



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

Spring into 4-H: Exciting Opportunities Await!

As the snow melts and the days grow longer, it's time to shift gears from winter hibernation to full-on action! Spring is the perfect time to dive into your 4-H projects, explore new interests, and start planning for an incredible season ahead. Whether you're gearing up for fair projects, looking forward to hands-on workshops, or dreaming about summer adventures, we've got something for everyone!

Time to Dig into Your Projects! With warmer days ahead, now is a great time to set goals and make progress on your 4-H projects. Whether you're working with animals, perfecting your art skills, testing your baking talents, or building something amazing, don't forget to document your journey and reach out for support if needed. Keep an eye out for upcoming project workshops that can help you build new skills and connect with fellow 4-H'ers!

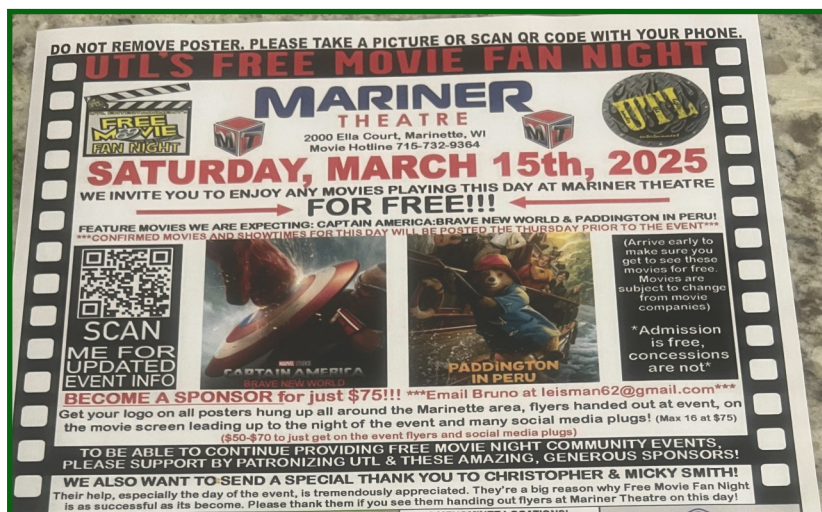
★ **Upcoming 4-H Adventures You Won't Want to Miss!** ★

- **Summer Camp** – Get ready for outdoor fun, leadership development, and lifelong memories at 4-H camp! Our counselors are working hard to create the best experience for your campers! Registration is open now and fills quickly so don't delay!
- **Herb Kohl Learning Journey Trip** – Youth ages 13-17 can travel to Washington, D.C., meet fellow 4-H youth from Marinette, Oconto, and Waupaca counties, and experience leadership in action!
- **County and Statewide Workshops** – Learn something new, meet new friends, and grow your 4-H experience through hands-on activities. Check out the newsletter for more details!

As we welcome spring, let's embrace all the opportunities 4-H has to offer. Stay engaged, ask questions, and most importantly—have fun! **Get ready to grow with 4-H this season!**



Your 4-H Staff Team, Aimee, 4-H Educator, and Nancy, 4-H Program Support Staff



FREE MOVIE—MARCH 15

The County 4-H Leaders Association will give \$5 to every leader and member to use towards concessions. Confirmed movie and show time will be posted Thursday prior to the event.



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JUNE 24-27—CAMP MARCOSHA AT CAMP BIRD—REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

4-H Camp MarOcoSha is for youth in grades 3 - 7 at Camp Bird in Crivitz. We work with Shawano & Oconto Counties to put on this fun program. Reserve your spot today! <https://tinyurl.com/4HMarOcoSha25>

4-H CAMP MARCOSHA CAMPER REGISTRATION
 OPENS SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST
 FOR 4-H YOUTH
<https://tinyurl.com/4HMarOcoSha25>
 Grades 3 - 7

Join us for activities lead by 4-H Camp Staff, including trained counselors and adult volunteers in:
 Arts & Crafts - STEM - Archery - Indoor Games - Waterfront
 Mindfulness - Outdoor Recreation - Team Building - Communication
 Camp is held at Camp Bird, Crivitz from June 24 - 27, 2025.

2025 THEME: WILD WEST



4H ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

CONTEST CLOSES APRIL 1ST!

WHO
Any active 4-H members grades 3-13

WHAT
Enter a photo in any of the following categories:
 1. 4-H Themed
 2. People
 3. Animals/Wildlife
 4. Textures
 5. Landscape
 6. Black and White Only

HOW
The contest will run through 4-H online.
Scan the QR code or click the link to learn more!

Calling all photographers! This contest will run through 4-H online and that is where you can find contest details and guidelines. This is a great way to build your skills as a photographer and have your work evaluated. Deadline: April 1. Register and learn more about the contest here: <https://25StatewidePhotoContest.4honline.com>

SUMMER TRIP: JUNE 6TH—BLIZZARD DAIRY NIGHT

The 4-H Leaders Association will pay for 4-H kids and parents. Julia Lepinski, Treasurer, will be the contact to register with. Deadline to sign up will be early to mid-May. Event to highlight local 4-H clubs and groups, more information and fundraising opportunities to come. Contact Julia at jdlsta-bles@yahoo.com or 920-672-7370.



