



**Marinette County
4-H Newsletter
March/April, 2020**

Greetings fellow 4-Hers!

I think we are just about in the home stretch after this cold, snowy, and germ filled winter... let's all think Spring! I want to thank you all for your patience as we in the 4-H office continue to work through changes in roles and responsibilities with UW-Madison. A lot of work is being done around policies and procedures in 4-H especially around safety and risk management. We are all about new, fun, exciting experiences in 4-H, but we also want to be sure all involved remain as safe as possible while participating in such events. Some of the information has been rolled out in the new VIP training, but there are still updates being made. Expect to hear more information on accident and injury reporting, and more guidance around high-risk activities soon. Also please keep in mind Extension staff and volunteers are no longer allowed to sign any documents, this includes zero-dollar contracts (for example agreement to rent space, transportation contracts etc.) Please let the office know as soon as you may have something requiring a signature so that we can follow the proper procedure and get that completed for you in a timely manner. Any event that you will require proof of liability for we also need to know well in advance to request copies. We greatly appreciate your assistance with all of this.

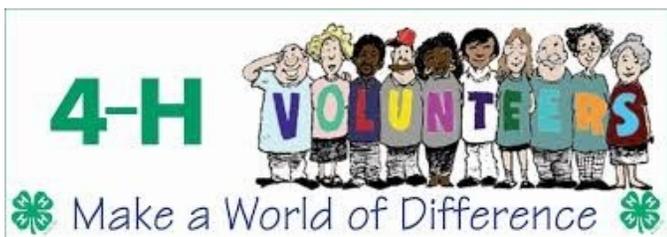


One of the biggest events that planning is underway currently for is overnight Summer Camp. Please consider how you may be able to help out to make this event successful, either by volunteering or attending. We look forward to what is sure to be an amazing time!

I know many of our club leaders and project leaders are already well underway in planning clinics, events, and educational opportunities for our members. I am learning of some great things going on, and I am so proud of our strong 4-H program. Please continue to reach out if there is any way that we can support you in the office and we will always strive to make the best better!

Best,

Aimee Elkins
4-H Program Coordinator



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 19-25 is National Volunteer Week! It's time to celebrate our volunteers and all that they do. Volunteering is a big part of 4-H. Nationally, we rely on a network of over 500,000 volunteers to provide caring and supportive mentoring to our 4-H'ers helping them learn life skills and grow into true leaders. THANK YOU for your service! We could not have 4-H without our volunteers!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NEWSLETTER IS FOR TWO MONTHS (MARCH AND APRIL). THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER NEXT MONTH.

TOP TEN 4-H PROJECTS IN MARINETTE COUNTY FOR 2020

1. Arts and (Misc.) Crafts (139)
2. Photography (60)
3. Horse (56)
4. Beef (43)
5. Swine (40)
6. Dairy (37)
7. STEM/Legos & Related (33)
8. Woodworking (32)
9. Cloverbuds (31)
10. Poultry (26)

PROCEDURE FOR LEADER BACKGROUND CHECKS

All 4-H leaders and other enrolled volunteers who work with youth, are required to have a criminal background check done before they start volunteering and then every four years. Background checks are conducted at the state level. When needed, you will receive an e-mail to request information from you to conduct the background check.

In order to remain a volunteer with Extension 4-H, it is important that you complete the process for having your background check complete. Our staff is happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you!

STILL TIME TO REGISTER TO ATTEND A GAMBLERS GAME

The County Leaders Association is planning a trip to the Green Bay Gambler's game on **March 21**. Transportation will be on your own. The Leaders Association will pay the admission price for enrolled 4-H youth. Other family members and/or friends would need to pay their own admission. Please sign up with the Extension office by **March 2**, so we can purchase tickets together. Payment (\$14/each) for those the Association is not paying for would need to be sent to the Extension office (payable to Marinette Co 4-H) by **March 16, 2020**. This is a Gamblers family night game.

YOUTH INVITED TO ATTEND LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

We are inviting youth in 6th grade or over to our leaders meetings. Looking for youth to give us ideas on the county program.

4-H SPEAKING CONTEST & MUSIC FEST

Mon., March 16, at the Crivitz High School, at 6 pm.



Speeches judged separately - original and non-original categories. Judges MAY give a Best of Show in each category. Cash prizes of \$5, \$4 & \$3. Start your speech by introducing yourself: your name, club's name and title of your speech. You may recite a poem, a reading or give an original speech. Please register by Wed., Mar. 11 by sending in your name, club, grade and topic. See rules in last month's newsletter.

