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**Marinette County  
 4-H Newsletter  
 December, 2023**

Season's Greetings,

I hope everyone is enjoying this magical time of the year. As the year ends, there are so many things to look back on and be proud of, and there are also many wonderful things to look forward to in 2024.

During this busy time, I hope you all will take a step back and reflect on this past year. What did 4-H help you achieve this year? What was your favorite highlight of the year? Also take some time to think about the upcoming year. What do you want to achieve? How can 4-H help you achieve those goals?

There are so many amazing opportunities coming up. I look forward to seeing what this next year brings for each of you!

Alexis Witak  
 Interim Associate 4-H Educator  
 Marinette County



**THERE ARE  
 SEVERAL  
 MEMBERS WHO  
 HAVE NOT  
 RE-ENROLLED IN  
 4-H ONLINE**

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## ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS - SEEKING TO FILL OFFICER POSITIONS

Board elections will be held during Achievement Day/ Leader Recognition on January 14. Association meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of every month (rotating locations) with the exception of Aug. & Dec. (no meeting). In addition to descriptions below, board member responsibilities include planning the annual 4-H calendar & annual budget & working with Extension Program Educator to determine 4-H policies and goals, determine training needs, make decisions about the county 4-H program and carry out other business of the Association. This is a great way to get involved!

**President:** (two year term) Presides at all meetings of the Leaders Association and acts as Chair of Board meetings. President and Extension Program Educator work together to solve problems and plan educational opportunities.

**Secretary:** (two year term) Keeps minutes of all meetings of the Leaders Association & turns them into the 4-H office for the 4-H newsletter. Brings copy of minutes to each meeting. Works with the Extension Office in getting out correspondence & communications when necessary.

**Youth Reps (2):** (1 or 2 year term) Works as active member together with other board members and 4-H Program Educator in a youth-adult partnership model including attending regular meetings, collaborating on 4-H Leader

Association projects, providing input & making decisions, & setting goals for the county 4-H program. Representatives should be at least 12 years old.



The poster for Wisconsin 4-H Night features logos for Wisconsin Herd, 4-H, and Extension University of Wisconsin-Madison. The event is held at Oshkosh Arena, 1212 S Main St, Oshkosh, WI 54902. It is a game between the Westchester Raiders and the Wisconsin Herd on Saturday, February 3rd at 7 PM. The poster lists activities like a career panel, pre-game watch, and autographs. It includes a QR code for ticket information and contact details for Trevor Kroll.

**Wisconsin 4-H Night**

OSHKOSH ARENA | 1212 S MAIN ST OSHKOSH, WI 54902

Join friends, family, and staff of Wisconsin 4-H for a fun night out with the Wisconsin Herd! All kids within the 4-H Club group purchasing through this link will get to participate in:

- Pre-game Career in Sports Panel
- Pre-Game watch (sitting courtside, and receive autographs from the Herd for kids)
- Jockey High Five Tunnel

**GAME: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> @7PM**

**WESTCHESTER RAIDERS VS WISCONSIN HERD**

**LIMITED INVENTORY! SIGN UP FOR TICKETS TODAY!**

**FOR TICKET INFORMATION: SCAN THE QR CODE! OR VISIT: [fevogm.com/Wisconsin4h](https://fevogm.com/Wisconsin4h)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR WITH QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: TREVOR KROLL AT 920.744.0263 OR [TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM](mailto:TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM)**

## REMEMBER: ANNUAL 2023 4-H MEMBER & LEADER ACHIEVEMENT DAY

You are invited to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our members and leaders! There is lots to celebrate in Marinette County!

**Who:** All 4-H members, parents & families, volunteers and leaders

**When & Where:** **January 14, 2024. Crivitz High School Auditoria. Noon potluck with awards to follow at 1 pm.**

The host clubs will be providing ham and buns with a baked potato bar. Each family is asked to bring a dish (salads, vegetables or fruit) to pass. Plates provided. Also, each club should bring a dessert. We wish to thank our hosts for this year's event: Beaver Four-Leaf Clover 4-H Club and Forever Green 4-H Club.

