



**Marinette County
4-H Newsletter
August-September, 2025**

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Greetings Marinette County 4-H Families!

As summer winds down, I find myself reflecting on the incredible energy, creativity, and dedication our 4-H youth have poured into their projects and experiences over the past year. Whether it was making memories at camp or one of our travel experiences, exploring new skills, or simply working hard behind the scenes at home—your commitment has not gone unnoticed.

Now it's time to shine! The county fair is our chance to celebrate a year's worth of learning, growth, and perseverance. I can't wait to see the pride on your faces as you showcase your projects, demonstrate your knowledge, and cheer each other on. This is what 4-H is all about—supporting one another while chasing after the things that spark joy and passion in our lives.

As we look ahead to fall, we're also preparing to turn the page and begin a brand-new 4-H year. That means new opportunities, new goals, and more chances to grow. Whether you're trying something for the first time or diving deeper into something you love, I encourage you to keep following your spark. The best is yet to come.

Thank you for making this summer one to remember. Let's finish strong and step into the new year with confidence and excitement!

Aimee Elkins
4-H Positive Youth Development Educator



4-H ONLINE END OF THE YEAR INFORMATION

Due to the way the calendar falls with the weekend and Labor Day, the following schedule will be in place:

- Fri., August 29, at 9 am, access to 4-H Online for families will be turned off.
- Thurs., Sept. 4, at 9 am, access to 4-H Online for families will be restored.

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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/wisconsin-4-h-policies/annual-financial-report-afr/>

CONGRATULATIONS

JUNE DAIRY MONTH WINDOW DISPLAY **WINNER**

Congratulations to Beaver Four Leaf Clover 4-H Club for taking first place.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK WINDOW DISPLAY

The theme for National 4-H Week in 2025, which is **October 5-11**, is "Beyond Ready". The week aims to highlight the readiness of 4-H youth for their future endeavors and the positive impact they have on their communities.

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. 24, 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.

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., September 30th. If you are judging, books may be brought in with you on Thurs., October 2nd. 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.

2025-26 PROJECT YEAR BEGINS OCT. 1

Our new enrollment year for 2026 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, 2025.

*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.**

NEW

WISCONSIN 4-H PROJECT GUIDE



**LEARN BY DOING WITH
100 PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES**

Discover the endless opportunities with Wisconsin 4-H's updated Project Guide! The new Project Guide will go into effect soon, with the start of the new 4-H year, be easy-to-use and useful in exploring sparks and finding project ideas. This will be a helpful tool for youth and families as well as club and project leaders. Take a look at the new Project Guide on our website and continue checking our page for tips on utilizing this tool to its fullest!

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/4-h-project-guide/>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FALL FORUM 2025

Fall Forum will be held October 31-November 2, 2025, at the Green Lake Conference Center, in Green Lake, WI.

Fall Forum is a statewide conference that brings youth and adult leaders together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and build skills. It is for youth in grades 7-13, adult volunteers, and staff. It's a great opportunity for youth and volunteers to discover and explore their sparks and make new friends from across the state. We anticipate that registration will open after September 1st, when the 4-H Online rollover occurs.

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

CHANGES TO BE ANNOUNCED REGARDING NEW ADULT VOLUNTEERS ENROLLING OR VOLUNTEERS RE-ENROLLING

Watch your e-mails as we will share this information as it becomes available.

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.

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.



Arts Camp 2025 registration is now OPEN for youth in grades 6-8. This is a great opportunity for youth to explore different types of art including theater, music, visual arts, dance, and more! friends, and explore sparks. Learn more and register here: <https://24wi4hartscamp.4honline.com>

MEMORIES FROM THE HERB KOHL LEARNING JOURNEY TRIP

Aimee had the pleasure of accompanying 37 incredible young people from Marinette, Oconto and Waupaca Counties on a Herb Kohl Learning Journey to Washington D.C. July 22-25. It would not have been possible without her amazing co-pilot colleague from Waupaca county and their two kind and dedicated volunteer chaperones. It was wonderful to see the youth learn and grow on this adventure and they all created memories to last a lifetime!

This trip was thanks to the generosity of a Herb Kohl Philanthropies educational experience grant. It was primarily for youth who had not experienced travel to Washington D.C. before.



SIGHTS FROM 4-H ADVENTURE CAMP HELD JULY 31ST AT HOLTWOOD PARK, IN OCONTO

It was a fun-filled day of learning by doing for kids in Kindergarten through 4th grade. Below are some pictures of the day.



Peshtigo National Bank is proud to continue our support of youth in agriculture by offering our Fair Project Scholarship Program for 2025! This scholarship is open to participants in the Shawano, Portage, Brown, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, and Langlade County Fairs, and is designed to recognize the hard work, dedication, and creativity of our area's young fair exhibitors. Applications for PNB's Ag Scholarships are open through August 31. Apply now <https://shorturl.at/gUr0Q>



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.

4-H RAFFLE

Barb Kolosowski is asking that clubs let her know what they will be donating for prizes. Please let her know as soon as possible. Either e-mail her at barbmira-cllell@yahoo.com or call 715-927-5213.

FAIR NEWS

FAIR PASSES

There are still many families who have not signed up for these passes. Family Fair Passes for families of youth exhibitors are still \$25 per family. Please contact Nancy asap w/club name & members of each family living in the house and payment. NOTE: The Family Pass only includes immediate family members living in the same household. **Please make checks payable to: Marinette County Fair.**

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 16**, at the Fairgrounds.

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.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR—July 31st-August 10th.

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/>

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.

COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES TO BE BROUGHT A DAY EARLIER AGAIN

Entry times will be from 12-8 pm on **Wednesday, August 20**, for non-animal items. Face to face judging will take place from noon until 8 pm on Wed. For information when to bring your animals to the Fairgrounds, see page 9.