The Music Festival will also be held on **Mon., March 16**, at Crivitz High School, after completion of speeches.



Solos, ensembles, groups, Cloverbuds, vocals, instruments, or combinations. You can use your talents to entertain up to ten minutes. Costumes (if used), music, and props should be used in good taste. Ask the office for a set of rules. Each member can enter two categories. Any clubs or members interested in competing, please fill out the entry form in last month's newsletter, and return it to us by **Wed., Mar. 11**.



In the spirit of friendly competition, Badger Buds 4-H Club has issued a dance challenge. All clubs are encouraged to attend the County 4-H Music Festival where the dance competition will be held. The winner will be known as the best dancing club in Marinette County. All types of dance are welcome. See you there! The winning club will receive something special to mark their accomplishment. Please use registration form in last month's newsletter. If you have questions, contact Lisa Patterson at 715-546-0013.

4-H DRAMA & VARIETY FEST AND DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

Mon., April 20, Crivitz High School, 6:00 pm.

(Leaders Association meeting to follow.) Call, e-mail, or use the form in this newsletter to mail in your club's registration. **Deadline: Wed., April 15**. Guidelines on -line or call the 4-H office for a copy.

Drama & Variety Fest:

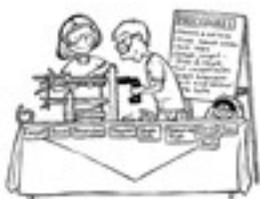
Clubs can do a memorized play, but can also do mime, puppetry, clowning, news casting, a play reading, a

talent (non-musical) presentation, or drama games (can do a rehearsed scene, but ad lib as you go). It must be 4-H appropriate in dress/language and involve two or more 4-Hers. You may request which place you would like to be on the schedule...first come, first served. We need the club name, cast members, title of the presentation, & contact.

Demonstration Contest:

Money awards: \$5, \$4, and \$3. See form on page 11. This is great practice for speaking in front of groups—something from which you will benefit over & over again. Choose your topic, practice, & enjoy yourself while learning from others. First, second, and third place ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded (ribbons and certificate for Cloverbuds). Best of Show may also be awarded. The top senior division demonstrator may perform at the WI State Fair. Maximum time for the demonstration is ten minutes.

A demonstration is telling and showing how to do something. This is your chance to be the teacher and have some fun. A good way to share what you have learned in a 4-H project. Demonstrations MUST involve posters (use this to explain the basic steps and equipment used for your demonstration). You may also have charts or models to help explain what you are saying. You may enter as an individual or as a part of a two person team. Each member of a team must speak or demonstrate. Remember that if your demonstration is more than 30 seconds over the time limit, you may be judged down one point.



There are five divisions: Cloverbud (5K-grade 2), Junior (grades 3-4), Lower Intermediate (grades 5-6), Upper Intermediate (grades 7-8), and Senior (grades 9 and up).

SLEDDING PARTY NOW PLANNED

The Leaders Association is planning a sledding party to be held at the Wausaukee School football field on Sunday, March 15, 1-4 pm, as long as there is snow on the field. Hope to see lots of members/leaders and your friends at this event! Bring your own snacks and/or drink.



SPRING PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN AT TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY

April 29-May 10. Add \$1 at checkout to support leadership activities for WI 4-Hers. The WI 4-H Foundation is offering another way for clubs to participate. If your club partners with the local TSC to promote 4-H at the store, the Foundation will give your club \$50. You must register with the WI 4-H Foundation before your event because the \$50 is awarded to only one club/store. In exchange, your club will provide pictures (with proper releases) of your event that will become property of WI 4-H. If interested, contact Joanne at Joanne@Wis4HFoundation.org or 608-262-1597.

SPRING GARDEN CONFERENCE

Sat., March 21, at the UW Campus, Marinette, 8 am-3:30 pm. Cost: \$40 inc. speakers, handouts, lunch & refreshments. Workshops, extra fees. Look for registration info on the Extension website: <https://marinette.extension.wisc.edu/>

EXPAND YOUR WORLD BY HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL FRIEND

Wisconsin 4-H promotes intercultural awareness and understanding and challenges youth and families to become better global citizens by providing opportunities to establish close relationships with people from different cultures through international home-stay and hosting experiences.

