



**Marinette County  
4-H Newsletter  
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Happy New Year to All,

I hope you were all able to spend time over the holidays enjoying the things that mean the most to you! I know many are happy to have 2020 behind us at this point, and are looking forward with anticipation to what 2021 will bring. There is no doubt that 2021 will continue to present us with challenges, however it is clear that our 4-H community will face them head-on. Our staff, volunteers, and members have shown so much strength, courage, creativity, and resiliency, I cannot wait to see what we are able to accomplish in this New Year. I wish I could say that COVID-19 was completely behind us, but unfortunately it is not, yet. Our current guidance for in-person meetings from UW-Madison remains the same for the time being, and can be found here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>. I am hopeful as numbers continue to decrease that we will have some new guidance in the coming months. I know a lot of you continue to find creative ways to maintain connections and stay engaged with your passions. I am always happy to help clubs walk through a plan to find ways to get together, while maintaining a safe environment, please reach out anytime - [aimee.elkins@wisc.edu](mailto:aimee.elkins@wisc.edu). Check out the newsletter for a variety of opportunities coming up, and participate in what you can - we can't wait to see you! Winter is finally upon us, stay safe and warm while you enjoy your favorite activities this time of year.

I wish you all an abundance of health and happiness in the New Year!

Aimee Elkins  
4-H Program Educator  
Marinette and Oconto Counties



**WINTER WILDLIFE WHEP & FORESTRY 4-H ART CONTEST**

Just take a picture of your entry for this contest. Registration is required with payment by February 15th. We will email you a photo submission form upon receipt of your registration & payment. Your completed submission form must be emailed by Feb. 28, 2021.

This 4-H activity open to all Wisconsin 4-H Club members. You may be enrolled in any 4-H project to participate. See additional guidelines and wildlife/forestry art contest rules for all classes.

“Brief Description Required – on your submission form” – All items must have completed the “story telling” description area (counts 30% toward award) explaining your item and its wildlife or forestry connection. Items must be made in the current 4-H project year and after September 1st of the previous year. No commercial craft kits or similar are allowed. Judges will use their own discretion and no challenges are allowed. Limit - THREE ITEMS.

Registration form at:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/10G7IPiCZuzV\\_IBC3AndjU2qccaROuNWZTwwa\\_J357w/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/10G7IPiCZuzV_IBC3AndjU2qccaROuNWZTwwa_J357w/edit)



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



## DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN

Join us on Zoom on January 27th at 7pm as we learn to create a snowman together. Becky Denzine, Price County 4-H Volunteer, will be leading this Zoom with the help of her daughter. Please submit one form for all youth enrolling in the Snowman Craft virtual workshop. There is a \$5 fee for the first 2 youth or \$10 fee for 3 or more youth (Fees and the amount of supplies sent will be based on the number of youth listed on this form). This will cover printing of materials, and mailing. Invoice will be mailed to you with supplies. Parent supervision is needed for young 4-Hers. You will need to have a hot glue gun, scissors and 6-8 cups of rice ready for the Zoom.

**Register by Jan. 15 @ <https://tinyurl.com/SnowmanReg21>**



5\$ for 1-2 youth, \$10 for 3 or more youth  
Most supplies will be mailed to you. You will still need 6-8 cups of rice and a hot glue gun.

Register by Jan. 15 @ [tinyurl.com/SnowmanReg21](https://tinyurl.com/SnowmanReg21)

# Do You want to build a Snowman?

Wed, Jan. 31 @ 7:00 p.m.

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Connect with 4-H'ers from around Wisconsin on January 15th for a fun and exciting game night! We'll play multiple virtual games and hopefully learn a few things to take back to your clubs. Register @ [tinyurl.com/4Hgamenight21](https://tinyurl.com/4Hgamenight21) You won't want to miss it!

## FUN WITH FORENSICS



# 4-H FUN with FORENSICS

Cost:  
\$5 1-2 youth  
\$10 3+ youth

Register @ [tinyurl.com/4-HForensicScience](https://tinyurl.com/4-HForensicScience)

A 5-part short series intro to Forensic Science

Jan. 28 Feb. 4 Feb. 11 Feb. 18 Feb. 25

CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS

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.