The following members will be recognized during our annual achievement event: All youth who submitted a record book or easy completion form, Cloverbuds who submitted books, James Crowley Dairy Leadership award winner, National 4-H week window display winners, 4-H graduates, Golden Clover award winners, Outstanding Youth Leader award winner; and more.

Leaders and youth who served on county-wide committees, members of the 4-H Leaders Association Board, members or leaders that coordinated a special 4-H event or project, volunteer of the year award winner.

All 1st, 5th, 10th, 35th year leaders will be recognized.

## 4-H TRIPS

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

## CONGRATULATIONS!!! WALLY HITT

Walter Hitt, retired Marinette County 4-H Agent, is being honored in the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. Laureates will be honored on Sunday, April 28, 2024, as part of the 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Ceremony in Wisconsin Dells.

## 2024 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

\*Official online application for serving as a camp counselor at MarOcoSha 4-H Camp serving Shawano, Marinette, and Oconto Counties, June 14-16, 2024, as well as Shawano County Teen Adventure Camp, and Shawano County 4-H Camps.

[Fill out form here](#)



## Winter LEADERSHIP CAMP

@Spencer Lake Camp in Waupaca



For youth in grades 7th and up

In the following counties: Calumet, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, Portage, Washington, Waupaca, and Winnebago.



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Registration Opens  
**DEC 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**  
Registration Closes  
**JAN 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



Scan to register.

A weekend full of leadership development and fun! From teambuilding and making new friends to winter recreation and campfire, there will be something for everyone! Youth will participate in hands-on, interactive sessions to gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to apply being a youth leader in their club, county, and school.

Adult leader volunteers are needed as chaperones to support youth in learning leadership skills and experiencing the great outdoors.



## SPACE CAMP

April 18-22, 2024. 4-H Space Camp is an educational experience where youth from across the state take a bus down to Huntsville, Alabama, for a 4 day journey. Youth get the opportunity to venture away from home to meet new friends, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and learn all about space.

Any youth in grades 6-8 may register to go to Space Camp. Register through 4HOnline for Space Camp. Registration will be open from November 15-December 15 prior to program year.

Delegates will be notified by the State 4-H Office by January 12 of the program year whether they are attending or wait-listed. After registration closes, delegates will be sent a link to register for Space Camp through the Space Camp website. All delegates must register online for Space Camp prior to March 1st.

For more info., visit

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



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### WI 4-H FOUNDATION CELEBRATES THE ARTS

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation provides support for arts and communications programs that encourage youth to develop strong leadership, creative and communications skills. Each year the Foundation highlights 4-H artists through the Celebrate the Arts art contest. This year's contest runs Nov. 1, 2023 through Jan. 15, 2024. A photo of the entry and the completed entry form must be submitted through the contest website: <https://forms.gle/gD4XtMMUGAoPdEuX9>

The WI 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts is a contest, to be held annually for the purpose of: ▪ Promoting 4-H Arts Programming ▪ Raising Funds to Support 4-H Art Programs ▪ Telling the 4-H Story ▪ Raising Awareness of the WI 4-H Foundation and the 4-H Program. Proceeds from any Celebrate the Arts events or sales will be split evenly with half invested in the Talen Endowment for 4-H Arts Programming and half used for arts programming in the next 4-H program year.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will sponsor the art contest, open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, with cash prizes totaling nearly \$1,000. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically. The contest will be broken into nine categories (Drawing; Painting; Pottery/Ceramics/Clay; Photography; Paper; Fabric/Yarn/Fiber; Any Other Media; 4-H Art (non-photography); 4-H Art (photography)). Artists are STRONGLY encouraged to create art that has a 4-H theme or has root in their 4-H experience (example: a photo taken on a 4-H trip or of another 4-H member working on a 4-H project; a painting inspired by a 4-H event; pottery that incorporates the clover). Please read the complete [2023 Art Event Contest Information](#) before entering your work.

### WISCONSIN 4-H STATEWIDE PROGRAM BOOKLET IS LIVE!

Check out all the amazing things you can do with Wisconsin 4-H, from Arts Camp to Citizenship Washington Focus to Area Animal Science Days, there's something here for YOU! <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statewide-events-and.../>



### JANUARY 20TH FOR THE FREE MOVIE AT THE MARINER THEATER, ELLA COURT, IN MARINETTE. Movie and times to be announced.

Sponsored by Marinette County 4-H.