Month-long outbound and hosting opportunities are available through Wisconsin 4-H and our partnering organizations in Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Finland, and Norway, as well as opportunities to host year-long high school students from Japan, South Korea, Mexico. International learning workshops are offered at the county, district & state levels, & adult volunteer leadership positions are available as well as youth exchanges. Applications are due June 1 or til all delegates are placed. Visit: <http://wi4hinternational.org>



BAD WEATHER

In case of bad weather, call or e-mail the Extension office to check for cancellations, or watch for an e-mail from us.

CLOTHING REVUE—COMBINED WITH OCONTO COUNTY

April 18, Little River Town Hall. See last page of this newsletter for the details and registration form.

**AROUND THE CORNER
WITH...
BADGER BUDS
4-H CLUB**

**WELCOME TO A NEW MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FEATURE WHERE WE WILL HIGHLIGHT A DIFFERENT CLUB IN EACH ISSUE. ENJOY...**

Our club started 4 years ago with 9 members. We have grown to 18 members and several of our friends are interested in joining as well. Our leaders encourage us to be active in 4-H events and try new experiences which invites new people to try out our club.

Our members are involved in many things. We went to a play, held a pizza party, threw a sledding party, went bowling, and toured the Big Red Barn during Fall Festival. We are now considering visiting an activity center to try things like paintballing, ziplining, and rock climbing.

We raised funds for our club by hosting a booth at Leif Erickson's day, a community event in our area. We also held food booths at local sports events. We have volunteered in the community at women's church groups, senior centers, and assembling care packages for soldiers.

Zach Schroeder and I participated in the Tech Changemakers initiative which allowed us to teach adults about technology. To learn all about this initiative, we stayed at a hotel near Chicago. I found that sharing my computer skills with others that were not as fortunate as I was very fulfilling.

Our club's county-wide involvement includes things like the speaking and demonstration contests, food booth cleaning and working, raffle ticket sales, and new officers training. At the fair,

you will see our club members showing animals, presenting arts and crafts and cakes, and running for 4-H royalty. We take advantage of trips like Space Camp, Artbeat, and Noah's Ark waterpark. We are also planning on going to the Gambler's hockey game.

We continually promote 4-H. We have designed our 4-H club T-shirts and wear them to all events. We also sent letters to local businesses to request additional bidders at the county fair. We are contemplating giving out promotional flyers to local schools.

One of my favorite things I've done through 4-H was Space Camp. I got to meet new people and space-themed exploration fueled my interests.

As you can see from the plethora of things I have listed, our club is very diverse. We recently went to a ballet to support one of our club members that was performing in the ballet. We had a "differences day" where my brother talked about living with his hearing aid and other club members talked about living with diabetes. Because of our many interests, we hope to continue growing. Along the way, we have all gotten a taste of new experiences.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to brag about our club's accomplishments!

-Aengus Patterson



2020 WPS FARM SHOW

March 31-April 2, EAA Grounds, in Oshkosh. 9 am-4 pm, Tues.-Wed.; 9 am-3 pm, Thurs. Admission free; parking fee of \$3. For more info, visit <http://www.wisconsinpublicservice.com/business/farmshow.aspx?type=Attendees>

TREES AND SHRUBS AVAILABLE

The Menominee Co. Conservation District is again offering for sale trees & shrubs, along with other supplies. To see what is for sale and to order on-line visit <http://www.menomineecd.com/> & click on 'tree sale.' Order before **April 1st**.

UW-MADISON SCIENCE EXPEDITIONS / ENGINEERING EXPO

April 3-5 Science Expeditions; **April 4** Engineering Expo. Free. Connect with researchers, visit labs and field sites and grow your interests in STEM. For further information, visit science.wisc.edu/science-expeditions/

THE WISCONSIN YOUTH INSTITUTE

April 6, at the UW Madison. This institute is a life-changing experience at the UW where 9th-12th grade students engage with local leaders and experts on critical global challenges, participate in hands-on activities and explore exciting ways to make a difference in WI and around the world. There is no registration cost to participate in the Institute and meals will be provided during the event. To participate in the Wisconsin Youth Institute, students research a global issue and write a paper under the supervision of a teacher or mentor. However, both student and teacher/mentor participants must organize their own transportation to and from the event in Madison, WI. Registration and paper submission due online by **March 16**. More info at https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/wisconsin/

NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT ROYALTY

Any 4-H youth, male or female, at least 14 years old and in high school, interested in becoming part of Marinette County 4-H Royalty can apply. If interested, contact Dorothy Kaminski at 920-897-2316. Applications are being mailed now with interviews to be scheduled for May.