FOOD STAND DONATION LIST

The remaining items are needed:

6" paper plates	Packets of:
Butter—8-10 lbs	•BBQ
Coffee	•Ranch
Dawn dish soap (1 lg)	•Sour Cream
Elbow noodles (up to 6 lb)	Paper toweling
Flour—15 lbs.	Pencil sharpeners
Ketchup	(Electric?)
Mustard	Pencils w/erasers
Napkins	Plastic forks
Old/used coffee cups	Plastic spoons
(no insulated)	Scrubbies/sponges for
Sugar—5 lbs.	cleaning
	Swiss Miss / hot
	cocoa packets

The Food Stand Committee asks each club to make a donation to the Food Stand. Please give your donation to either Margaret Graese or the 4-H Office by August 11. Monetary donations would be accepted as well. Contact Margaret with questions at 715-927-3577.

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 with the meal ticket this year, only lunch and dinner.

- 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.

NOTE: The food stand will offer breakfast again on Friday and Saturday morning only, but this is NOT INCLUDED with the meal ticket.

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 Tuesday before the Fair, Wednesday morning (as the food stand will be open on Wednesday afternoon with a limited menu) 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. Help is also needed on Wednesday, August 20; will have limited menu.

LIVESTOCK COSTUME CONTEST

The theme for this year's costume contest at the fair is: Marinette County Fair Grammy Awards

Dress you and your animal as your favorite song, singer, music group. All exhibitors showing an animal exhibited at the fair are invited to participate. There is no cost to enter, and there are prizes awarded to the winners.

As always, the costume contest is held Saturday of the fair at 6:00 PM in the show barn.

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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.



ANIMAL SCIENCE



YOUTH HEADED TO THE 60TH WISCONSIN STATE 4-H HORSE EXPO

We would like to wish two Marinette County 4-H youth best of luck as they participate in the state horse expo, September 12-14, at the Wisconsin State Fair Park, in West Allis. They are Alexa Kinziger, from End of the Trail 4-H Club, and Chailynn Risner, from Beaver Four Leaf Clover 4-H Club.

The State 4-H Horse Expo is an annual event for all youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program and draws hundreds of youth and horses. Youth participate in a wide variety of educational project and riding competitions focused on horse experience.



POULTRY TESTING DATES

Rich Kempka will be testing birds August 9 in Gillett. All times are 10 am—noon. If you have any questions, contact Rich at 920-672-9540.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TIMES TO BRING ANIMALS TO THE FAIRGROUNDS

All animals entered in livestock performance (auction) classes are required to be at the Fairgrounds between 3-7 pm on Wed., August 20, 2025. Rabbit and poultry entries must also be brought to the Fairgrounds Wed., Aug. 20, 2025 from 3-7 pm. All other animals (except for horses) may be brought at this time as well, but are not required to be brought until noon 12 pm on Thursday, August 21, 2025. Horses will be entered from 9 am-noon on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

COGGINS TEST REQUIRED FOR HORSES

All horses must have the current calendar year Coggins test to exhibit at the county fair and state horse show.

Horses showing any symptoms of contagious or infectious disease will NOT be permitted to exhibit. Check other rules and regulations in the Fair Premium List and separate Dept. 6 Horse Updated List which you received last month.



MINUTES

MARINETTE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION MONDAY, JULY 28

The meeting was called to order at the Wausaukee Fairgrounds at 6:03 PM by Jennie Pillath. Attendees were Jennie Pillath, Sarah Schuh, Julia Lepinski, Wally Hitt, Barb Kolosowski, Sonny Graese and Margaret Graese.

Motion made to approve the secretary's report from the 6/16/25 meeting as presented in the newsletter by Barb Kolosowski, second by Wally Hitt. Carried

Motion to approve the treasurer's report and to pay 2 bills by Margaret Graese, second by Wally Hitt. Carried

Updates were provided for the various Committee reports.

■Update on the Food Stand

- Received the funds from the foundation and paid for the purchase of a steam table and nacho cheese machine. Working on replacing the range.
- Julia noted a donation received to have the floor of the food stand finished. Will work to coordinate that to have complete before the fair.
- Working on obtaining pricing info for new tents related to donation for new tents to cover the picnic table areas by the food stand.
- Confirmed Country Visions will donate the propane again this year and also donated \$100 towards purchase of deep fryer.

■Update on the raffle

- Reminder, all clubs need to donate a prize

■Royalty

- Informational meeting held and interviews conducted (2 candidates)

New Business: Reviewed the budget for next year and made a couple of changes to vote on at next meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 15th at the Pound Town Hall at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM by Margaret Graese, second by Wally Hitt. Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Graese

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

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

Help needed Saturday and/or Tuesday before the Fair.* **SATURDAY—BADGER BUDS _____

***LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WORK ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, AS THE FOOD STAND WILL BE OPEN DURING 3-7 PM WITH A LIMITED MENU.**

PERSON(S) ABLE TO WORK ON WEDNESDAY: (PLEASE INCLUDE CLUB AND CONTACT #):
STARGAZERS 3-7 PM _____

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

Thursday, August 21	Friday, August 22	Sat., August 23	Sun., August 24
10:45 am to 2:45 pm <u>EOTT</u>	10:45 am to 2:45 pm <u>B4LC</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>*MIM</u>	6:15 pm to 9:00 pm <u>MIM</u>	

■ BADGER BUDS WILL ALSO HELP FILL IN WHERE NEEDED.

***Barb Kolosowski/Wally Hitt will help Friday night, 6:15 pm shift.**

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: _____

