



**Marinette County
4-H Newsletter
May, 2024**

Happy May 4-H Families!

Although it has been a bit of a wild Spring, it looks like May is already bringing the beauty of nature back to life with green grass, trees, and beautiful flowers coming out. Wishing all of you time to get out and enjoy it! Check out the newsletter for some great project learning and recreational opportunities with Marinette County 4-H!

The Marinette County 4-H Program had a lot to celebrate in April, and I want to take some time to recognize that. We were able to share our thanks and appreciation to all of our hard-working volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week. We would not have such an incredible program without them, and thank them for all they do! Our Interim Associate, Lexi, celebrated her wedding day, we wish her family love and happiness always! Retired 4-H Agent and current Marinette County 4-H Volunteer, Wally Hitt, was inducted into the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame!



Our very own Head Secretary, Nancy Servais, was recognized at the Joint Council of Extension Professionals Awards luncheon receiving a Meritorious Support Service Award.

The Meritorious Support Service Award is designed to pay tribute to the many staff in our system who support our Extension mission and programs.

Nancy has been serving the Marinette Extension office for an astonishing 49 years. What's even more impressive is that Nancy comes to work each day with the same diligence, commitment, and professionalism as she did on day one. She serves her community and cares deeply about the work. Nancy is a caring colleague and the office's home and heart. She serves as a mentor, supporter, cheerleader, and friend to those who are lucky enough to work beside her.

Nancy's commitment to the people of Marinette County, Extension's mission, and her colleagues has remained steadfast despite numerous changes in her position. Her knowledge of each program area makes it easy for her to help people get the necessary information on time. Nancy always says yes when asked to help with something. Her attention to detail ensures that any interaction from the Marinette County office is accurate and professional. She's organized, accommodating, flexible, conscientious, knowledgeable, and hard-working, not to mention kind, supportive, and thoughtful.

Congratulations, Nancy, on receiving the Meritorious Support Service Award, you are appreciated more than words can say!

With Gratitude,

Aimee Elkins - 4-H Educator Marinette and Oconto Counties, State Program Quality Project Manager



SAVE THE DATE: SHOWMANSHIP/PROJECT 101 DAY

This great fun, learning opportunity will be July 20th, at the Fairgrounds, in Wausaukee. 4-H Leaders Association is looking for people to help do showmanship demonstrations.

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.

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2024 MAROCOSHA SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Some spots are still available for the three-day, two-night 4-H Camp for Marinette,

Oconto and Shawano Counties to be held at Camp Bird near Crivitz, WI from June 14th-16th this year! 4-H members cost: \$125 camp payment . Due to the generosity of the Marinette Co. 4-H Leaders Association, & funds primarily obtained through the annual 4-H fair food stand & raffle, Marinette Co. 4-H members are only responsible for \$50 (per camper). Money must be sent to the Marinette Co. Extension Office prior to May 10th or your spot may be given to a wait list camper.

Non 4-H members will be responsible to submit \$150 camp payment (per camper registered to attend). Money must be sent to the Marinette Co. Extension Office prior to May 10th or your spot may be given to a wait list camper.

CANCELLATION POLICY (New in 2024) - If you need to cancel your registration, you may do so, without penalty prior to June 1, 2024. If cancelling your registration on, or after June 1, a \$50/camper late cancellation fee will be assessed. Please contact the Shawano County Extension Office (715-526-6136).

REGISTER HERE: <http://tinyurl.com/MarOcoSha24> **More than one youth to register? Please submit a new form for EACH youth.

COUNTY TRIP

This year's trip will be to a Timber Rattlers game, either July 10 or 31. Members under the age of 12 need an adult chaperone. A fee of \$5.00 will hold your spot on the bus. More information will be forthcoming, but members can start signing up with the 4-H office located in the Resource Center.

4-H ROYALTY

Any 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 will be mailed out soon with interviews to be scheduled for May/June.

There will be a Royalty meeting for those interested on May 9, 5:30 pm, at the Pound Town Hall.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT SIGNING UP FOR SUMMER ACADEMY

Registration is open for just a few more days. Sign up in 4-H online. For more information, visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>

SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER ACADEMY

CHARGE YOUR SPARKS

JUNE 24- 27, 2024
UW-MADISON CAMPUS

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 8-11
WITH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE FOR 11TH GRADE +

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1ST, 2024
GO.WISC.EDU/4HSUMMERACADEMY

JUNE DAIRY MONTH WINDOW DISPLAY

Window displays are evaluated on message conveyed - 20 points; title and lettering - 10 points; attracts attention - 20 points; holds interest - 15 points; appearance - 15 points; suitable subject - 10 points; and workmanship -



10 points. This year's theme is "Celebrate Wisconsin Dairy." Remember, all dairy products should be promoted. Submit pictures of your club's window displays by June 14th.

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

4-H RAFFLE

Barb Kolosowski is asking that clubs let her know what they will be donating for prizes. Please let her know by June 1. E-mail barbmiraclell@yahoo.com or call 715-927-5213.

SPRING REACTION DAY

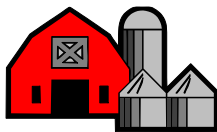
May 11-19th (or choose a day that best works). Marinette County Elderly Services is asking for volunteers to lend a hand to help older adults in their community with basic outdoor chores, including raking and window washing. If you are willing to volunteer (individually or with a group), please contact their agency at 715-854-7453.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR— BREAKFAST ON THE FARM DATES



Oconto County's event is at Shallow Acres, Molitor Rd, Lena, on Sunday, June 9th.