4-H CLUB GRANT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Mutual of Wausau Insurance Corporation 4-H club grant program is to support 4-H clubs in youth development & to promote civic & leadership responsibilities. Grants will be awarded in the amount of \$400 per club. To be considered, your application must be received at the company's home office by April 1. For an application, contact the 4-H office.

WI 4-H HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The WI 4-H Hall of Fame was established to recognize individuals and organizations with significant contributions to the WI 4-H Youth Development program on any level. Potential recipients include 4-H volunteers, 4-H pioneers, external collaborating organizations and businesses, community leaders, and retired Cooperative Extension staff. Any group or individual is eligible to nominate one individual or external collaborating organization or business for consideration by the state level selection committee. Deadline: **May 20**. Recognition of those chosen will take place during Fall Forum on November 7, 2020. For more info and forms, click on <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hhof/nominations/>

Communities That Care of Marinette & Menominee Counties
Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention Work Group
Presents:

DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE PREVENTION: WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

Wednesday, March 4th, 2020
6:00 to 8:00 pm
NWTC Marinette Campus
1601 University Drive
Room SC108



Learn about: **Depression**
The different types and the signs, symptoms and risk factors especially among young people

Learn about: **Teen Behavior**
What is "normal" and what is not

Learn about: **Suicide Prevention**
Signs, symptoms and risk factors and how we can help



OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEER POLICY

All parents & individuals going on overnight 4-H activities (camp, art camps, trips, horse, etc.) need to enroll in 4-H online, go through a background check, must participate in the Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) Training, & complete UWEX volunteer mandated reporter training on-line.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

WI 4-H FOUNDATION 2020 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 16, 2020**. 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 2020-2021 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**.

4-H HORSE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: **March 1**. Information and application form are on the state 4-H website in the horse handbook at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/>

GROWMARK AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

The GROWMARK Foundation is offering 15 \$1,500 scholarships for students in the USA & Ontario, Canada, pursuing two- or four-year degrees or trade school certification in an agriculture-related field. High school seniors or students at any level of higher education may complete the application, which can be found at <https://www.growmark.com/about-us/corporate-commitments>. Applicants must complete an online application which includes academic information, community service and leadership activities, and essay questions regarding agriculture and cooperatives. Applications will be judged by a panel of agribusiness professionals. Applications are due by midnight Central Time on **April 17, 2020**.

COMPETITIVE EDGE SCHOLARSHIP

Alpha Gamma Rho at UW Madison is offering multiple scholarships for incoming students at UW-Madison. This program offers 2—\$1,000 and 2—\$500 scholarships. They encourage male students in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to apply via a short electronic application available on-line. The other part of the selection process is an interview on **Sat., April 4**. Applications due **April 1**. For more information and scholarship application, click on www.wisconsinagr.com

WI TOWNS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROG.

The WI Towns Association, in conjunction with Rural Mutual Insurance Company, & Scott Construction, Inc, will be awarding \$7,000 in scholarships to the winners of an essay contest who are high school seniors graduating in 2020 and plan to enroll in a Wisconsin public or private college or university in 2020. This year's topic is: "What Strategies Can Wisconsin Use to Recruit and Retain Fire and EMS Volunteers?" **Deadline: May 29**. For more info. and registration form, visit: <http://www.wisctowns.com/home/scholarship-program>

CAMP INFORMATION

OPEN ENROLLMENT

SUMMER CAMP AT UPHAM WOODS IS NOW OPEN

For more information/registration on this camp, & how to apply to be a youth counselor & adult volunteer, visit: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/programs/open-enrollment-summer-camp-and-outpost-trip/>

2020 SAND LAKE CONSERVATION CAMP

The annual Sand Lake Conservation Camp will be held **June 17-19** at Camp Bird Youth Camp, near Crivitz, WI. This camp is for Wisconsin & Upper Michigan youth attending grades 6-8 in September. It provides positive outdoor experiences, helps foster an appreciation for nature, and introduces a variety of opportunities in natural resources and conservation careers. Registration forms are now available. For more information, call 715-732-7784 or visit: <https://www.marinettecounty.com/departments/land-information/environmental-education/sand-lake-conservation-camp/> A non 4-H sponsored event.



