



**Marinette County
4-H Newsletter
August/September 2024**

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Hello 4-H Families!

Summer is in full swing, and we couldn't be more excited about all the amazing activities and events happening in Marinette County 4-H. Whether you're a kindergartner just starting your 4-H journey or a high school senior getting ready for your final year, there's something for everyone to enjoy and learn from. Let's dive into the fun and get ready for an unforgettable summer!

The highlight of the summer for many of us is, of course, the Marinette County Fair! It's a time to showcase all your hard work, learn from others, and have a blast. Here are some tips to get ready:

1. **Project Check-In:** Make sure your projects are fair-ready and dropped off at the appropriate times (see the fair schedule.)
2. **Practice, Practice, Practice:** Whether you're showing an animal, entering a cultural arts exhibit, or entering a contest, practice makes perfect. Take the time to rehearse and refine your skills.
3. **Fair Entry Tags:** Remember to stop by the Fair Office on Entry Day, Wed., August 21, to pick up your exhibit tags.
4. **Have Fun!** Remember, the fair is all about celebrating your achievements and having a great time with friends and family. Enjoy every moment, and don't forget to take lots of pictures!

We can't wait to see all the incredible things our 4-H members will accomplish this summer. Stay tuned for more updates and details on upcoming events in the newsletter, via email, as well as our county Facebook page. If you have any questions or need more information, don't hesitate to reach out to your 4-H Educator, Aimee Elkins aimee.elkins@wisc.edu or our Extension Head Secretary, Nancy Servais nancy.servais@wisc.edu. We are happy to help!

Here's to a fantastic summer filled with learning, laughter, and lots of 4-H spirit!

Warmest wishes,

The Marinette County 4-H Team
Aimee and Nancy

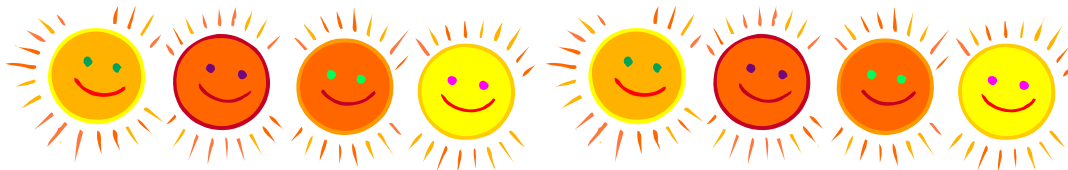


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KEEP CALM
IT'S ALMOST
FAIR WEEK



NEW COMMITTEES BEING FORMED—NEED YOUR HELP!!

The 4-H Leaders Association is forming two additional committees: One will be looking at revisiting scholarship requirements and the other, reviewing record book sheets. If interested in helping on either of these committees, please contact the 4-H office at 715-732-7514 or e-mail nancy.servais@wisc.edu

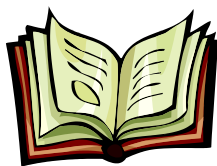


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RECORD BOOK PROCESS & DATES

The purpose of a record book is to: 1) set goals for yourself ; 2) share and record what you've learned; 3) reflect on accomplishments or give thought to how you may or may not do something differently next time. It is also the current way to apply for several county-wide awards. Record books are not associated with fair checks in any way. Please see the “My Record Book Guide” and “Record Book Check Sheet” that will be included in your leader’s County Fair packet. Be careful to include all activities you participated in. Merit in a project is achieved by going above and beyond, such as giving a talk or demonstration on the topic or helping others learn the project by providing education or help. Upon completion of your record book, turn it into your club leader. He or she will complete the Record Book Check Sheet or you can complete it together.



