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Welcome February! We will have our first winter storm of the season this week, which is hard to believe. I hope everyone who has a snow day, or two enjoys them! According to Punxsutawney Phil, there may be more to come. Although winter may last us a while longer now is a great time to start thinking ahead for the nicer weather. What would you like to do as a club? What projects can you plan out? What are you working on now? Be sure to check out some of the virtual or take and learn opportunities that come up as well, so many opportunities to try new things. I continue to enjoy seeing and hearing all of the creative ways you all continue to connect to each other and our communities. Also, like you, I am looking forward to the days that it is easier for us to all see each other face to

face more often again! In the meantime I have taken advantage of opportunities to collaborate with colleagues near and far on projects to support our clubs, members, and volunteers. If you have an idea of something you would like to see offered, or would like to share something you enjoy with others just let us know.

Aimee Elkins
4-H Program Educator
Marinette and Oconto Counties



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



DESIGN A PARACHUTE CHALLENGE

Mon. Feb. 15th **6:30 - 7:30pm**

SIGN-UP THROUGH 4-H ONLINE

[V2.4HONLINE.COM/#/USER/SIGN-IN](https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in)



Project Description

You will develop, design, and test a parachute that meets the design challenge of carrying one metal washer to the ground.

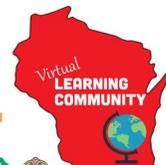
Are you up to the challenge? Enjoy a taste of STEM while designing, building and testing out your parachute design. Adults joining us will see how to replicate a virtual project meeting. We cannot wait to see your parachute creations!

Participants

Any youth or adult in the state of Wisconsin.

Contact

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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 County Royalty can apply. If interested, contact Dorothy Kaminski at 920-897-2316. Applications will be mailed out soon with interviews to be scheduled for May.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

By now, **only those (new and returning) members who have completed their on-line enrollment forms and leaders who have completed the volunteer protection requirements are receiving this newsletter.** General leaders, please check with your group to make sure everyone is registered. New members must join by May 1 in order to exhibit at the Fair.

SESQUICENTENNIAL/CENTURY FARM AWARDS

The WI State Fair honors farms and homes of 150 and 100 years. Applications are available at the Extension Office. Call Nancy at 732-7514. Deadline to apply is **March 1.**

4-H COUNTY COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

We need more volunteers (youth and adult) for all of our Committees. A reminder that you need to sign up for committees each year. Committee sign-up has been extended to **February 15.** If interested in volunteering, please see the sign-up sheet in last month's newsletter.

SIGN UP TODAY!

FOR VIRTUAL PROJECT LESSONS

- Register through 4-H online V2.4HONLINE.COM/#/USER/SIGN-IN
- You do not need to be in 4-H to participate
- Open to all youth and adults in the state of Wisconsin

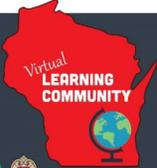


- Three lessons to choose from
- Sign up for just one or all three
- 45 to 60 minute session



All sessions start at 6:30pm

Mon. Feb. 15th	STEM- Design a Parachute Challenge
Wed. Feb. 24th	Glitter Calming Jar
Tues. Mar. 2nd	Explore Monoprinting




GLITTER CALMING JAR



Wed. Feb. 24th



6:30 - 7:15pm

SIGN-UP THROUGH 4-H ONLINE

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Project Description
You will make a glitter calming jar and learn how it can be used to help you calm down and process your emotions.

You will need glitter, glitter glue, a jar or bottle, and super glue for this session. Don't miss it! We can all benefit from a few quiet moments.

Participants
Any youth or adult in the state of Wisconsin.

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4-H is...





JOIN US ONLINE
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 2/25- DORMANCY
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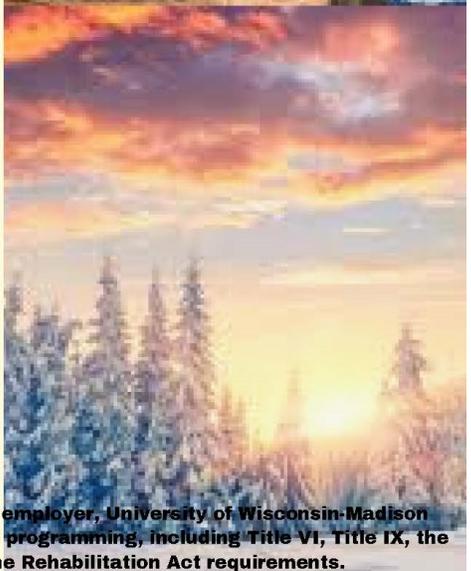
FROM 6:30-7:15 PM

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Discover the Wonders of WI Winter

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FREE OF CHARGE
 EVERYONE WELCOME
 REGISTER HERE:
 TINYURL.COM/LO932MMA



Presented By: Aimee Elkins, 4-H, Scott Reuss, Ag./Hort. An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.