IT'S TIME TO START GETTING READY FOR SUMMER CAMP!

The camp team is looking for youth staff for summer camp at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya. Camp this year will be **June 10th-13th**, and youth staff will head up to camp on June 9th to prepare for camp and have some fun!

Youth staff at camp oversee campers and participate in games and activities. You'll work hard, but it's also a lot of fun! You can also earn valuable life experience, get volunteer hours, and make lifelong memories. To be a counselor, you need to enjoy hanging out with younger youth (3rd-6th grade), being outdoors, and having fun.



To be eligible to be a cabin counselor, you must be 15 years old by June 1st. To be a resource counselor (a counselor who helps out in a specific area, such as art or nature), you must be 14 years old by June 1st. Counselors will

meet monthly until camp starts, with a minimum of ten required hours of training.

Our first meeting will be a training/interview session on February 29th. This session is less about interviewing and more about working as a group, so come prepared to work as a team with other youth staff! Please email one of the camp directors, Laura Huff, at ljhuff94@gmail.com to register for the training or if you have any questions.

We are also looking for adult volunteers! To be an adult volunteer at camp, you must be enrolled as a volunteer on 4-H Online, have completed Volunteers in Preparation training, and attend a camp training meeting. Adult volunteers at camp help make sure camp runs smoothly – we couldn't do it without you. You'll help make sure that sessions go well and that everyone is safe and having fun. Please contact the 4-H office at 715-732-7514 if you would like to be an adult volunteer or if you have questions.

WI LAND & WATER YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP

June 22-25, at North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters. For high school youth entering 9-12th grade in the fall; must be 17 or under. Meet counselors who work in conservation and meet other campers from around the state. Camp will challenge you - conservation problem-solving, a wilderness canoe trip, wildlife ecology & more! Fee is \$250 and covers all meals, snacks, lodging and a t-shirt. Deadline: May 29. Registration now open.

Register at <https://wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-conservation-camps> *A non 4-H sponsored event.*



LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS TRIP

One available spot on Leadership Washington Focus! A delegation of WI youth will be attending this experience, **July 26-31!** Thirty-eight youth delegates from across Wisconsin will be a part of this unique and exciting opportunity this summer.

This program is designed to:

- build confidence and motivational skills to lead others in meaningful action
- work with others to create and accomplish goals
- experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, D.C., and more.

One spot became available for either a male or female currently in grades 6-8. If interested, contact the 4-H office.

Also, we are looking for 3 adult chaperones for this experience: at least one male and one CPR and First Aid certified. Chaperones need to be active 4-H volunteers over the age of 21 at the time of the experience. If you are interested, please contact the office. Total trip cost will not exceed \$1400 per youth participant.

For more information:

[LWF.2020.FactSheet 2020 LWF One Page Flyer](#) or visit <https://marathon.extension.wisc.edu/4h/leadership-washington-focus/>



4-H ART LAB EXTENDED

ATTN: 9TH-12TH GRADE MEMBERS.

Earlier this year, 20 emerging artists arrived in Madison for 4-H Art Lab, a high school arts immersion program, where they learned and created in the areas of visual arts and drama/spoken word from professionals in the arts. Additionally, while on campus youth

gained pre-college knowledge through their interaction with college students and info sessions on scholarships and college requirements.

Fortunately, engagement in 4-H Art Lab isn't over! AND it isn't limited to only those who participated in January! Would you like to be involved in conversations about art, community, future careers, and more? 'Art Lab Extended' provides an opportunity for older youth and adults all across Wisconsin to learn about art through monthly video conferences. Here are the upcoming topics:

- ◆ Art Lab Recap and Featured Artist Talks
March 5th, 7:00pm-8:00pm
- ◆ Art with Community Impact
April 23rd, 7:00pm-8:00pm
- ◆ Careers in Art
May 21st, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Join in at this Zoom Meeting link: <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/320877803> OR join by phone: +1 646 558 8656 US (Meeting ID: 320 877 803)



ANIMAL SCIENCE

COUNTY-WIDE DOG PROJECT MEETING

Thurs., March 12, 6 pm, at Anne Biernasz's house, W3151 State Highway 180, Wausaukee. This will be the organizational meeting for any 4-H member signed up in the dog project. Please RSVP by **Wed., March 11** if you will be attending. Biernasza@yahoo.com

COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN DATES ANNOUNCED

March 21 for steers. **May 16** for goats and sheep.