Record Book Due Date & Judging Schedule: Record books are due to your club general leader at a date he or she specifies. General leaders must have record books (with completed 4-H Member & Leaders Record Book Check Sheet and “Marinette County 4-H Award Nominations” sheet [given to leaders in club fair packet]) to the 4-H Office by 4:30 p.m. on Tues., October 1st. If you are judging, books may be brought in with you on Thurs., October 3rd. Judging begins at 5:00 (or whatever time you can attend) in the Resource Center Conference Room. One leader or parent from each club is asked to help with judging. Food will be provided by the 4-H Leaders Assoc., but you must call the 4-H office by Tuesday noon to let them know if you are coming and if you have any dietary restrictions.

CEDAR CREST ICE CREAM CONTEST



Cedar Crest Ice Cream is looking for a new flavor from Wisconsin 4-Hers again! This year’s contest will kick off September 1 and entries will be accepted until November 15. We’ll be sending more details in early August. More information

can be found here: Wis4HFoundation.org/cedar-crest-ice-cream-flavor-creation-contest/

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. The 4-H office will let you know what is needed and where to find the site to complete the necessary training(s). Contact the 4-H office at 715-732-7514.

PLEASE UPDATE INFO ON 4-H ONLINE

We have been coming across several records with outdated information. If you move or change your e-mail address, please remember to update 4-H online.

REMINDER FOR CLUB GENERAL LEADERS CLUB ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS (AFRs) DUE SEPTEMBER 1

As in past years, all 4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account must complete and submit the following documents to their 4-H Program Educator by September 1: Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report; Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Audit Checklist; A copy of the checkbook and/or savings registry covering July 1 – June 30; A copy of the bank statement ending June 30 or July 1 for each account. Any differences between the bank statement(s) and the ending balance reported must be reconciled and the reconciliation must be uploaded with the Annual Financial Report; A current inventory of land, buildings, property, or project equipment with individual values of \$2,000 or greater; and Monthly Treasurer’s Reports for 4-H Clubs or Groups with annual income greater or equal to \$20,000.

This process allows the 4-H Club or Group to qualify for federal tax-exempt status under the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents General Exemption Number (GEN) for Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups.

Watch your e-mail for further information/forms. Or, you can visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/>

CONGRATULATIONS

JUNE DAIRY MONTH WINDOW DISPLAY WINNER

Congratulations to Middle Inlet Moonshiners 4-H Club for taking first place. We had three clubs participate.

COUNTY 4-H YOUTH ATTENDED SUMMER ACADEMY

In June, youth from across Wisconsin gathered at the UW-Madison campus for the annual Summer Academy event, hosted by UW-Madison Extension's Positive Youth Development Institute and 4-H. At Summer Academy, youth had the opportunity to build and learn skills to reach goals and plan for the future. Youth participants explored careers, college and other topics of interest through interactive workshops. They developed positive connections with other youth and adults through small and large groups activities.

Youth participants chose one of 6 college/career track options to explore: agriculture, expressive arts, health, baking, transportation, or biological sciences. Tracks were led by faculty & staff at both UW-Madison and Madison Area Technical College. Youth participants engaged in goal setting and visualization activities to help them make plans for their future. Youth leadership was also front & center, with our WI Leadership Council youth leading small groups and supporting participants throughout the experience.

There was, of course, lots of time for fun, too. Some of the most popular event elements were the Makerspace evening, recreation options hosted by Outdoor UW on Lake Mendota, team trivia, a dance, and the Art Team Art Show + Drama Company performance. All of these special events made for a very memorable week.



Pictured is Sophia Vogel, who attended from Marinette County 4-H. Sophia is a member of the End of the Trail 4-H Club and resides in Dunbar.

Summer Academy focuses on youth from 8th-11th grades. It helps youth hone their skills as leaders and take a deeper look into their post-secondary journey. For more info, please visit go.wisc.edu/4HSummerAcademy.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK WINDOW DISPLAY

October 6th—12th: *Beyond Ready* is this year's theme. This is your opportunity to promote 4-H! Your display should be in place by Sun., Oct. 6.

Information about your 4-H club, a telephone number, and other relevant information should be displayed. Please notify the 4-H Office by Wed., Sept. 27, if you plan to participate and where your display will be located. Take a photo of your display for judging ... may take it before putting the display in the window to avoid a possible glare. The 4-H Leaders Association gives \$10 towards costs.

