



**Marinette County  
4-H Newsletter  
February, 2022**

Happy February 4-H Families!

Even though the groundhog saw his shadow we can be sure spring will be here before we know it. The weather will get warmer and the days will get longer. If the long winter is starting to wear on you be sure to check out some of the great 4-H programs near and far - they will be sure to heat up your creativity. Be sure to look over the newsletter and mark your calendars for everything that is coming up that may interest you. Don't forget to check out 4-H at home here: <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/> and the Wisconsin 4-H virtual learning community for some great resources: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>. We just had a great day to celebrate Marinette County 4-H Achievements, and we had a LOT to celebrate. There are so many inspiring members and leaders in our 4-H community! If you have a special interest or talent to share, we would love to hear from you!

Aimee Elkins  
4-H Program Educator  
Marinette and Oconto Counties



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS!!**



**Congratulations** At the Sunday, February 6, 4-H Achievement and Recognition Day, elections were held. Following is the result of that election: Jennie Pillath is the new President (two year term); Vice President is Tracey Johnson (one year term); Secretary (two year term) remains Deb Heitman; Treasurer (one year term) remains Kari LaCount. State Representative is Julia Lepinski. Youth Representatives are Abigale Johnson and Trevor Nelson. For some pictures of the event, see page 3 of this newsletter.

**SUMMER CAMP – SAVE THE DATE**

**CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED**

An area-wide overnight Summer Camp experience will be offered this year at Camp Bird August 2-5th. Planning is underway and we are looking for some older youth in grades 8-13th (a year past high school) to join in on the fun as camp counselors! Please complete the application found here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UqsPZSKewD\\_Si\\_IHIMGILX8tW\\_6eIQJVAU-ulQ2qsw/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UqsPZSKewD_Si_IHIMGILX8tW_6eIQJVAU-ulQ2qsw/edit)



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are celebrating **Earth Day** this spring by participating in the **13th Annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program**, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids every Earth Day.



Since 2010, Neighborhood Forest has reached over 100,000 families and planted over 50,000 (mostly urban and residential) trees through the hands of children and parents across North America.

We endorse this project and are excited to be participating in this wonderful program that teaches kids stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow.

**Please fill out the following online registration form by February 28th and receive a free tree** (6-12 inches in size) during Earth Week (April 22-30).

You also have the option to purchase additional trees (via the registration form) for friends and family members (\$10 / tree). The purchase of trees will help fund free trees for more kids.

Trees will be delivered to us and we will arrange to get the trees in the hands of your children on or around Earth Day (April 22nd) either via pick up or sending home with your child(ren).

Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.

**Register to receive a free tree for Earth Day to plant with your child:**

<https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/parent-registration/?school=26435&cyear=2022>

Thank you for your support and participation. For more information about this program, please visit [www.neighborhoodforest.org](http://www.neighborhoodforest.org) or [www.facebook.com/neighborhoodforest](https://www.facebook.com/neighborhoodforest).

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### 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, inc. 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 2022 from a public or private high school in WI that plan to enroll in a WI public or private college or a university in 2022. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest. The essay should address the topic: "What can Wisconsin's leaders do to increase young adult interest in serving on a town board?" Essays must be postmarked by **May 27, 2022.** For more information and an application, visit <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>

### WI 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 5:00 pm.

WI 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance & future educational goals.

To be eligible for scholarships students must have been a WI 4-H member for at least three years; should 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 2022-2023 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible. For more info, visit <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

### SHOW US YOUR 4-H WINTER ADVENTURE SPIRIT!

Send in a picture of your family enjoying something fun outdoors. It could be participating in your favorite winter activity, building a 4-H snow-scape, or anything you can think of. Be creative. All submissions will be entered for some fun prizes!



### 2021 4-H ACHIEVEMENT & RECOGNITION DAY

The event was finally able to be held on Sunday, February 6, at the Grover Town Hall. Congratulations to all those who were honored and received awards. We especially wish to thank Country Reins and End of the Trail 4-H Clubs for the beautiful table decorations and wonderful taco bar ... so delicious!!! Following are a few pictures of the day:



Table with some of the awards and gifts.



Kiana Kotecki won the quilt donated by Homespun Quilters



People starting to arrive and being seated for the event.



