



**Marinette County
4-H Newsletter
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Greetings 4-H Families,

I hope all has been well through the constant changes in the weather. There are many opportunities coming up both at the County level and the State level. Be sure to keep an eye out in the newsletter and sign up for those opportunities that interest you!

The deadline for enrolling in 4-H to be eligible to enter into the fair is quickly approaching. If you or anyone you know needs any help enrolling please reach out to us at the 4-H office. We are always happy to help!

Lexi Witak
Interim Associate 4-H Program Educator
Marinette County



ATTENTION NEW 4-H FAMILIES

If you wish to have a hard copy of this newsletter snail mailed, please let the office know either by calling Nancy at 715-732-7514 or e-mailing nancy.servais@wisc.edu (If you have already been receiving the newsletter in the mail, you do not have to re-call us.)



The 4-H Food Stand is in immediate need of a manager. If you or if you know of anyone who would be interested, please contact either Jennie Pillath at 715-938-2271 or the 4-H office 715-732-7514 no later than July 1st.

If we do not have someone by then, we will not be able to operate the food stand.

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CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Training will be held at the Wausaukee Village Hall on March 9 from 1 to 3 pm. Please register with Lexi Witak at awitak@wisc.edu.

Deadline: February 29th.



ART BEAT

March 15-17, 2024; Camp Upham Woods. Cost: \$110 for Youth, \$60 for Chaperones. Registration Coming Soon!

4-H Art Beat is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Communication Arts and was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents and leaders. Art Beat! provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience five different art forms in a camping environment at Camp Upham Woods in WI Dells. The weekend features a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, art in nature, and more! Camp begins Friday evening at 6:30 pm and ends Sunday morning at 11:00 am.

Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on cabin hill. Parents are not required to attend but are invited. Adult applicants, please note: All adults will be considered Adult Advisors (chaperones) for the camp – if you are not already an active 4-H volunteer you must complete the requirements to become one before camp – contact your county UW-Extension 4-H Office for assistance. Please do so as soon as possible to allow enough time to complete the required training and for a background check to be completed before camp.

The registration fee (both youth and adults must pay the registration fee) will include all materials and supplies, overnight lodging, meals, and snacks. Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your county for some genuine 4-H bonding time? Transportation is NOT provided by the State 4-H Office.

For more information about registration and possible state scholarship funding, visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/art-beat/>

2023 ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION DAY HELD SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

We would like to thank our hosts, Forever Green and Beaver Four Leaf Clover 4-H Clubs, for providing a beautiful spread of food and hard work setting up for the day. Also big thanks to the families and clubs who provided dishes to pass and desserts. Steve Marvin was responsible for reserving the Crivitz High School Auditoria .. thank you, Steve.



Special awards announced that day included: Abby Charapata, Merry-Go-Getters 4-H Club, won the James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award; Outstanding Youth Leader Awards went to Alexis Birr, Merry Go Getters 4-H Club, and Charli Broderick, Forever Green 4-H Club; Volunteer of the Year Award went to Laura Kahles, Middle Inlet Moonshiners 4-H Club; Friend of 4-H went to VanDeWalle Farms, LLC; and, Outstanding Alumnus Award went to Rebekah Wickman, formerly of Golden Opportunity 4-H Club. For a complete listing of all the awards and recognition gifts presented, contact the 4-H office for a booklet.

TWO 4-H MEMBERS WERE ACCIDENTALLY OMITTED FROM BEING RECOGNIZED

Tessa and Augie Cacek, formerly of Merry Go Getters 4-H Club and now members of a new club forming in Marinette, were not listed as last year's Camp Counselors at MarOcoSha 4-H Camp, in August. We are very sorry for the omission.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Elections were held during the 4-H Achievement and Recognition Day. President Jennie Pillath was re-elected. No one was nominated for Secretary. Julia Lepinski will remain as State Representative and Trevor Nelson will remain as Youth Representative.

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 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

More information here: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2024. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Friday, March 1, 2024, 5:00 pm.

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

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 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 2024-2025 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

For more information and application requirements, visit <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

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 2024 from a public or private high school in WI that plan to enroll in a WI public or private college or a university in 2024. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest. The essay should address the topic: "What strategies can be implemented by town officials in collaboration with citizens to maintain civility in local government?" Essays must be postmarked by **May 24, 2024**. For more information and an application, visit <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>



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](#)

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.

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 or email awitak@wisc.edu

SUMMER ACADEMY

SAVE THE DATE. June 24-27, 2024. Hosted by Wisconsin 4-H and Community Youth Development of UW-Madison Extension.

Join us on the UW-Madison Campus for the new Summer Academy, June 24-27, 2024. This new Positive Youth Development program will help you discover pathways to your future. Signup to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI.