2024-25 PROJECT YEAR BEGINS OCT. 1

Our new enrollment year for 2025 begins on October 1.

Members and leaders must re-enroll each year by November 30. Regular members must be in 3rd grade or older.

Cloverbuds (children in 5K through 2nd grade) should be listed in your club enrollment. Cloverbuds can participate in club activities. They can exhibit at the County Fair, only in the Cloverbud category, and do not receive premiums.

Re-enrollment deadline is November 30, 2024.

*New members can join at any time, but must enroll by May 1 to enter in the Fair.

*May 1 is also the deadline to add or drop projects.

*You must be enrolled in a project in order to exhibit at the Fair in that project.

We hope that your 4-H club will have a special promotion to tell the benefits of 4-H in your respective communities this fall. Invite your friends to join!!

4-H TRIPS

Teens interested in attending trips should fill out the Marinette County Sponsored Event Application. First round is due Oct. 1. All information regarding age requirements and trips will be included in the leaders packet at the Fair. Following that, applications are due Feb. 1 and with interviews at the Feb. 4-H Association Meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SAY "THANK YOU"

Remember to say thank you to your award sponsors and to acknowledge all awards received, whether received at the County Fair, Achievement Day, or throughout the year. Sponsors give because they believe in 4-H and in you the youth!!! Let's show them we appreciate their efforts and give them a word of thanks.

IGNITE YOUR SPARK
FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Join the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council for a statewide service project

We invite your 4-H club to give back to your community. Start thinking about ways your club can volunteer.

Sign up for Service Projects:

<https://go.wisc.edu/n8v617>

Stay tuned for more National 4-H Week activities

SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATES

▪ ADULT CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP DATE

Adults interested in becoming an instructor in their county shooting sports program can plan to attend an upcoming certification workshop: Saturday, September 14, 2024, in Marshfield, for archery, air rifle/rifle, air pistol/pistol, coordinator, muzzleloader and shotgun. The 2025 spring locations will be in Price County and Dane County. For more info, visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

FALL FORUM 2024

November 1-3, 2024

Holiday Inn Conference Center, Stevens Point, WI

More information about this year's Fall Forum will be available soon!

Keep checking: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/fall-forum/>

OUTSTANDING CLUB AWARD

The Outstanding Club Award will again be using the paper application. Award criteria includes: leadership, activities and community service participation, meeting structure. The application deadline is **September 23** to the 4-H office. Forms will be included with the club packets distributed at the Fair. Awards will be given out during our annual achievement event.

4-H RECOGNITION NOMINATION

Who has touched your life this 4-H year or made a difference in your club or the county program? Who would you like to nominate? Categories include: Friend of 4-H, Volunteer of the Year, Outstanding 4-H Alumnus and Outstanding Youth Leader. Nomination forms with award criteria will be included in the club packets at the Fair. The deadline is **September 23**. Awards will be given out at the annual achievement event.



FAIR NEWS

FOOD STAND DONATION LIST

The following items are still needed:

Chili Seasoning—3 lg.	Flour—15#
Cooking Spray—2	Ketchup Bottles—7

If your club has not made a donation to the food stand, please contact Anne Biernasz at 715-923-4738. Monetary donations are also accepted.

FAIR PASSES

Family Fair Passes for families of youth exhibitors are still \$25 per family. Each club needs to collect a list (club name and members of each family living in the house) and money to turn into the 4-H Office no later than August 5. NOTE: The Family Pass only includes immediate family members living in the same household. **Please make checks payable to: Marinette County Fair.**

MEAL TICKET INFO FOR FOOD STAND

Meal tickets are still \$50 this year. Only youth exhibitors (including FFA) and leaders will be able to purchase meal tickets. Parents of the youth exhibitors will not be able to purchase them unless they are leaders. **Please make checks payable to: Marinette County 4-H.**

- There is no breakfast included this year.
- Lunch and dinner will need to be used on the same day assigned. They will need to be used up by 9:00 pm of that day and 4:00 pm on Sunday. NOTE: There will be NO sharing of meal passes.