**YOU CRACK ME UP!**  
**CONNECT, LAUGH AND LEARN**  
**Make a New York Style Cheesecake LIVE**



**February 24 @ 6:30 PM via Zoom**  
Recommended for 6th grade and up  
*Participants are Responsible for Supplies*

**Registration Deadline: February 17**  
**Register at [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com)**

Visit [4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc](http://4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc) for a current schedule of opportunities



**CONGRATULATIONS MIDDLE INLET  
MOONSHINERS**

Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation teamed up again to present the “Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest” for Wisconsin 4-H clubs.

Middle Inlet Moonshiners became one of the finalists in the contest with Brewster Rooster, a vanilla ice cream with chocolate-covered coffee beans, and lots of fudge and caramel swirls. Top finalists receive a Cedar Crest Ice Cream Party.

Grand Prize Winner is Knellsville 4-H Club, Ozaukee County (Grafton) with: Haystack, a vanilla ice cream with layers of peanuts, caramel and crunch candies. They receive an ice cream party and \$500.

**FARM MACHINERY/TRACTOR SAFETY CLASSES**

Oconto Falls—Class #24088. Fee \$89.10. Tues., March 29-April 26, 4-9 pm, at NWTC Oconto Falls. Course provides youth primarily under the age of 16, but not younger than 12 at the time of enrollment, with the necessary training and preparation to take the evaluation test. Online registration: go to [nwtc.edu](http://nwtc.edu), click on Current Students in the upper right hand corner, click on my.NWTC, log in and find a class or phone Enrollment Services at 920-498-5444. For additional info or other locations, call Nancy at 920-498-5724.



**WELCOME TO MARINETTE COUNTY'S NEWEST CLUB, THE STARGAZER 4-H CLUB!**

This club has been working hard to get up and running and they are well on their way. The club had officer elections as follows: President: Kayla Fewins; VP: Addison Staudenmaier; Secretary: Kendall Walk; Treasurer: Evelyn Larson; Historian: Aspyr Maye; Recreation Leader: Abel Gearhart ; News Reporter: Asher Gearhart

The club recently worked on Valentines cards to provide to local nursing homes. They are planning their 4-H year looking at activities, projects, and fundraising opportunities. We are so happy to have you all, keep up the great work making the best better in Marinette County!



**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.**



## SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

2022 Eastern Workshop, Green Bay, (Registration opens March 1, 2022). April 30, 2022, 8AM – 5PM

Disciplines: Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun. Registration Deadline: April 23. At New Franken Sportsmen's Club, 281 N New Franken Rd, New Franken, WI. Need to be: Age 21+; be an approved 4-H leader ; complete National 4-H Shooting Sport Online training. (This one-time training is required for first-time volunteers only.) Register for a certification workshop of choice through 4-H Online and pay fee (only one certification can be obtained at a Saturday workshop). Attend the complete 8 hours of a Saturday certification workshop.

You must consult with county 4-H staff regarding your interest in becoming a certified instructor. Always ask the preferred payment method for national online training and registering through 4-H Online for a certification workshop. National online training and certification workshops have separate fees requiring a credit card payment.



## ANIMAL SCIENCE

### FUR, FIN, FEATHER: TEACHING SHOW

Youth are invited to participate in the Fur, Fin, Feather: Teaching Show, slated for **Sat., April 30th** at the Barney Center in Sparta, WI. This show is unique in the aspect that it focuses on teaching and learning. For rabbits and poultry, there will be an all breed show, and showmanship competition. For rabbits, there will also be a breed judging class/giving reasons. The judges for these shows will slow down classes and work with youth to give them advice and teach them more about their animals/showmanship skills and how to improve.

In addition, there will also be a small pet and cat show (no dogs or livestock). This is an opportunity for youth to present their small pets to a judge, answer their questions about their care, management & relationship with their animal and receive a participation certificate/award. Finally, there will be a photography and poster show, along with an educational poster session, and an opportunity to complete a service project (making cat toys to be donated to local shelters). For applications and full set of rules and instructions, see the show bill at: <https://vernon.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/02/Fur-Fin-Feather-Show-Bill-1.pdf>

The online entry form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/w291Udd3PC4fsCiz8>

## Learn and Practice Showmanship



Two Zooms have been scheduled for newer exhibitors to practice and prepare for showmanship classes and ask questions.