June 6th // 7:05pm // DAIRY NIGHT

MOO-ve on over to the Resch Center and kick-off Dairy Month in style with Green Bay Blizzard Indoor Football as they look to put the Barnstormers on ICE! Hard-Hitting, Affordable, Family-Fun EXCLUSIVE 4H or FFA club specials:

- “Steer” clear of normal tickets price with a special **BOGO = Two Tickets for \$20!**
 - Fundraise for your club – with each \$20 two pack purchased on your link – a \$5 donation will be made back to your club.
 - Custom ticket link provided for your group.
 - Cow and Calves – pre-game.
 - Special pre-game experience for 4H and FFA Groups
 - **Exclusive** opportunity for 4H and FFA Groups to compete at half-time **SPACE IS LIMITED** so **RSVP - ASAP!**
 - Special Jersey, Special Game Ball And more. . . It will be “udder” chaos!
- #GoBlizz

Get off your “Dairy”- ere and get your group signed up! FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER: Email: cass@greenbayblizzard.com

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

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. Contact the 4-H office at 715-732-7514.

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 2025 from a public or private high school in WI that plan to enroll in a WI public or private college or a university in 2025. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest. The essay should address the topic: "What are 3 top priorities your local town government officials should pursue to improve the quality of life in your community?" Essays must be postmarked by **May 23, 2025**. For more information and an application, visit <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>

SUMMER ACADEMY

SAVE THE DATE. June 16-19, 2025

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

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. Summer Academy will be held at the UW-Madison Campus, where youth and adult chaperones will stay at Chadbourne Residence hall. Youth will be participating in a wide variety of track-based activities and seminars. They will be able to visit different locations on Campus and in Madison. They will also have the opportunity to hear from speakers, watch a performance from the 4-H Drama Company, and participate in a variety of fun hands-on activities!

Youth currently in grades 8-11 will be able to register for Summer Academy when registration tentatively opens soon. The registration will be done in 4HOnline. You can find the registration by going to your youth's profile and clicking on the events tab in 4HOnline. The event will be called "Summer Academy".



TREES AND SHRUBS AVAILABLE

The Menominee Co. Conservation District is again offering for sale trees & shrubs, along with other supplies. Ordering is open until April 1st. Pick up will be at the Menominee Co Rd Commission Stephenson on Fri. May 2 from 1-5 pm and Sat. May 3 from 9-11 am or Tractor Supply Marinette on Saturday May 3 10-12. To see what is for sale and to order on-line visit <http://www.menomineecd.com/> & click on 'tree sale.'

The Dickinson County Conservation District is also doing a tree sale. Orders can be placed online, in-person at our office at 420 N. Hooper St, Kingsford, MI 49802, or over the phone by calling (906) 774-1550 ext. 103. Deadline to order is April 4, 2025. For more information and for an order form, visit <https://www.dickinsoncd.org/shop>



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 16th Annual Free Tree Program as part of Earth Week celebrations April 16-22!

We are excited to be participating in this program that teaches youth about the importance of environmental stewardship through the magic & wonder of planting & 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

MARINETTE, OCONTO AND WAUPACA COUNTIES HERB KOHL LEARNING JOURNEY TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C. - ANTICIPATED TRAVEL DATES THE WEEK OF JULY 21, 2025

Thanks to the generosity of a Herb Kohl Philanthropies educational experience grant, we are able to provide the opportunity for 40 Marinette, Oconto, and Waupaca County 4-H youth, ages 13-17 (at time of travel), to Washington D.C. during the week of July 21st (exact dates/time of travel will be shared shortly.)

More about the experience...

The Washington D.C. Learning Journey is a grant funded opportunity through the Herb Kohl Philanthropies (HKP). Due to the nature of the grant, the opportunity for this learning journey is primarily for youth who have not experienced travel to Washington D.C. Youth who have attended Washington D.C. on other experiences (school, 4-H etc.) are welcome to still apply, but please know priority will be given to those who have not been to Washington D.C. before.

We will travel to Washington D.C. the week of July 21st (details are still being worked on). The group will meet in Green Bay, be bussed to the Milwaukee Regional Airport where we will fly to Washington D.C. as a group. Exact dates and times are currently being worked out with our travel agent, however with our timeline we need to start applications now. We will keep everyone updated as we are able.

Other requirements of the grant are to attend the U.S. Capitol Building and go on a college tour. There is a strong chance the group will be touring the University of Maryland. We will also be going on a general tour of Washington D.C. including monuments, Smithsonian Museums and more. There will be a good balance of STEM, Citizenship

and History learning opportunities. The final itinerary has not been set yet.

Youth will be roomed by gender in hotel rooms and the tour company provides overnight security. There will be four youth in a room as this is what the grant provides. The grant provides meals (\$10/meal) and are coordinated at fast food restaurants.

There will be a minimal cost to families to assist in covering group t-shirts, snacks, bottled water, the coach bus to the airport etc. The remainder of the cost (travel, hotel, food etc.) will be covered by HKP.