FOOD STAND DRESS ETIQUETTE - FROM THE FOOD STAND COMMITTEE

Hats must be worn and hair pulled back. Do not wear flip flops, sandals, short shorts nor mini skirts. Comfortable closed toe shoes should be worn. T-shirts or sleeved shirts must be worn; NO spaghetti straps permitted.

MEMBERS WORKING AT FOOD STAND

Members **must work a full shift** or more or contact the Extension office to do alternative positions to receive some of the awards or travel. The basic guidelines are as follows (Parents should not work a member's shift for the member to receive the credit):

1. 4-H members (3rd grade and up) are encouraged to work a shift in the food stand.
2. Members purchasing meal passes must work a full shift in the food stand.
3. Members participating in the county-sponsored event form activities must work a full shift in the food stand and are strongly encouraged to work an extra shift at the fair or help with set up on Wednesday before the Fair or clean up on Sunday evening of the Fair or, if needed, during the Fair.
4. Clubs should wait at the back door of the food stand when their shift will be starting to get instructions from the food stand manager before the shift starts.
5. All members/people working in the stand need to be working during their shift. You need to eat before or after your shift, no leaving during your shift to eat.
6. Drinks are not free while you are working in the stand or at any other time.

REMEMBER: NO DRINKING/EATING DURING YOUR SHIFT.

Take care to fill out food stand sign-up sheets as they will be checked after the Fair to verify volunteer obligations. If you are not available to help during your club's shift at the food stand, contact the 4-H office for an alternative volunteer opportunity.

Shifts available to clubs to work at the Food Stand can be found at the end of this newsletter. On Wednesday, August 21, will have limited menu.



COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES TO BE BROUGHT A DAY EARLIER AGAIN

Entry times will be from 12-8 pm on **Wednesday, August 21**, for non-animal items, rabbit/poultry entry times will be 4-7 pm, and all other animals will be 9 am-12 pm on **Thursday, August 22**. Face to face judging will take place from noon until 8 pm on Wed.

YOUTH CLUB FLOWER DISPLAYS

An entry consists of two pots with flowers planted in them. Each club may have one entry. They will be judged on Wed., Aug. 21.

IMPORTANT - PREMISE ID INFORMATION

On entry forms there is a space for the Premise ID. Please include your no. w/your animal entries. For info, visit: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Licenses_Permits/Animals.aspx or <https://wiid.org/>

VET SCIENCE, EXOTIC ANIMALS, DOG, CAT, POCKET PETS (NOT RABBITS)

Dogs, caged birds, guinea pigs, hamsters, and cat projects will be judged face-to-face the Saturday before the Fair, on **August 17**, at the Fairgrounds.

DAIRY AND BEEF EXHIBITORS

Please call the Superintendents, either Troy VanDeWalle at 715-938-4014 or Dave VanDeWalle at 715-927-3838, no later than the first Saturday in August with the exact number of animals you will be showing.

FACE TO FACE JUDGING

Face-to-face judging provides an opportunity for the youth to communicate with the judge (one-on-one) on details of his or her exhibit. This judging style gives the judge the opportunity to directly ask questions. It provides an opportunity to understand why the exhibit was selected for construction, if there were any problems with it & tools used to create the exhibit. The judge can then use this discussion to decide the placing.

PREPARING YOUR ITEMS TO EXHIBIT

Be sure to read the rules in the Fair premium listing. Entry tags need to be securely attached before judging. Remove and keep the bottom part of the entry tag. It is used as a claim check to pick up your items on Sunday at 5 p.m.

ATTENTION ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

■When entering your animal for the Fair, also list a non-animal exhibit or poster in that particular project, in case your animal gets sick so that you can still have something entered.