Youth K5 - grade 13 are invited to join us on Zoom for a 5 part series on Thursdays at 6pm beginning January 28 and running through February 25 as we learn about Forensic Science. Steph Diepenbrock, Controlled Substances Analyst at the Wisconsin State Crime Lab in Wausau and Lincoln County 4-H Volunteer, will be leading this zoom. Each session will begin with general information about the topic, then proceed to hands on activities, then end with time for Questions and Answers.

Learn more @ [tinyurl.com/ForensicSciencesessions](https://tinyurl.com/ForensicSciencesessions). Please submit one form for all youth enrolling in the Forensic Science virtual workshop. There is a \$5 fee for the first 2 youth or \$10 fee for 3 or more youth (Fees and the amount of supplies sent will be based on the number of youth listed on this form). This will cover the cost of supplies and mailings. Invoice will be mailed to you with supplies. Register @ [tinyurl.com/4-HForensicScience](https://tinyurl.com/4-HForensicScience) **Deadline: January 15**



# GAME NIGHT

Friday, January 15th at 7 pm via Zoom

Register with link in description!



## IMPORTANT: THANK SPONSORS FOR CHECKS

If you received a check and/or trophy from a Fair sponsor, and you haven't sent a thank you, please take the time to do it now. Tell them you appreciate their generosity and support of 4-H programs and the Fair.

## FAIR CHECKS

Please cash your fair check AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE IT. Fair checks cannot be withheld from members for any reason including failure to provide a record book or completion form. Checks were earned through participation in the county fair and funds come from state aid, not the 4-H program.

## 4-H YOUTH LEADER

Any 4-Her with project experience may be a Youth Leader in that project. You may help someone or you may be a project assistant or the club leader for the project. It is a great learning experience. Enroll on-line as a youth leader and talk to your club or project leader about your interests.

## 4-H TRIPS

Teens interested in attending trips or applying for Key Award (top county 4-H recognition) should fill out the Marinette County Sponsored Event Application. Due **Feb. 1**. Will be interviewed at February meeting, at 6 pm. All information regarding age requirements and trips is available through your leader or 4-H office.

### PLEASE READ

It is important to remember that if you have not completed your enrollment form on-line, you are not covered by insurance. Also, this will be the last newsletter you will receive, if you haven't re-enrolled.

Visit <https://wi.4honline.com>

## 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**.

## REMINDER: CLUB INSURANCE/SUPPORT

There are still clubs who have not paid their 2019-2020 invoice for insurance and support. Please



## WINTER LEADERSHIP CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Attention youth leaders in grades 7-12 and adult 4-H volunteers! Don't miss your chance to participate in the 2021 Winter

Leadership Camp. It is always a great weekend full of leadership development and fun, and this year we are making it happen in a virtual format! Camp is scheduled for Friday evening, February 12 and Saturday, February 13. Youth from throughout WI will come together at Virtual 4-H Winter Leadership Camp to work on improving their leadership skills through hands-on, interactive leadership sessions. Youth will gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader & how to apply being a youth leader in their club, county, and school. Along with leadership learning, youth will have opportunities to participate in a variety of virtual recreational activities. Adult leader volunteers are also needed to support youth in learning leadership skills. Cost for youth is \$20, which includes supplies that will be shipped to you.

Registration can be found here:

<http://bit.ly/4HWinterCamp>

After you submit the form, you will receive a link for payment of a \$20 registration fee that can be paid with a debit or credit card. Please contact Kevin Palmer, Manitowoc County 4-H Educator, [kevin.palmer@wisc.edu](mailto:kevin.palmer@wisc.edu) or (920)242-5448 with any questions.





## 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 students must have been a WI 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. 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**.

### SODEXCO STOP HUNGER FOUNDATION YOUTH GRANTS

<http://ysa.org/grant/sodexoyouth/>

One in four children in America are at risk of hunger in 2020.

Youth Service America and Sodexo Foundation - STOP Hunger are looking for innovative ideas from young people about how they can help end childhood hunger in their communities. Apply for a \$500 youth grant by January 22, 2021.