Track offerings for 2024 Summer Academy are still being determined. Check back here soon for more information: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>





'KETCHING' UP WITH TOMATOES

Project Box Kit



THE TOMATO STORY

- Jump into tomato history and folklore
- Tell your best tomato jokes while learning how to plant seeds on Zoom

COOKING WITH TOMATOES

- Try several different international recipes and learn how different countries cook with tomatoes--several will be taught on the Zoom

WORKING WITH TOMATOES

- Explore an exciting career path with Plant Disease Diagnostician, Dr. Brian Hudelson, who loves hunting down the nasties that make plants sick. He enjoys it so much, he even writes plant disease limericks and designs building block kits of actual plant diseases! We will build one together using LEGO® pieces!

About

3-6th graders in any county will have an opportunity to learn both independently with the box's interactive lessons and together as a community, online and on Zooms. Zooms will be announced at a later date, but will be Thursdays at 6:00 PM.



Register Here:



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Open to 3-6th graders, our tomato project box will dive into tomatoes, specifically focusing on planting, cooking, and storytelling. Youth will be able to experiment with planting in different light conditions, try international recipes, and connect with other participants. Three special Zoom sessions will take place on Thursdays, 6-7 PM, in April and May. Don't miss out, register here: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/.../SV_cNoCSdwZd1PuPMa

SESQUICENTENNIAL/CENTURY FARM AWARDS

The WI State Fair honors farms & homes of 150 & 100 years. Applications are available at the Extension Office. Call Nancy at 715-732-7514. Deadline: **March 1.**

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Soon **only those (new and returning) members who have completed their on-line enrollment forms and leaders who have completed the volunteer protection requirements will be receiving this newsletter through e-mail or snail mail, if requested.** 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.

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.../>

TREES AND SHRUBS AVAILABLE

The Menominee Co. Conservation District is again offering for sale trees & shrubs, along with other supplies. Ordering is open until March 15th. Pick up will be Friday, April 26th 1-5 pm & Saturday, April 27th 9-11 am at the Stephenson Road Commission, and Saturday, April 27th 10-noon at Tractor Supply, Marinette. To see what is for sale and to order on-line visit <http://www.menomineecced.com/> & click on 'tree sale.'



Neighborhood Forest
giving trees to children

Join Us in Celebrating Earth Week: Register for a Free Tree for Your Child! This spring, we are thrilled to once again announce our participation in Neighborhood Forest's 15th Annual Free Tree Program as part of our Earth Week celebrations from April 22nd to 26th!

We are excited to be participating in this program that teaches youth about the importance of environmental stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow.

Please fill out the following online registration form by March 15th and receive a free tree (6-12" in size) during Earth Week. The tree species will be announced in early April. Register to receive a free tree for Earth Day to plant with your child:

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

For the purpose of the program please indicate your child's teacher to be the 4-H Program Educator, and Neighborhood Forest Coordinator Aimee Elkins

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) via pick up. Instructions on planting and caring for the trees, along with species details, will be emailed a few days before the tree delivery and will also be accessible in the "Resources" section on the Neighborhood Forest website. For further questions, please check out the 'Parent FAQs.' Thank you for your support and participation. For more information about this program, please visit www.neighborhoodforest.org or www.facebook.com/neighborhoodforest



MINUTES

Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association - January 14, 2024

Attendance - Jennie Pillath, Lisa Witak, Deb Heitman, Julia Lepinski, Alexis Witak, and various leaders/youth from the county due to meeting being held at Achievement Day.

President Jennie P. called the meeting to order at 1:15pm.

Pledges had been said earlier in the event.

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

Treasurer's Report: Julia went over the current balances. Stephenson account is still open due to outstanding checks that need to be cashed. She also had an updated budget to hand out. Barb K. made a motion to approve the paying of bills. Wally seconded. Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

President - Lisa conducted the president election. Jennie P. was nominated for another term. Julia made a motion to close nominations. Barb seconded. Jennie was reelected as president unanimously.

Secretary - Jennie asked for nominations. Due to there being none, the election of secretary will be tabled until the next Association meeting.

State Representatives - Lisa made a motion to nominate Julia to be the State Representative. Anne seconded. Julia was unanimously elected to be State Representative.

Lisa also made a motion to nominate Trevor Nelson as Youth State Representative. He was also elected unanimously.

Old Business:

The movie Migration will be showing Saturday at the Mariner Theatre. Times would not be released until Thursday, but in the past times were 1 and 3. Anne suggested to any one going to arrive early. Reminder that this is a free movie and \$5 concession vouchers will be given out to all enrolled adults and youth.

New Business:

There will be a future discussion on holding a local speech/demonstration, etc contest. Currently, the only

one available for youth to enter is a regional one.

Applications for interviews/trips is available. Any youth interested in going on state/national trips must fill out the application and be interviewed.

Julia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wally seconded. Meeting adjourned and the Leaders' recognition portion of Achievement continued.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Heitman



2024
4-H County Activities & Special Projects
Volunteer Sign-Up - Due February 28

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 28th.