■If you are showing two or more different animals, talk to the Superintendents involved so that classes can be adjusted for everyone to exhibit.

■If you are a dairy, livestock &/or horse exhibitor, please remember to keep trash out of the manure at the Fair. This inc. cans, paper cups, twine, wire, medication containers & needles. Please use the trash barrels in the barns.

CLOVERBUDS

These young members do not need to submit entry forms to show at the Fair. They do need to fill out a 3"x5" card w/name, age, club, & item being entered, and take it to the Clothing Bldg. Cloverbuds will have face-to-face judging from noon to 8 pm on Wed. or you can drop off the items without seeing the judge. Cloverbuds may enter up to eight items.

CAMPING NEAR THE FAIRGROUNDS

4-H families wanting to camp during the Fair may call the Village Clerk at 715-856-5341 to camp at Evergreen Park, in Wausaukee. The park is across the creek on the north side of the Fairgrounds.

4-H RAFFLE

Barb Kolosowski is asking that clubs let her know what they will be donating for prizes. If you haven't contacted her, please let her know by asap. Please make sure to also return unsold tickets.

E-mail barbmiraclell@yahoo.com or call 715-927-5213.

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

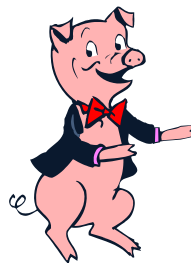


MARINETTE CO FAIR T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Time to order your 2024 Marinette County Fair t-shirt! Available in green or teal. Sizes from youth xs to adult 4x available. Cost is \$20 per shirt.

Email marinettefair@yahoo.com or contact in messenger.

FAIR



COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK COSTUME CONTEST

Theme: Fair Food. Saturday, August 24, at 6 pm. For more information, contact 715-856-5021 or marinettefair@yahoo.com

BIDDER SHEETS/FORMS DUE

Reminder: Bidder sheets and other necessary forms are due August 5 at the Livestock Meeting.





ANIMAL SCIENCE



POULTRY TESTING DATES

Rich Kempka will be testing birds August 10, 10 am-noon, at the Fairgrounds. If you have any questions, contact Rich at 920-672-9540.

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MINUTES

Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association July 15, 2024 minutes

The meeting was called to order at the Wausaukee fairgrounds at 6:05pm by President Jennie Pillath. In attendance were: Jennie Pillath, Lisa Witak, Dorothy Kaminski, Deb Heitman, Julia Lepinski, Anne Biernasz, Sonny Graese, and Margaret Graese.

Motion by Anne Biernasz, second by Margaret Graese to approve the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. Carried

Jennie went over Aimee's written update. Lexi's role has ended as Interim Associate 4-H Educator and appreciation is expressed for all of her help. Aimee plans on being at the fair Thursday for Royalty and Saturday. Mandi will be at the awards on Sunday. Aimee will have information available at the Showmanship/Project Day on 7/20. Club Charter financial info is due 9/1/24. There are several leaders still missing training. Jibbitz are being released for participating in state and county programs. Horse and dog state show deadlines are approaching.

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

Committee Reports:

Food Stand: adding pulled pork to the menu, need to get Nancy the info to order the order slips, will be open 12-6pm Wednesday 8/21/24

Royalty: 1 candidate and interview will be 7/31/24

Showmanship/Project Day will be Saturday July 20 starting at 9am at the fairgrounds.

We would like to add record book sheet committee to the list of committees people can sign up for.

Winner of June Dairy Month Window Display was Middle Inlet Moonshiners.

Motion by Lisa Witak, second by Dorothy Kaminski to purchase a brick for Camp Bird for MaryAnn Kust. Carried

Lisa noted there were a lot of issues with entry forms this year and many youth signing up to bring exhibits in projects they were not enrolled in.

The Luther Home is looking for 4-H members to go to the nursing home and show residents some examples of things that can be exhibited at the fair. Residents would possibly exhibit in the future. If any club/person is interested, please contact Nancy at the 4-H office for Luther home contact info.