[ysa.org/grant/sodexoyouth/](http://ysa.org/grant/sodexoyouth/) #Opportunity4All



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:

- January 26th- Badger Park, Peshtigo
- February 3rd- Noquebay Boat Landing Park, Crivitz
- February 10- Dave's Falls, Amberg

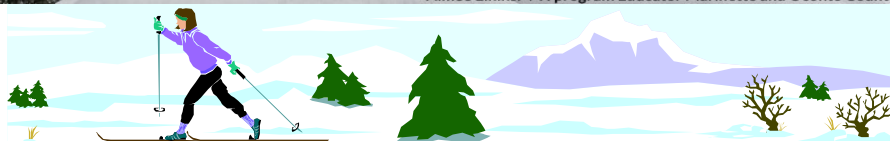
Please register as soon as possible by calling the 4-H office 715-732-7514, indicate date, number attending, and if snowshoes are required.

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





For those of you who were able to join the Cookie Mini-Camp, as well as anyone who was unable to - this will be our next multi-county series. More information to come!

# NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

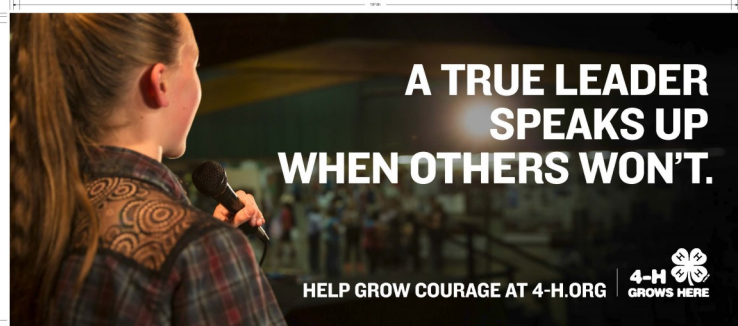


**HAVE FUN LEARNING ABOUT  
ENDURANCE, MUSCLE  
STRENGTH, & FLEXIBILITY IN  
OUR VIRTUAL FITNESS CENTER**

## YOUTH THRIVING SURVEY

A BIG thank you goes out to our older youth who contributed to the Youth Thriving Survey. 8 Counties participated from around the state. Your feedback is vital to maintaining and expanding a strong and engaging 4-H Program. You ROCK!!

*Thank You*







## ANIMAL SCIENCE

### HAY BUYERS AND SELLERS

Extension has a website, free of charge, (listings remain for 60 days) to persons having hay to sell or desire to buy. <http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/>

### LIVESTOCK LESSONS—ROUND 2

**LIVESTOCK LESSONS**

1. Oral Video Presentations
2. Written Public Service Announcements (PSA)
3. SAE Google Slides

SUBMISSIONS DUE ONLINE **MARCH 5, 2021**

CONTACT **BERNIE O'ROURKE**  
BOROURKE2@WISC.EDU

<https://bit.ly/LivestockLessons>

Livestock Lessons Round 2 is an opportunity for youth who want to stretch and share their animal science knowledge with others. Pick your topic and prepare a short video or a written public service announcement that informs and encourages others to share in your enthusiasm. New for 2021, SAE slides project to assist students in exploring topics and careers for an SAE project application.

Be creative, be imaginative! Entries welcome until March 5, 2021!



### SCHWITTAY FAMILY SETS UP HEIFER MEMORIAL IN MOTHER'S MEMORY. REGISTERED AYRSHIRE CALF TO BE AWARDED ANNUALLY TO YOUTH

The Schwittay family of Peshtigo has started a special tradition in honor of an important woman in their lives. They created the Annual Ardis Schwittay Ayrshire Heifer Memorial in memory of their mom who passed away Jan. 18, 2019, at the age of 73.

By providing the opportunity for a youth to bring home a registered Ayrshire heifer calf, the Schwittays hope to keep the memory of their mother alive while supporting the dreams of a young person in the dairy industry.

“Mom was extremely passionate about her calves and teaching others responsibility, compassion and independence,” said Monica Schwittay, Ardis’ daughter-in-law, who is married to her son, Jeremy. “Donating a calf seemed like the perfect idea since calves were her thing.”

Ardis Schwittay was the matriarch of Schwittay Farms LLC, which is run by Jeremy and Monica Schwittay and Jeremy’s brother, Jason. She was the calf feeder, parts runner, lawn crew, babysitter, cook and overall support system, but most importantly, she held the title of Mom and Grandma. Therefore, the family decided to designate a heifer calf memorial to be awarded annually in honor of her and the morals and values she imparted on each of her family members.