If you are a youth interested in attending please complete the interest form/application here: <https://tinyurl.com/MarOcoWau-DC-Trip-2025>

We are looking for 1 additional female and 1 additional male to support this trip as well, if you are interested in attending as a chaperone, please complete this application: <https://tinyurl.com/MarOcoWau-DC-Chap-app>

Please contact Aimee if you have any questions- aimee.elkins@wisc.edu. We are so excited to be able to offer this amazing experience to our local 4-H youth!



ANIMAL SCIENCE

COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN DATES

Beef weigh in will be March 15 from 9-11am (must be on grounds by 11am). Sheep/goat weigh in May 10 from 9-11am (must be on grounds by 11 am). All will be at the fairgrounds in Wausaukee.

Swine pictures due to marinettefair@yahoo.com or printed and given to Lisa Witak by 11 am on May 10. Swine pictures must include the exhibitor in at least one picture with the hogs. Must be able to read the tags in the ears of the animals. Tags are \$3 per animal and will be an RFID tag and another blue tag from the fair. Anyone not receiving the livestock emails should provide their email address to Lisa at marinettefair@yahoo.com

STATE 4-H DOG SPEAKING AND DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

May 4, 2025, at the STEM Innovation Center - UW Green Bay Campus, 2019 Technology Way, Green Bay, WI 54311

4-H dog project members are invited to be part of the statewide 4-H dog speaking & demonstration contest. Cost: \$6.00, per youth, per speaking category. Registration 10:00am; contest begins 10:30am.

Speaking Categories: Public Speaking; Interpretative Reading; Individual Demonstration (or Illustrated Talk); Team Demonstration (or Illustrated Talk).
Grade Divisions: grades 3-5, grades 6-8, grades 9-13

Contest Registration: all dog speaking registration will be done through 4-H online. You need to be an enrolled 4-H member to register for the contest. Registration closes April 1st. Register online

at: <https://254hdogspeaking.4honline.com>

For the dog speaking contest, in team demonstration, if you are working with a team member that is in a different age division, you need to enter in the older member's division. For more information and rules, visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/small-animals/dogs-project/>

2025 ANIMAL SCIENCES VIRTUAL EDUCATION

Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, is hosting webinars from February through April from 6:30-7:30 p.m. They are available for all youth grades 3-13. The sessions will be recorded and available on the [Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program's YouTube channel](#). This is offered in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Division of Extension. [Register for all events!](#)

The February 2025 animal sciences virtual education series video on "Cooking with Beef" is now available. Click on the link to review the video making Taco Beef Nuggets. https://youtu.be/v_QfPRb7V1Q

Don't forget to sign up for the March (Biosecurity) and April (Charcuterie boards) sessions at <https://go.wisc.edu/tmq61h>



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2025 FAIR CHANGES FOR LIVESTOCK

This year, both tags required for your animals will be provided from the fair. The cost for tags will be \$3.00 per animal (so no more paying for another tag if you do lose one). One tag will be an RFID tag and the other will be the regular tag. If your animal already has a farm tag, it will then have 3 tags instead of 2.

All auction animals will need to be brought in Wednesday of fair week, time is still to be determined. Other animals may be brought in at this time as well, but only auction animals are required on Wednesday for 2025. All non-auction animals must be in place by noon on Thursday of fair week. Beef show will happen on Thursday afternoon at 12:30pm. Rabbits will immediately follow the beef show.

There will be more changes that have been approved, but they won't start until 2026.

One change for 2026 is that all auction exhibitors will be required to volunteer at least 3 hours at the fairgrounds as documented by a fair board member or designee. While this is required for 2026, it is highly encouraged for 2025.

4-H Pledge

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

"I Pledge

My HEAD to clearer thinking My HEART to greater loyalty

My HANDS to larger service My HEALTH to better living

For my club, my community, and my world"

MINUTES

Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting Monday, February 17, 2025 Crivitz Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at the Crivitz Fire Station at 6:06 pm by Jennie Pillath.

Motion to correct the secretary's report from the 1/26/25 meeting to correct the next meeting date to be 2/17/25 instead of 2/15/25 by Margaret Graese, second by Julia Lepinski. Carried

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Lisa Witak, second by Sue Deschane. Carried No bills to be approved

Updates were provided for the various Committee reports. Update on the raffle - raffle ticket winner that an address was needed for indicated the money won would be donated back.

Old Business Update: Motion made to donate \$5.00 towards concessions for the March 15th Movie Sponsor night by Lisa Witak, second by Barb Kolosowski.

New Business Update: (Please add this to the March Newsletter.) We are using the Blizzard game on June 6th as the summer trip. Julia Lepinski will be the sign-up contact. The 4-H Leaders Association will pay for 4-H kids and parents. For more information, Julia's contact information is jdlstables@yahoo.com or (920) 672-7370. Deadline to sign up is early to mid-May (official date to be determined yet once final details are worked through.)

Next meeting will be at the Grover Town Hall on 3/17/25 at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm by Dorothy Kaminski, second by Sue Deschane. Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Graese



2025
4-H County Activities & Special Projects
Volunteer Sign-Up - Due March 15

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 March 15th.