Next meeting 9/16/24 at 6pm at Pound Town Hall

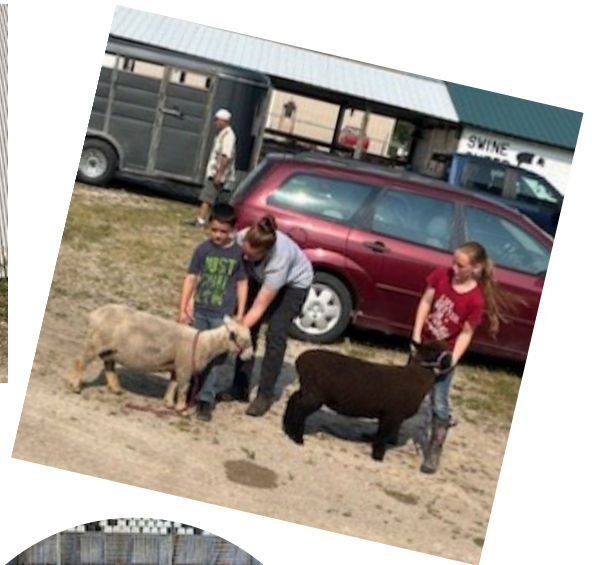
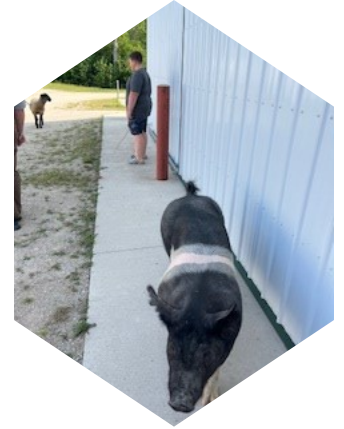
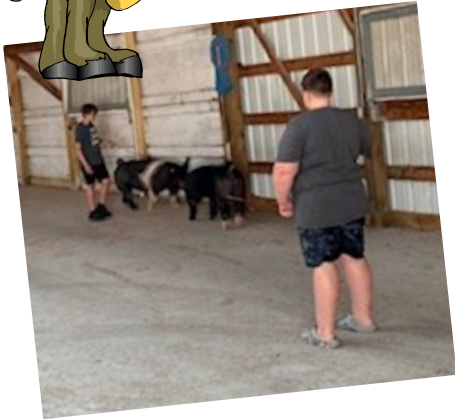
Motion to adjourn at 7:05pm by Deb Heitman, second by Julia Lepinski. Carried

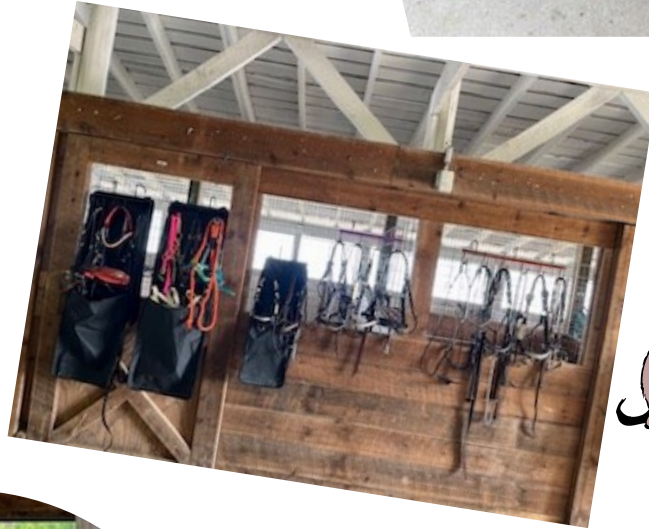
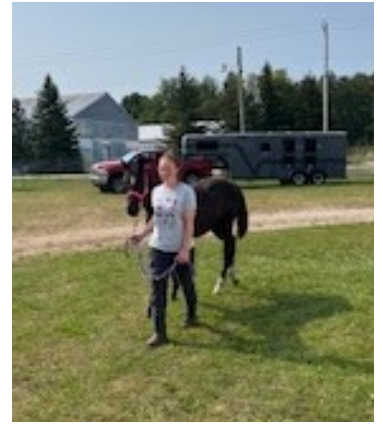
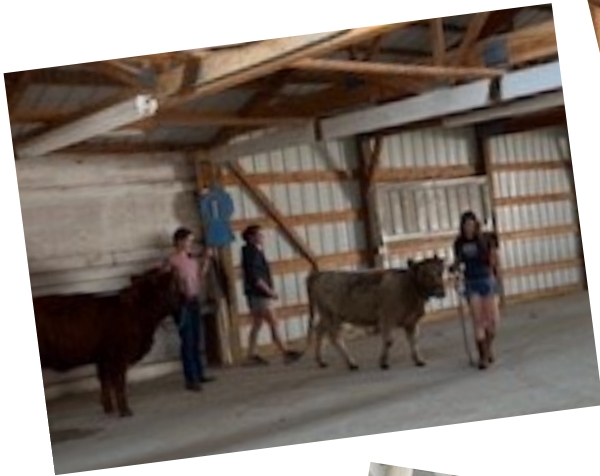
Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Witak





