



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

Marinette County 4-H is gearing up for an amazing spring and summer full of opportunities for all!

Our young people are stepping up and stepping out through exciting hands-on learning experiences that build confidence, creativity, and lifelong skills. Whether they're making new friends at **Overnight Summer Camp MarOcoSha**, showcasing their project work at the **Marinette County Fair**, exploring government and history during the **Herb Kohl Learning Journey Washington D.C. Trip**, or volunteering at **Breakfast on the Farm**, these experiences are helping youth grow into resilient, responsible leaders.

Some of our youth will be heading to the **Wisconsin 4-H Summer Academy** to dive deeper into career pathways and STEM exploration—and don't forget the opportunity to celebrate community at our favorite social event of the season: **Night Out with the Blizzard!**

Every one of these moments helps our youth become beyond ready—for school, for work, and for life.

Let's celebrate a season full of learning, laughter, and leadership together!

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



**MORE YOUTH
MORE COMMUNITY
MORE READY**



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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 "Discover. Taste. Support Wisconsin Dairy." Remember, all dairy products should be promoted. Submit pictures of your club's window displays by June 13th. Register with the 4-H office by Fri., May 23.

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. Either e-mail her at barbmiracllell@yahoo.com or call 715-927-5213. Raffle tickets will be ready for clubs to sell soon.

SPRING REACTION DAY

May 10-CHAIN Reaction Week starts. 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.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR—July 31st-August 10th.

FAIR ENTRY FORMS AND PREMIUM BOOKS

We are hoping to get the entry forms and premium books to 4-H families by late May.

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.



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 is May 20th. Event to highlight local 4-H clubs and groups, more information and fundraising opportunities to come. Contact Julia at jdlstables@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/>

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.)

Only a few spaces remain...

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.

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. 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. For more trip details, check out prior newsletters.

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

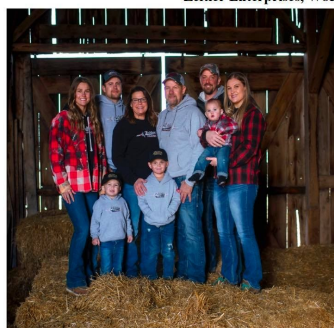
If you are interested in attending as a chaperone, please complete this application: <https://tinyurl.com/MarOcoWau-DC-Chap-app>

Please contact Aimee if you have any questions-
aimee.elkins@wisc.edu.



Marinette County Breakfast on the Farm

Sunday, June 22, 2025, 7:30 a.m. to Noon (Rain or Shine)
Zeitler Enterprises, W8368 E 16th Rd, Coleman, WI



Zeitler Enterprises is a 4th-generation dairy farm established in 1918. It is currently operated by Jerry and Tricia Zeitler, along with their three children, Renee Seefeldt, Zach Zeitler, & Michaela Zeitler.

The Zeitler Family has made numerous improvements to the farm over the last 100+ years starting with Jerry's grandparents, Arthur & Esther Zeitler, & parents, Dan & Marge Zeitler. Jerry & Tricia purchased the farm in 2014. In May of 2023, the farm added (4) Lely A5 Robotic milkers in a new 175' x 265' freestall barn that also houses the dry cows & close up springing heifers. In addition to the 260 cows milked in the new barn, Zeitlers also milk 70 cows in their existing stanchion barn. Their milk is shipped to BelGioioso Cheese to make authentic Italian Artisan Cheeses such as Parmesan and American Grana crafted in both Chase & Pulaski, Wisconsin.

Along with the dairy herd and youngstock, Zeitlers harvest 1,000 acres of crop land which includes corn for both silage and grain, alfalfa, soybeans, & wheat. The Zeitlers are blessed to have summertime help, along with family and friends when needed.

Farming brings many challenges, but Jerry & Tricia believe watching their 3 grandsons, Connor, Colton, & Cullen, exploring life on the farm makes it all worthwhile. They anxiously await Baby Seefeldt #4 which is due in September. The new barn is designed for expansion as a 5th generation grows into the family business.