ATTENTION: LIVESTOCK ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

Wisconsin has replaced the MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) program with the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program. This interactive program provides youth options for annual quality assurance certification.

Exhibitors of the following species in Marinette County must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program: beef, dairy, dairy goat(s), meat goat(s), poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine and poultry in order to be eligible to sell in the 2020 Marinette County Fair. It is required for those who intend to show beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, poultry and rabbits at the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair.

The YQCA training provides a common framework for food animal quality assurance programs, which will strengthen the youth educational experience, improve the care of food animals, and promote a higher level of consumer food safety. In addition, youth will learn about other species of animals; not just the species they show. Each year, youth will complete one new module in each the following categories: Animal Welfare (basic needs, proper animal handling, biosecurity, etc.), Food Safety (medications, medicated feeds, withdrawal times, avoiding residue, etc.), and Character Education (ethics, goal setting, career exploration, etc.).

The YQCA program was peer-reviewed for content and age appropriateness. It is supported by Wisconsin 4-H and FFA leaders. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training content and modules will demonstrate a progression of topic knowledge in designated age categories (age as of January 1)

- Junior (8-11 years old)
- Intermediate (12-14 years old)
- Senior (15-18 years old)
- Young Adult (19-21 years old)

The YQCA training is an effort to provide flexibility to accommodate busy seasonal schedules, while providing relevant age-specific food animal quality assurance training. There are two options to become YQCA certified:

- Online modules
- Online test-out

The online test-out option is *only* available for youth 12, 15, and 19 years old. Online fees associated with the test-out option will only be collected if the test is passed. On average, it will take approximately 60 minutes per year to complete all the required online training modules—depending on age and familiarity with presented information.

Maintaining current information, and developing creative modules on an online learning platform costs a significant amount of money. Youth exhibitors will pay depending on the training option. Youth completing the online modules will pay \$12/person/year. The fee for the test-out option is pro-rated depending on the age of the youth.

To complete the YQCA online training, log into <http://yqca.org>. Follow the step-by-step instructions to create a user identity and password. All payments for the online training will be made using the YQCA website.

If you complete your YQCA training online, it is recommended to print the completion certificate at the end of the online session. The certificate and ten-digit certificate number can only be accessed through your account at <http://yqca.org>.

Effective January 1, 2019, several large packers and processors will only purchase from Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) farms. Buyers and stockyards will be confirming compliance at the point of sale. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is equivalent to certification in Beef Quality Assurance (BQA). No additional certification or training by youth will need to be completed, if they have successfully completed their annual YQCA certification.

If you are not YQCA certified, you will not be eligible to sell at the 2020 Marinette County Fair. Training must be renewed every year for YQCA. Exhibitors must complete all online modules, and successfully test-out to be certified.

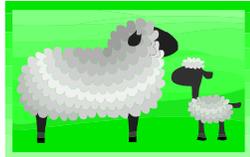
If you have any questions about the YQCA training, please contact Scott at 715-732-7510. You may also visit the UW-Extension Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program website (<https://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/yqca/>) for additional YQCA information.

BI-ANNUAL FALCON PREMIER HEIFER CONSIGNMENT SALE/YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

UW-River Falls Dairy Club is hosting the sale **March 14**, at the Mann Valley Lab Farm, 129 So. Glover Road, River Falls, WI. 8:30-11 am. Free and open to youth of all ages. Questions — contact Ashley.oberreich@my.uwrf.edu. Sign up using the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4aaeac29a5f58-uwrf>

US TARGHEE SHEEP ASSOCIATION STARTER FLOCK PROGRAM

Program's purpose is to promote growth and visibility of the Targhee breed and to promote youth involvement and education within the breed. For youth, age 9 to 17 as of Jan. 1, 2020 whose family does not raise Targhee sheep. Application and materials due **April 1**. Winner will be awarded one ewe lamb, one yearling ewe and one brood ewe. For more information and application, visit <http://www.ustargheesheep.org/>



COUNTY LIVESTOCK MEETING

The next meeting will be **Mon., April 6**, at the Grover Town Hall, 7 pm. Scott Reuss, Extension Ag. Agent, will conduct another education event.

PDPW STRIDE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A two-day, overnight educational experience, held **April 4-5** at Dodgeland High School, in Juneau. For youth 15-18 years old. This year's program includes a tour of ST Genetics. Cost: \$89, inc. tour, materials, transportation and meals. The theme is "You've got what it takes...We'll show you how to use it." Students will delve into leadership, science and communication activities to help position them for future success. For more info or to register: <https://pdpw.org/programs/PDPWStride2020/details> Register by **March 29**. A *non 4-H sponsored event*.