PICTURES FROM JULY 20TH
SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC AT THE FAIRGROUNDS





■ Please return to the Extension Marinette County Office, 1926 Hall Ave., Marinette WI 54143. by August 1.

4-H FOOD STAND SIGN-UP SHEET

Name of Club: _____

Number of Workers: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone No. _____

List adults who will be working the shift: _____

SHIFTS

**There will still be the shift on Saturday before the Fair. Badger Buds _____*

***LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WORK ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, AS THE FOOD STAND WILL BE OPEN DURING NOON-6 PM WITH A LIMITED MENU.**

PERSON(S) ABLE TO WORK ON WEDNESDAY: (PLEASE INCLUDE CLUB AND CONTACT #): LaCount Family (KK), Anne Biernasz (KK), Badger Buds, Kahles Family (MIM)

**ALSO HELP IS NEEDED TO DO THOROUGH CLEANING OF STAND BEFORE AND AFTER FAIR:*

<u>Thursday, August 22</u>	<u>Friday, August 23</u>	<u>Sat., August 24</u>	<u>Sun., August 25</u>
10:45 am to 2:45 pm <u>EOTT</u>	10:45 am to 2:45 pm* <u>SG</u>	10:45 am to 2:45 pm <u>FG</u>	10:45 am to 2:00 pm <u>B4LC</u>
2:30 pm to 6:30 pm <u>MGG</u>	2:30 pm to 6:30 pm <u>MGG</u>	2:30 pm to 6:30 pm <u>GO</u>	1:45 pm to close (5) <u>KK</u>
6:15 pm to 9:00 pm <u>MGG</u>	6:15 pm to 9:00 pm <u>SG</u>	6:15 pm to 9:00 pm <u>B4LC</u>	<u>& MIM</u>

** = Shift needs extra help*

REMEMBER the 4-H Fair Food Stand is one of the main sources of income for 4-H. Each club must sign up for at least one shift. **Clubs with 10 or more members over the age of 10 need to sign up for two (2) time shifts (younger kids can work during both shifts).** All regular members are expected to work. One teen or adult is needed to help in the kitchen. Each club should have two adults to work with their members. Clubs with only young members and/or few members should sign up for the early morning shifts or work with another club. **LARGER CLUBS ARE ASKED TO TAKE BUSIER SHIFTS, FRIDAY & SATURDAY.** Clubs NOT signing up for a shift will be assigned a shift that has been left vacant. Below, please list your first, second and third choice. Be sure to list both the day and time shift. The times scheduled will be on a first come, first served basis.

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____ 3rd Choice: _____

If you need to share a shift with another club, state that: _____