Pancakes, eggs, sausages, ham, cheese curds, maple syrup, applesauce, milk, juice, coffee, ice cream sundaes, Adults - \$10.00 / Children 6-10 - \$5.00, Children 5 years & under - FREE (No advanced ticket sales). Petting Zoo, Moo-Mania comedy show, face painting, balloons, kids' bounce play area, viewing of barns & cattle, music—co-sponsor Dairy Farmers of WI

Like us on Facebook—Marinette Co. Breakfast on the Farm/Any Questions Please contact Corey Kuchta @ 920-660-4122

Thank you to the following businesses for supporting the 2024 Breakfast on the Farm in money or in-kind donations last year:

Platinum—\$1,000 or more

A&C Sawdust/Graese Elec
Airgas USA LLC
Anderson Family Farm
Country Visions Cooperative
Dan Risner & Son Excavating
David Behrens Construction
DL Electric
Greenstone Farm Credit
Harding Portables LLC
Hoppe Dairy
Jandt Farms
Kwik Trip
Meatski's
Mt. Morris Mutual Insurance
Mursari's Piggly Wiggly
Northeast Cattle Co.
Patz Corporation
180 Auto
Swiderski Equipment
Valley Veterinary Clinic S.C.
Van De Walle Farms
Wiedemeier Sawmill
Witt's Piggly Wiggly & Ace Hdwr

Gold—\$500-\$999

Baker Heating & Cooling
Beaver Machine Inc.
BelGioioso Cheese Inc.
Carlson Asphalt, LLC
Charapata Seed Sales
Coleman United Coop Shipping
Cornette Farm Supply & Vita Plus
Dama Plumbing & Heating
De Laval Dairy Service
Finger Inc
Finger Family Farm LLC
Goddard's Maple Syrup
Graef Transport Inc
Grover Porterfield Fire Dept.
Jack's Fresh Market
KBM Construction
Lofaros Family Foods
Loop's in Loomis
Nicolet Bank
N-K-S Tire Sales & Service
Pelkin's Smokey Meat Market
Riesterer & Schnell Inc.
Saputo Cheese, USA
Springdale Cheese Corp
Strutz Farms
Waupaca Foundry
Waste Control Service Inc.
Wisconsin Public Service

Silver—\$250-499

Blaser Acres
Chrysler World
Culver's
Ferland Incorporated
Golden Ridge Dairy LLC
Graetz Mig
Kaufman Farms
Keith & Nancy Hartwig
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L&L Sales & Service
Meg's Crivitz Pharmacy
Menze & Zak Heating & Cooling
Nutrition Services
Oconto County Lumber, Inc.
Patz Maple & Honey Farms
P&D Sales and Service
Prairie Farms
Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home
Rockert 88 Music DJ Navy Joe
Seed Concepts
Spartan Nash
Swiderski Equipment
Thurk Hood Care LLC
Tim Witt Chevrolet
Vanderloop Equipment
Wagner-Casper Ins. Agency
Wagner Sugar Hill
WI-MI Insurance Agency
Witt Auto Sales Inc

Bronze—\$100-249

Alternative Animal Bedding
American Foods Group
Burger King of Marinette
Countyside Veterinary Clinic
Crivitz Veterinary Hospital
Dairy Farmers of America
Dairymaid Seed Co Inc
Dan Bieher Equipment LLC
Dukiewicz Farm
Dufek Livestock Trucking LLC
Frank's Logging
Gendron's Inc
Genex Co-op Jeff Janhke & Chris Kinnard
H.J. Dudkiewicz & Sons, Inc.
Ideal Tent & Party
Jake's Jumpers
Jeff & Rosie Nowak
Katie's Subs
Kuchta Farms
Menn Law Firm
Meyers MFG Corp
Merrell Equipment Co
Midwest Sidelwalls
North Wood Flooring
Oconto Electric Cooperative
Peshigo Times
Precision Carts
Rymor Heating LLC
Tappin Teachers
Tom & Margi Soromski
United Cooperative
UW-Extension Marinette County
Wagner Sugar Hill
Walldogel Trucking
Wisconsin Building Supply
Zorn Trading