MONROE CO 4-H FUR, FIN & FEATHER SHOW

April 18, Sparta Barney Center, 1000 E Barney Center, in Sparta, 9 am. Pullorum test available. Lunch. For info and entry form, visit <https://monroe.extension.wisc.edu/fur-fin-feather-fun-show/>



INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT BEES?

Tues., March 24, 6:30 pm, at the Niagara Public Library. April Kustov, an apiary inspector for the WI Dept. of Agriculture, will be presenting. You will explore the lives of honey bees and other native pollinators, and learn more about our impact on their lives.



BLUE RIBBON LIVESTOCK CAMP

May 16, Kewaunee Co. Fairgrounds, 625 Third St., in Luxemburg. 8:15-3 pm. You will learn about many topics listed below and the safety of raising and showing your species (beef, sheep, hog or goat). This camp is to teach everyone all aspects of raising your animal along with showing if you choose to do so.

*Feeding/Nutrition; *Management; *Breaking/Training; *Herdsmanship; *Showing/Showmanship; *Tools/Supplies. Early deadline **March 6**; final application deadline **March 21**.

All ages welcome. Any parents or youth that will participate in the camp need to enroll by the deadlines. Cost \$50/person due w/application, which inc. lunch, t-shirt and take-home prizes.

For application and release forms, visit the website at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/kewauneeag/files/2020/02/Blue-Ribbon-Livestock-Camp-Application-Forms-fillable-PDF.pdf>

AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS 2020

The northern site will be **Friday, June 12**, in Marathon County. This year the regional contests are being consolidated into two host sites. Registration information will be available soon at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/area-animal-science-days>

PEN OF 3 COMPETITION

Sept. 13, at Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds during the WI Sheep & Wool Festival. WI 4-H youth and volunteers can learn how Sheep Producers have a Pen of 3 lambs judged both live and indexing measurements taken after harvest to determine loin eye, back fat, and leg score to assist producers with genetic, breeding and feeding decisions for their respective flocks. Participating sheep producers and buyers will be on hand to discuss and answer questions. For more info visit: <https://wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com/classes/pen-of-3-carcass-competition>



MIDWEST HORSE FAIR

April 17-19, Alliant Energy Center, Madison. For more info., click on: <http://midwesthorsefair.com>

COUNTY HORSE PROJECT

HORSE PROJECT UPDATES



Our recent meetings have been busy and engage every member and parent. Our various committees are using these winter months as a great time to plan for spring and summer. Please read the February meeting minutes for the details. We have also enjoyed working together to make useful horse gear. At February's meeting lots of laughter and chatter could be heard above the noise of electric drills and screwdrivers as we assembled collapsible saddle racks. Our meetings are fun! Join us!

COUNTY HORSE PROJECT MINUTES

Marinette County 4-H Horse Project

Grover Town Hall

February 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Olivia Hemstock, Vice President, who acted as president because Kennedy Chmela was absent. Twenty-five members signed in for roll call. After the pledges were completed, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Kiana Kotecki and approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Stevie Hemstock. There were no corrections to the report so it will be filed.

Unfinished Business

- Play for Drama Fest: Olivia Hemstock reported that the members who expressed interest last month were not able to get together, and more members are needed to have the seven parts covered. members were asked again who would like to be involved and there were not seven, so there will not be a play this spring.
- The dates for this summer's open shows were announced by Lisa Spencer, they are July 25, 2020 for the Pleasure Schooling show and July 26, 2020 for the Speed Show

New Business

The group broke into committees and then gave the following reports of their plans and decisions.

- Awards: 10-inch trophies with wide bottoms will be ordered from Hodges's Badge Company
 - Colored ribbons for open show
 - Medals for special awards
- Shows: July 25 & 26
 - People will be needed to run the show.
 - A food booth will be run (simple snacks/hot dogs) by our members.
 - There will be high point awards both days.
- Fundraising: It was clarified that we are now not able to raise funds for structures within 4-H, but we can use funds for our awards and other activities.
 - Sponsorships
 - Open shows
 - Paper Clover Days- clarified that this helps with the state 4-H foundation, but that we can earn \$50 if we are the first club to contact our local Tractor Supply store, which we did this year.
 - Marinette Farm and Garden- breakfast sandwich sale
 - Selling banners and plaques for the fair
 - Finding a way to have covered bleachers for shows and the fair
- Activity Committee: different ideas were discussed, and the committee will choose one activity to start planning:
 - Trail riding
 - Clinics
 - Team building
 - Drill team
- Kids Corral:
 - This will be focused on younger kids and will provide a booth for the fair
 - games
 - tack to show how horses work
 - other activities

Education: The Middle Inlet Moonshiners: Dr. Linda Michalski gave a program on vaccines.