A promotional poster for the 2024 Citizenship Washington Focus event. It features a red banner with five white stars at the top left, a group photo of participants, the UW-Madison Extension logo, and the text "2024 CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS". Below this, it lists the dates "JUNE 15-22, 2024" and the location "WASHINGTON D.C.". A list of topics includes "Citizenship", "Congressional Issues", "Bill Writing", and "Action Planning". It also states "Opens to Youth Grades 10-12". A registration box says "Registration Opens Dec 1st in 4HOnline". There are images of a group photo and the Lincoln Memorial. An American flag is in the bottom right corner.



## MINUTES

### November Marinette County Leaders Association November 20, 2023 Town of Grover Town Hall

President Jennie Pillath called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Pledges were said.

Attendance: Jennie Pillath, Julia Lepinski, Deb Heitman, Dorothy Kaminski, Lisa Witak, Alexis Witak, Barb Kolosowski

Secretary's Report: Lisa made a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. Barb seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Stephenson account is almost closed. There is enough in it to cover the outstanding checks. A letter will be sent to the clubs/individuals reminding them to cash the checks or let Julia know if they plan on not cashing the check. The rest of the bills will be paid from the BMO account. Lisa made a motion to pay the bills, including a reimbursement to Julia for the state horse meeting. Barb seconded. Motion carried.

Alexis's Report: The Thriving Survey was sent to all youth ages 13-19. They each have their own unique link. Those who complete the survey will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card. The survey may have been sent to parents if the youth did not enroll with an individual email. Youth can still complete the survey through this method.

Space Camp will be April 18-24, 2024 and National Conference will be April 19-24, 2024.

Cooking with Meat boxes will be available to order. There is information on the County's Facebook page. There will be a Zoom meeting in February for all who order the boxes to learn a recipe.

Celebrate the Arts Contest information is available. Contact Alexis for more information.

There will be an Eastern Regional Art Festival in Sheboygan. Aimee is encouraging youth to participate.

Winter Leadership Camp will be February 9-11, 2024 at Spencer Lake in Waupaca.

A State Dog Association will be starting. The first meeting is November 28th to elect directors.

Wisconsin 4-H Night at the Herd game will be February 3rd.

The office is still missing 1-2 club charters.

There were 39 project boxes ordered, more than in the past. Julia made a motion to donate \$200 from the Association to help offset the expenses of supplies in the boxes. Lisa seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Committees:**

Food Stand: Still looking for a manager. A policy was found regarding how clubs get paired for working in the food stand. Only clubs who schedule a shift and work it will be paid, not just youth/adults showing up for random shifts with other clubs.

Fair Board: None

Raffle: None

Awards and Trips: A past policy was discovered, as a reminder for the Association, for all future trips, Anyone 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult/chaperone.

Royalty: Crown and sashes came in, including a fresh one for the queen. She will be using the new one for all events not involving animals.

Scholarship: None

Shooting Sports: None

#### **Old Business:**

Movie: Lisa made a motion to provide a \$5 food voucher for all enrolled youths and adults who attend the movie. Deb seconded. Motion carried. Will need help with handing out promotional items.

Budget: Approved at last meeting. Julia is working on a clean copy with updated numbers.

#### **New Business:**

Achievement Day: Will be held Sunday, January 14 at Crivitz High School. Lunch will begin at noon with awards to follow at 1pm. There will be a few presentations who will begin around 12:45. Mandi, the Area Extension Director, plans on attending. Barb made a motion to have the next leaders' meeting at Achievement Day, unless there is a pressing issue, then the original date of January 15th will remain. Julia seconded. Motion carried.

Lisa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deb seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

Next meeting will be Sun., Jan. 14th at Achievement Day.

-Deb Heitman, Secretary



**Holiday Decorating at Payant Park, in Wausaukee, on Sun., November 26.** Pictured: (left) Arissa Kolosowski and Daisy Stoper, Paige Schultz not pictured, Pike River 4-H. (top right) Barb Kolosowski, Pike River 4-H, and from Kountry Kids 4-H, Trevor Nelson and Anne Biemasz - Wally Hitt from Pike River 4-H took the picture.