ANIMAL SCIENCE

COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN DATE

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

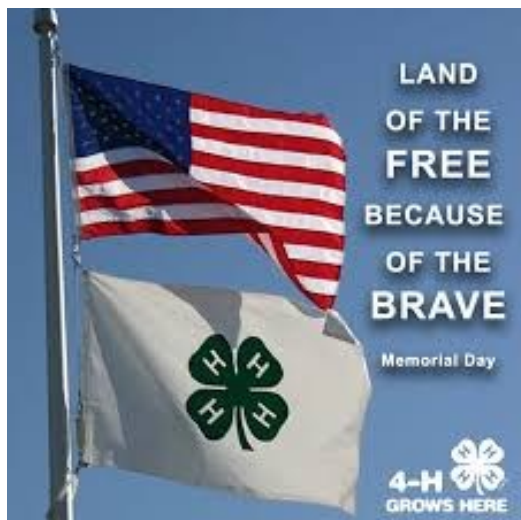
Swine pictures due to marinettefair@yahoo.com or printed and given to Lisa Witak by 11 am on May 10. Swine pictures must include the exhibitor in at least one picture with the hogs. Must be able to read the tags in the ears of the animals. Tags are \$3 per animal and will be an RFID tag and another blue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

COUNTY RABBIT PROJECT MEETING

There will be a county rabbit project meeting for everyone currently in the rabbit project or interested in learning more about them. It will be held at the Wagner Town Hall on County Road JJ, Wausaukee, Saturday, May 17, from 1:00 until about 2:30. A variety of topics will be covered, including how to trim toenails, disqualifications, and showmanship. Participants do not need to bring their animals, but should bring a Rabbit Standard book if they have one.

Ember will have information for all ages, and always has handouts and door prizes.

For more information, or to request help in a certain area, contact Key Leader Ember Rickaby, 715-732-6986, emberrickaby@gmail.com.



MINUTES

Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting Monday, April 21st

The meeting was called to order at the Crivitz Fire Station at 6:00 PM by Jennie Pillath. Attendees were Jennie Pillath, Anne Biernasz, Sue Deschane, Julia Lepinski, Dorothy Kaminski, Lisa Witak, Barb Kolosowski, Sonny Graese and Margaret Graese.

Motion made to approve the secretary's report from the 3/17/25 meeting as presented in the newsletter by Lisa Witak, second by Sue Deschane. Carried

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Lisa Witak, second by Sue Deschane. Carried

Jennie Pillath read the written report/update from Aimee Elkins.

Updates were provided for the various Committee reports.

Update on the Food Stand - talked about potential new items to purchase (tents, trays, nacho cheese machine, etc.) and working on obtaining sizes and pricing; also discussed Country Visions and their interest in donating the propane again and potential deep fryer

Update on the raffle - raffle tickets will be available by the May meeting and Barb will try to drop off to leaders ahead of time if able

Awards/Trips/Scholarships - have 1 applicant

Royalty - have 1 applicant

Old Business Update: Blizzard Game on June 6th - 2 tickets for \$20 - pick up at will call - get Julia Lepinski your information if you would like to attend as she is the sign-up contact. The 4-H Leaders Association will pay for 4-H kids and parents. Julia's contact information is jdlstables@yahoo.com or (920) 672-7370. Deadline to sign up with Julia is May 20th.

New Business Update: Motion made to sponsor one flower pot in Peshtigo for \$55 as a way to advertise 4-H by Barb Kolosowski, second by Margaret Graese. Carried

Next meeting has been changed it will be at the Pound Town Hall on 5/19/25 at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 6:43 PM by Dorothy Kaminski, second by Sue Deschane. Carried

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Graese