“We felt like we needed to do something in her honor,” Schwittay said. “We want everyone to know what a great person Mom was. She had a big heart.”

Every year, the Schwittay family will award an Ayrshire calf to an individual based on their application and essay response. In the essay portion, applicants will be asked to explain why they would like to receive a registered Ayrshire heifer and their plans for the animal throughout the next several years.

“We wanted to remember Mom in some way, shape or form, while finding a way to help others and instill the values she instilled in us,” Schwittay said. “We want to utilize a calf as a way to instill those morals and values into a youth, who can build life experiences through the responsibility of owning and caring for a calf.”

The Schwittays milk over 300 cows, and their herd is comprised of 60% Holstein, 35% Ayrshire and 5% Jersey. Schwittay brought Ayrshires to the farm when she married Jeremy.

Growing up with Holsteins, Schwittay branched into Ayrshires when she received her first calf through the Ayrshire Breeders Association’s Shayr-A-Heifer program. That was the start of her love for the breed, and she continued buying Ayrshires from the farm that donated her Shayr-A-Heifer calf.



“Our family is extremely passionate about the Ayrshire breed, and we want to find someone who is interested in learning more about Ayrshires,” Schwittay said. “We’re looking for a youth who cares about animals, is compassionate and filled with integrity and respect – a person who will not let adversity get the best of them.”

The memorial is open to youth ages 8 to 18 located anywhere in the United States. For the winning applicant, the Schwittays are looking for a motivated individual with a positive attitude.

“This is a gift we’re giving to somebody with Ardis Schwittay’s name attached, and we want to make sure the right person receives the gift,” Schwittay said. “We want the winner to understand what a special gift this is. Wherever the calf is placed, we want to make sure she’ll be well taken care of.”

Applications for the Ardis Schwittay Ayrshire Heifer Memorial are due March 30, 2021 and can be emailed to schwittayfarms@yahoo.com or mailed to Schwittay Farms LLC, W5314 Town Hall Rd., Peshtigo, WI 54157. Questions and application requests can be directed to Monica Schwittay at 920.980.5722 or schwittayfarms@yahoo.com. Applications can also be requested through Schwittay Farm’s Facebook page.

“This memorial is the right thing to do,” Schwittay said. “This is our way of giving back, and we’re doing it in honor of such a wonderful person. We hope we’re making Mom proud.”

### WI YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM

**WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) PRESENTS**

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING 2021**

**January 14** - Roaming the Rumen  
**February 11** - Feeding & Caring for Swine without Ractopamine  
**March 11** - Lamb Live & Carcass Evaluation; Lamb Culinary products  
**April 8** - Artificial Intelligence in Animal Sciences  
**May 13** - Meat Science Cookery - making and cooking of meat products

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/r3x8lh>

Join us for the 2021 animal science educational program lineup. We have a great game plan for you to learn more about livestock, science and technology. These sessions will be virtual through Zoom; For more information and to register go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh>



## COUNTY HORSE PROJECT

### U Horse Project on Pause U

Our County Horse Project may still be on pause for a while, but here is your exclusive access to a wonderful resource, just for 4-H. It’s a website called “Art of the Horseman” and includes hundreds of presentations and mini-courses from industry leaders on topics such as horse health and wellness, safety, proper riding techniques, and training. I have watched a few of these presentations and they are top notch.

Here is the link: <https://www.becauseofthehorse.net/free-4h> where you register as a 4-H member. Once you have registered, you then log in directly to Art of the Horseman when you would like to view the contents.



There is also an app so you can view videos on your phone. There are workbooks and worksheets to help you chart your progress in becoming a better horse person. This is the program that was featured at the Fall 4-H Wisconsin Horse Project Leaders conference, so it is approved by 4-H. Please take a look as soon as you can – you’ll be glad that you did!

In the meantime, have fun with your horses, follow guidelines to help slow down COVID-19, and hope that we will all be able to get together soon!



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**2021**  
**4-H County Activities & Special Projects**  
**Volunteer Sign-Up - Due January 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, when UW Madison Extension eases restrictions. 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 January 25th.*