Marinette County's event is at Anderson Farms, northwest of Porterfield, on Sunday, June 23rd.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR—August 1-11.

DISCOVERY BARNYARD AT WI STATE FAIR LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE DAY

Groups (inc. 4-H clubs) needed to host educational stations and welcome fairgoers. Group will receive \$1,000 stipend after completion of their shift + more. For more info to apply, click <http://tinyurl.com/yeytchz8>

FAIR ENTRY FORMS AND PREMIUM BOOKS

We are hoping to get the entry forms and premium books mailed to 4-H families by late May so watch your mailboxes for these packets.

ENTRY FORM REQUEST

If you plan on entering both in the youth and open fair, please put each division on a separate entry form. Each division (youth, open and senior) are treated separately in the Fair computer program and exhibitors are issued separate exhibitor numbers.

TSC PAPER CLOVER SPRING CAMPAIGN

The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) has worked with 4-H for the past several years. Proceeds from the sale of paper clovers at each WI TSC store go to the WI 4-H Foundation to be used for leadership programming. This year the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is actively encouraging clubs and 4-H members to work with TSC stores in their area to do an in-store promotion during the Spring 2024 campaign scheduled for April 24 through May 5, 2024. ****ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Click this link to sign up: [Spr24 TSC Paper Clover In-store Promo Sign Up](#)

2024 INVASIVE SPECIES TRADE-UP DAYS

Swap that invasive shrub for a native one. The Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) is hosting this event. This is an opportunity for landowners to remove an ornamental invasive shrub from their property, such as Japanese Barberry, Buckthorn, or Burning Bush and exchange it for a monetary voucher to buy a native plant replacement. Each voucher is worth \$5 and you are able to receive up to \$50 if you bring in 10 or more invasive species. Vouchers are redeemable towards the purchase of a native plant at: Flowerland Greenhouse, Iron Mountain MI; Chenier's Greenhouse, Norway; Danielson's Greenhouse and Floral, Norway; Dickinson Conservation District Native Plant Sale (June 29), Iron Mountain; Spread Eagle Garden Center, Florence; Penny's Plants and Pots, Menominee; Northern Lights Master Gardeners Spring Plant Sale (May 18 am), Harmony Arboretum.

Area drop-off locations: Marinette Land Information Dept, Courthouse, May 6-9, 8 am-4 pm; Dickinson Conservation Dist, May 6-10, 8 am-4 pm and May 11, 8 am-noon. Wausaukee Fairgrounds, May 10, 8 am-11 am; Menominee Conservation District, May 16, 8 am-4pm.

2024 YOUTH TRACTOR & MACHINERY SAFETY TRAINING

This course is being offered in Antigo on June 18, 20, 25 and 27. Certification will also be provided in Coleman in July, Dates are yet set. The fee is \$40. More information will be forthcoming. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Scott Reuss, Extension Crops and Soil Educator, at 715-732-7510 or e-mail scott.reuss@wisc.edu

PLEASE UPDATE INFO ON 4-H ONLINE

We have been coming across several records with outdated information. If you move or change your e-mail address, please remember to update 4-H online.



ANIMAL SCIENCE

COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN DATE

May 11, 8-10:30 am, at the Fairgrounds for sheep/goat. Swine pictures can be e-mailed to marinettefair@yahoo.com or given to Lisa Witak prior to May 11 at 10:30 am.

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Dates

**SHAWANO COUNTY
JUNE 18TH**

**GREEN COUNTY
JUNE 20TH**



WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

MINUTES

Minutes from April 15, 2024
4-H Leaders Association meeting

Leaders present Dorothy, Sue, Julia, Anne, Barb,

Steve, Jennie

Pledges were said.

Secretary report approved by Anne and 2nd by Barb.

Treasurer report approved by Anne and Barb.

Food Stand: Dorothy made a motion to have Sonny Graese and Kathy Schenk run it this year, 2nd by Sue. Anne will help Sonny get things ordered. Keep the meal ticket at \$50.00 for this year and no breakfast will be served. The hours will be Wed. from noon to 6:00, Thursday to Saturday 11:00 to 9:00, and Sunday 11 to 6:00.

Raffle tickets were handed out to the leaders that were there. Each club is to donate items to the raffle.

Royalty: 1 person is running currently. May 9, 2024, meeting at 5:30 Pound Town Hall in Coleman to discuss what is expected of them, anyone in high school can run.

Old business:

The free movie is Saturday April 20th, not sure of times yet. Check with the theater. \$5.00 coupon for concessions to all 4-H members.

Achievement day will be finger food snacks and water and start at 1:00.

The county trip will be to Timber Rattlers game. Steve is working on when we can go either July 10th or 31st and Barb is checking on the bus. Members under the age of 12 need an adult chaperone. A fee of \$5.00 per person to hold spot on bus.

Campout at Badger Park is cancelled.

New business:

Flowerpots in Peshtigo on the benches in town for \$60.00 with information to join 4-H and the Park and Rec take care of them.

Chain reaction day—call Marinette County Elderly Services to see who needs help.

Showmanship/Project 101 is set for July 20th at Fair Ground in Wausaukee. Looking for people to help do a showmanship demonstration for others.

Motion to adjourn by Dorothy and 2nd by Sue.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennie Pillath

