trip as well, if you are interested in attending as a chaperone, please complete this application: <https://tinyurl.com/MarOcoWau-DC-Chap-app>

Please contact Aimee if you have any questions- aimee.elkins@wisc.edu. We are so excited to be able to offer this amazing experience to our local 4-H youth!



The above banner has been created by Kountry Kids 4-H Club and will be on display this spring and summer at the Peshtigo ball diamond. Anne Biernasz, general club leader, encourages other clubs to come up with different ideas to promote 4-H.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN DATE

Sheep/goat weigh in May 10 from 9-11am (must be on grounds by 11 am). All will be at the fairgrounds in Wausaukee.

Swine pictures due to marinettefair@yahoo.com or printed and given to Lisa Witak by 11 am on May 10. Swine pictures must include the exhibitor in at least one picture with the hogs. Must be able to read the tags in the ears of the animals. Tags are \$3 per animal and will be an RFID tag and another blue tag from the fair. Anyone not receiving the livestock emails should provide their email address to Lisa at marinettefair@yahoo.com

2025 ANIMAL SCIENCES VIRTUAL EDUCATION

Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, is hosting webinars from February through April from 6:30-7:30 p.m. They are available for all youth grades 3-13. The sessions will be recorded and available on the [Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program's YouTube channel](#). This is offered in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Division of Extension. [Register for all events!](#)



MINUTES

Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting Monday, March 17, 2025 Pound Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at the Pound Town Hall at 6:01 PM by Jennie Pillath. Attendees were Jennie Pillath, Anne Biernasz, Sue Deschane, Julia Lepinski, Dorothy Kaminski, Aimee Elkins and Margaret Graese.

Motion made to approve the secretary's report from the 2/17/25 meeting as presented in the newsletter by Sue Deschane, second by Anne Biernasz. Carried

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Sue Deschane, second by Margaret Graese. Carried No bills to be approved

Update from Aimee regarding 4-H Camp at Camp Bird. Motion made to change the amount the 4-H Leaders Association sponsors from \$75 to 75% of the cost for 4-H campers by Anne Biernasz, second by Sue Deschane.

Updates were provided for the various Committee reports.

- Update on the Food Stand - post made on Marinette County 4-H Alumni FaceBook page for "Save the Date" for potential Volunteers
- Update on the raffle - raffle tickets being ordered and ordering more than last year
- Update on Dog Project - 1st meeting will be in May

Old Business Update: handed out/sponsored 10 tickets for the March 15th Movie Sponsor night

New Business Update: Motion made to accept the changes to the criteria for Scholarship Report of needing to be in 4-H for four (4) years in any county/state but graduating from Marinette County, increasing the scholarship amount to \$750 and changing/updating some of the activities listed on the application by Julia Lepinski, second by Sue Deschane.

Next meeting will be at the Crivitz Fire Station on 4/21/25 at 6:00 pm. (May 19th meeting will be at the Grover Town Hall at 6:00 pm.)

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 PM by Margaret Graese, second by Sue Deschane. Carried

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Graese

2025
4-H County Activities & Special Projects
FINAL OPPORTUNITY—Volunteer Sign-Up - Due April 15

YOUTH and ADULTS—As you plan your new 4-H year, please consider sharing your time and talent in one or more of our county activities and special projects. Please sign up to serve in your area of interest for the coming year. Whether you are new or are already helping in an area, please complete this sign-up sheet. If there is more than one person to a sheet, please put name next to choices. Committee sign-ups are on an annual basis. You need to sign up each year to be on the Committee.

Name(s) _____ Club _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please put your name next to the group you'd like to help with & return to the Extension Office. Limit of three (3) committees per person.

_____ **Awards and Trips** - provides leadership in promotion of 4-H trips, works with Leaders Association and the County 4-H Office to determine candidate selection process. Meets February and October or as needed.

_____ **Raffle/County Fundraising** - develops annual fundraising plan, makes recommendations on and helps coordinate and promote planned fundraisers.

_____ **Food Stand** - provides leadership in developing 4-H food stand policies and procedures, recommends menu items, orders food and supplies, helps to evaluate, etc. Meets April-September, 1-2x/month as needed.

_____ **Scholarship** - reviews scholarship procedures, assists in selection of scholarship winners.

_____ **Royalty** - Prepares candidates, helps with all aspects of contest, secures judges, facilitates Royalty coronation at the Fair, awards & follow up. Meets April-August.

☐ Yes ☐ No I am interested in serving as a Committee Chair or Co-Chair. List Committee: _____

4-H ACTIVITY COORDINATOR or COMMITTEE — Plan and implement special county activities. Can be youth or adult or youth/adult team. Duties include assisting with promotion and coordination of event, selecting judges, event follow up.

_____ Speaking Contest & Music Fest (normally held in February/March)

_____ Drama & Variety and Demonstration Contest (normally held in April)

_____ Super Saturday/Project 101 Day

_____ Fair help (office or at fair) (August)

_____ Other. Please list: _____

Thank you! Please return to the Extension Office by April 15th.