Join us for a

Winter Wilderness Adventure Snowshoe Hike

Anne Bartels- Marinette County Education Specialist will lead us on this experience. You will be sure to learn a lot while enjoying the beautiful scenery.

Choose a date and location that work best for you:

One date remaining

February 10- Dave's Falls, Amberg

Please register as soon as possible by calling the 4-H office 715-732-7514, indicate date, number attending, and if snowshoes are required.

Current 4-H members, family, and friends all welcome!
(Events are weather permitting and we will be following UW-Madison guidance for PPE and Social Distancing.)

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Aimee Elkins: 4-H program Educator Marinette and Oconto Counties

Hike will be held from 3:45-4:30 to hopefully give people enough time to get situated after school. To register, please call the 4-H office at 715-732-7514. We need to know the number of how many will be attending and who will need snowshoes. Thank you.

Due to upcoming extreme temperatures our final hike may need to be postponed. We will update information if and when it changes.

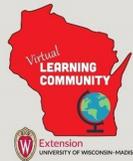


EASY AS PIE



SPIN CLUB
TUESDAYS AT 7:30 PM
FEBRUARY 16-MARCH 23

LIMITED TO 100 PARTICIPANTS IN GRADES 6 & UP



Easy as Pie SPIN Club will teach you that making pie really is easy as pie! Each Tuesday Night, you will learn a new type of pie ranging from a basic pie with a cracker crust advancing your way to a more detailed pie. The program will meet at 7:30 pm and all materials are the responsibility of the participants. Registration is limited to one hundred youth in grades 6 and up (does not have to be 4-H) and can be done in 4-H Online. Sessions will be recorded and available after each night.

If you have questions about the program, please reach out to heidi.vanderloop@wisc.edu.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR: **ANNUAL V.I.P TRAINING- VIRTUAL**

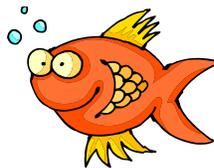
This is a required training for all new 4-H volunteers, and any volunteer who has not had the training previously.

**MONDAY MARCH 15TH FROM 6-7:30
P.M. VIA ZOOM**

A Meeting link will be sent upon registration:
tinyurl.com/ne5wh4ze



Presented By: Marinette, Oconto, Menominee, and Shawano Counties
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WILDLIFE FOREVER STATE- FISH ART CONTEST

Open to K-Gr 12. Deadline: **March 31**. Children must draw any state's

official fish in its natural habitat and write an essay about that fish. Winners in each grade group (K-3, 4-6th, 7-9th, 10-12th) selected.

Visit: <https://www.wildlife-forever.org/home/state-fish-art/how-to-enter-contest/> *A non 4-H sponsored event.*



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

WI 4-H FOUNDATION 2021 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding WI students pursuing higher education. Applications must be received via e-mail by **March 15, 2021**. To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2021-2022 academic school year. For more info, visit <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

CO. 4-H LEADERS ASSOC. SCHOLARSHIPS

To be eligible, you must have been in Marinette County 4-H at least four years and be a 4-H graduate of Marinette County or eligible to graduate. Open to high school seniors, freshmen and sophomores in post-secondary education, including college, university or technical school and a full-time student. Scholarship applications are available in the Extension office. Deadline: **March 1**.

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 2021 from a public or private high school in WI that plan to enroll in a WI public or private college or a university in 2021. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest. The essay should address the topic: "What lessons can town governments take from the COVID-19 pandemic to improve their emergency management systems and prepare for and respond to future disasters?" Essays must be postmarked by **May 28, 2021**. For more information and an application, visit <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>



GROWMARK AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Foundation is offering 15 \$1,500 scholarships for students in the USA & Ontario, Canada, pursuing degrees or certification in an ag-related field. At the time of application, students must be high school seniors or equivalent, or continuing students enrolled in good standing at a college, university, or technical school. Scholarships will be awarded based on information including academic achievement, school and community involvement, and essay responses. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the student's account at their respective school. Visit <https://www.growmark.com/about-us/corporate-commitments>. The application should be completed in full online, including submission of a current photograph and your most recent semester's transcript. No incomplete or late applications will be considered. Applications are due by midnight (Central Time) on **April 15**.

GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP

Incoming college freshman pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related field can now apply. Students attending a four-year college program can earn a \$2,000 scholarship, while \$1,000 awards will go to selected students attending a two-year college program. Completed applications must be submitted by **February 28, 2021** and students interested in applying must meet the applicant eligibility: Applicants must reside within GreenStone's territory (MI & northeast WI); Must be a full-time high school graduating senior; Have at least a 3.0 grade point average. Visit: <https://www.greenstonefcs.com/community/scholarships>

UNITED COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

This program awards \$1,000 scholarships to 40-50 high school seniors and current college/technical school students who are continuing their full-time education in 2021-2022. At least 10 of the scholarships will be awarded to students majoring in an ag field, at least 10 will be awarded to students attending a technical school, and at least 10 will be awarded to current college or technical school students who are continuing their full-time education in 2021-2022. The remainder of the scholarships are open to all majors. Deadline: **February 26**. Visit: <https://www.unitedcooperative.com/about/giving-back/scholarship-application>





ANIMAL SCIENCE



COUNTY HORSE PROJECT

COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN DATES ANNOUNCED

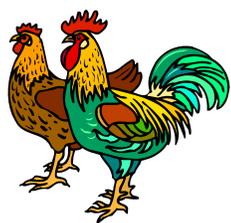
March 20, 9-11 am, at the Fairgrounds for beef.

May 15, 10-11am, at the Fairgrounds for sheep/goat (no swine weigh in, but pictures will be due by this date also). Swine pictures can be e-mailed to marinettefair@yahoo.com or printed and brought to sheep/goat weigh in or given to Lisa Witak prior to that date.

Anyone needing RFID tags should contact Lisa before the weigh in date. Tags are \$2 each for beef/swine and \$1.50 for sheep/goat. There will be another livestock meeting on April 5 at 7 pm at Beaver Town Hall where people can purchase them also for swine/sheep/goat.

WI SOUTHDOWN ASSOCIATION 2021 SOUTHDOWN EWE LAMB AWARD

Purpose of the award is to promote youth involvement with Southdown sheep in WI by awarding youth with a quality registered ewe lamb to begin their flocks. Eligibility: WI youth ages 11-16 enrolled in 4-H or FFA who do not already own Southdown sheep. Applications need to be postmarked by **March 15, 2021**. For more information or an application, contact the 4-H office.



FAIR ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT POLLORUM TESTING

DATCP has rescinded the waiver for pullorum testing, as the antigen is now widely available. Dr. Kebus, the poultry program manager is planning for a training later this spring for testers. DATCP Animal Health will be sending out information in their animal health newsletter this spring as well, that will be forwarded to Fairs.

WI STATE 4-H HORSE EVENTS TO NOTE

- April 16-18 Midwest Horse Fair—CANCELLED
- June 25-27 WI State 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show & Clinics, Sheboygan Co. Fairgrounds
Entry deadline: Postmark by June 1
- Sept. 11-12 State 4-H Gymkhana, West Allis State Fair Park. Entry deadline: Postmark by August 15
- Sept. 17-19 State 4-H Horse Expo, West Allis State Fair Park
- Nov. 13-14 WI 4-H Horse Project Leader Conference

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER UPDATE

“Make haste slowly.” That was the advice in one of the first books I ever read about working with horses. Good horses and good riders are not “made” overnight. We may wish that a horse will suddenly behave better, or that we will suddenly have the perfect balanced posture, but we know that just won’t happen. So, we set a goal, and start chipping away at it day by day to reach it. The result? A happier horse and a happier rider.

We also know that the COVID restrictions will not suddenly disappear; this is also a goal that needs chipping away at as we continue all the safety measures we know about, and as people get vaccinated. With time and persistence, the goal of health will be reached.

While we wait for a day when we can meet as a project, remember all the resources out there for you. If you did not explore <https://www.becauseofthehorse.net/free-4h> yet, you’re missing out on a lot of fun and learning. Check it out!



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