**Rabbit Showmanship**  
Tuesday, February 22  
at 7PM via Zoom



**Poultry Showmanship**  
Tuesday, March 15  
at 7PM via Zoom



Register Today: <http://wi.4honline.com>

Visit [4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc](http://4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc) for more opportunities

Then Join us for the **FUR, FIN, Feather: Teaching Show!**

MONROE, LA CROSSE, RICHLAND AND VERNON COUNTY 4-H PRESENT:

**FUR, FIN, FEATHER: TEACHING SHOW**  
**Barney Center, Sparta WI**  
**Saturday, April 30th All Day!**



Showbill and Registration info: <https://go.wisc.edu/55e321>

Open to **ALL youth in Wisconsin - need not be in 4-H**



## COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN DATES ANNOUNCED

**March 19**, 8-10:30 am, at the Fairgrounds for beef.

**May 14**, 9-10:30 am, at the Fairgrounds for sheep/goat. Swine pictures can be e-mailed to [marinettefair@yahoo.com](mailto:marinettefair@yahoo.com) or given to Lisa Witak prior to May 14 at 10:30 am.

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 4 at 7 pm at Grover Town.

### WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) PRESENTS

#### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING 2022

- January 13** - Grand Challenge: Animal Health & Welfare
- February 10** - Grand Challenge: Precision Agriculture
- March 3 (\*date change\*)** - Grand Challenge: Food/Meat Safety
- April 14** - Grand Challenge: Land and Water
- May 12** - Grand Challenge: Biomedical Advancements

Why are we concerned? What is the scientific problem?  
What do we know?  
What more do we need to learn?  
How does this apply to my youth animal project?  
What are the career opportunities?

All events are *virtual* and begin at 7 p.m.  
Can meet county educational requirements.

For more information & how to register: <https://go.wisc.edu/tmq61h>



## 4-H LIVESTOCK AND SKILL-A-THON CONTEST AND THE STATE 4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

**Livestock Quiz Bowl:**  
This is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. Students use a buzzer to answer the questions (similar to the game show Jeopardy).



**Livestock Skill-a-thon:** Everything you know about raising your animal adds up to so much knowledge of the species and the industry. The Skill-a-thon contest will help you challenge you to share that information through a written quiz and learning.

**Meats Judging Contest:** This contest tests the knowledge of youth in the placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, retail cut identification, and a quiz.

Open to any current 4-H members ages 8-18. Looking for more information, check out the links below:

4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon – Saturday, April 9th, at UW Madison Campus. Deadline: March 25, 2022 through 4-H online. More info and registration available at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/>

4-H Meats Judging – Sat., April 30th, at \*New\* Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building, UW Madison Campus. Deadlines: (more info located in the registration materials link below). -Estimated number of participants (needed to order PPE): Feb 4, 2022 - through Google form. -Final registration: April 18, 2022 - through 4-H online. More info and registration available at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/>

If you have any questions, please contact Jill at [jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu](mailto:jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu)/phone at 920-39104659 or Bernie at [borourke2@wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@wisc.edu)/phone at 608-263-4304.



## COUNTY HORSE PROJECT

### FEBRUARY 7TH 4-H HORSE PROJECT MEETING

The group did the American Pledge and the 4-H Pledge. Sara Lotter stepped in and did a presentation on horse shoes, overgrown hoofs, bell boots, Thrush busters, trimming tools, etc. It was a great learning experience overall for all members.



**2022**  
**4-H County Activities & Special Projects**  
**Volunteer Sign-Up - Due February 25**

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 February 25th.*





# WISCONSIN 4-H by the NUMBERS

Head • Heart • Hands • Health

[4h.extension.wisc.edu](http://4h.extension.wisc.edu)

## Join the MOVEMENT

The 4-H movement is committed to providing youth development opportunities and promoting positive change for young people. Together we can make the best, better.

### in 4-H we value...



#### Being yourself

Finding and sharing authentic sparks and interests.



#### Belonging together

Recognizing, understanding, respecting, and appreciating each other.



#### Discovering skills

Developing skills through hands-on learning to succeed and thrive.



#### Building connections

Positive relationships between peers and adults.



#### Exploring new opportunities

Opening the door to new experiences, projects and places.



#### Giving back to your community

Making meaningful contributions through community service and leadership.



# 7,093

Extension volunteers

# 90%

Say volunteering with 4-H makes communities stronger



# 98%

Inspired to make positive changes in their communities



# 90%

Inspired to try new things and find their sparks



# 500

Distinct activities to spark lifelong learning



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