Activity: The members made wooden saddle racks from materials provided by Mr. Hemstock.

Next meeting: Mon., March 2 at 6:30 at the Grover Town

Hall, education and snacks provided by Country Reins.

April Meeting: the meeting on April 6th will need to be at a different location because the town hall will not be available due to set-up for voting the next day. The new location will be announced at the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kiana Kotecki, Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

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| 1 | Sun. | County 4-H Senior Scholarship Deadline |
| 2 | Mon. | 4-H Horse Project Meeting, Grover Town Hall, 6:30 pm |
| 11 | Wed. | Registration for Speech and Music Fest Due |
| 16 | Mon. | 4-H Speaking Contest & Music Fest, Crivitz High School, 6 pm |
| 16 | Mon. | 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz High School (after contests) |



APRIL

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| 6 | Mon. | County Fair Livestock Meeting, Grover Town Hall, 7 pm |
| 15 | Wed. | Registration for Drama & Variety Fest and Demonstration Contest Due |
| 20 | Mon. | 4-H Drama & Variety Fest and Demonstration Contest, Crivitz HS, 6 pm |
| 20 | Mon. | 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz High School (after contests) |

MARINETTE COUNTY 4-H DRAMA & VARIETY FEST
MON., APRIL 20TH, 6:00 PM • CRIVITZ HIGH SCHOOL

Club Name _____

Name of Play or Presentation: _____

Cast Members: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

DEMONSTRATION CONTEST
MON., APRIL 20TH, 6:00 PM • CRIVITZ HIGH SCHOOL

Name of Demonstrator(s): _____

Club: _____ Grade: _____

Title of Demonstration: _____

Please return forms to 4-H Office, 1926 Hall Ave., Marinette WI 54143 no later than Wed., April 15th.

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OCONTO AND MARINETTE COUNTIES CLOTHING REVUE

To be held **April 18, 2020**, 1 pm, at the Little River Town Hall, 3627 County A, Oconto.

WHAT IS A CLOTHING REVUE?

The Clothing Revue is a fun event for all boys and girls in 4-H, grades kindergarten through one year post high school, to model what they made or purchased. This event includes knitting, crocheting, sewing, consumer savvy*, or alterations*. You do not need to be enrolled in these projects. Ribbons will be awarded.

What you can do:

- ◆ Make something to wear – this can be an entire outfit or just one thing. (Ex: a hat or a hat, mittens, and scarf to match, a shirt, pajamas, etc.) Or, you can purchase an entire outfit.
- ◆ You will wear your creation before the judge and tell her/him all about it. The judge may not touch your garment at all. She/he must only judge on how it looks on you.
- ◆ You will then model your outfit while the Master of Ceremony reads the card that you sent in with your registration. (see sample on registration form below)

*What is Consumer Savvy? Rather than making the garment, you go out and purchase it along with accessories to make a complete outfit. (shirt, pants, shoes, socks, belt, etc.)

*What does alterations mean? This is a changed outfit that you wear; it can be something that is too big for you and you altered it to fit you, maybe a dress of your mom's. Or, it can be a huge t-shirt that you made into a dress.



CLOTHING REVUE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Club: _____

Male Female Age: _____ Phone: _____

Garment: _____

Garment Category: _____

Each participant must include a 3x5-index card with information about himself or herself. Please include this card with your registration form. Include your name, age, fiber content, and things you like to do. Below is an example.

Watch out! Here comes 9-year-old John Doe looking cool and ready for the beach in his 100 % cotton button down shirt with a snazzy Hawaiian print and pocket. In this shirt, John is ready for all his favorite things, whether it be the church picnic, playing ball with his friends or riding his bike, he is sure to stay comfy!

Please return registration form by **April 4th** to:

Brigid McDowell
8878 Two Mile Rd
Oconto, WI 54153

Please call Brigid with any questions, 920-834-9947.