



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

After all of the April showers I am definitely looking forward to May flowers! Spring is an exciting time in 4-H as plans are starting to be made for new projects and experiences. Spring invites us to look ahead with a sense of possibility, to try something new, to reconnect and grow. We are excited to see our enrollment growing and connecting new members with clubs. As we head into the busy season of preparing for the fair, remember to take some moments to enjoy each day.

Your Marinette County 4-H Team,  
Sarah and Nancy

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**DEADLINE REMINDER:**  
**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> IS THE DEADLINE TO ADD, CHANGE OR DROP PROJECTS.**  
**ALSO, IT IS THE LAST DAY TO ENROLL IN 4-H IN ORDER TO SHOW AT THIS YEAR'S COUNTY FAIR.**  
**ANY QUESTIONS, CALL THE 4-H OFFICE AT 715-732-7514**



**Congratulations Graduates**

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4-H Seniors  
Class of 2026



**LOOK INSIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**



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## GET READY TO GO WILD AT SUMMER CAMP!

Our amazing camp counselors have been hard at work behind the scenes—planning activities, building their leadership skills, and getting everything ready for an unforgettable jungle-themed adventure. June 23-26th is going to be full of excitement, exploration, and memories that last a lifetime. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Un32aGe6uyFWGSVa6>



REGISTRATION OPEN

# 4-H Camp MAROCOSHA

Welcome to the Jungle!

JUNE 22 - 26, 2026

CAMP BIRD, CRIVITZ, WI

Open to youth in grades 3 - 7

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/MarOcoSha4H2026>



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## 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 [barbmiracllel@yahoo.com](mailto:barbmiracllel@yahoo.com) or call 715-927-5213.

Also, Barb is asking that you have the raffle stubs filled out **completely** (full name, address and phone number).



#GOBLIZZ GREEN BAY BLIZZARD FOOTBALL #GOBLIZZ

# May 29th // 7:05pm // Dairy Night


Moo'v over to the Resch Center to kick-off Dairy Month in style with the Green Bay Blizzard as they look to put the Gunslingers on ICE!

Hard-Hitting, Affordable, Family-Fun

EXCLUSIVE 4-H Club Special:

"Steer" clear of normal tickets price with a special: **Two Tickets for \$20!**

- First 1000 Fans get a "Cheesy" Bucket Hat
- Cow and calves - pre-game
- Shawano & Manitowoc Co. Fairest of the Fair
- Local FFA Chapters & 4-H Clubs
- Special Jersey, Special Game Ball
- So Much MORE!



\*1st 1000 Fans receive a Bucket hat

\*Available for Purchase at the Game\*

Catch all the Dairy Night action & fun! Register your 4-H club today!

Want more information or ready to sign up your 4-H club?

Email: [Cass@greenbayblizzard.com](mailto:Cass@greenbayblizzard.com)

Presented by: Ron's Cheese, Moo'y Milk, & Milksource



## Wildlife & Woods

Register via 4Honline [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com)

### EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5  
7:00PM-7:45PM

- JAN. 28, 2026
- FEB. 25, 2026
- MAR. 25, 2026
- APRIL 29, 2026
- MAY 20, 2026



Positive Youth Development Institute  
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### CAREERS & COMPETITION VIRTUAL SERIES

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES 6-13  
7:00PM-7:45PM

- JAN. 26, 2026
- FEB. 23, 2026
- MAR. 23, 2026
- APRIL 27, 2026
- MAY 18, 2026



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**Wildlife & Woods Explorations** are suggested for grades K-5 through elementary school youth and their families. The sessions will be interactive and will include wildlife, forestry, wildlife art and more. Register here: <https://26wildlifeexplorations.4honline.com/> **Wildlife & Woods Careers & Competitions Series** are suggested for middle school through high school youth and their families. The sessions will be interactive and will include guest speakers talking about careers, information about wildlife and forestry competitions and resources available to learn more. Register here: <https://26wildlifecareers.4honline.com/>

#### **4-H ROYALTY INFORMATION**

The Marinette County 4-H Royalty Committee will have an informational meeting on June 1st, 2026 at 5:30 pm at the Pound Townhall. This meeting is open to all 4-H members, male and female, to either learn more about the Royalty Program or to sign up for this year's Royalty. To be part of this year's Royalty, youth must be at least 14 and entering high school as of September 2026.



The deadline for the committee to receive the applications is June 15th, 2026. Interviews will be held the second week of July. A dinner will be held either the weekend of July 25/26, 2026 or August 1/2, 2026 for the Coronation of the Queen. Duties for this year's Royalty will start on Saturday, August 22nd, with the Dog and Vet Science judging. These are new changes.

Call Dorothy Kaminski (920-897-2316 or 920-471-2775), if you can not make the informational meeting and need an application.



#### **BEYOND WISCONSIN: EXPLORING THE MIDWEST—FEBRUARY 2027**

A 4-H travel experience designed for middle school students in grades 6-8 is being planned for President's Day weekend next year. Youth will journey from Wisconsin to St. Louis, Missouri by coach bus for an adventure that blends fun, learning and cultural discovery. Along the way, members will explore science museums, art centers, and enjoy live music and performances, all while sampling local flavors like St. Louis-style barbecue.

Youth will travel with Wisconsin 4-H educator staff and enrolled adult volunteers who have completed screening and training in how to keep young people safe in overnight programs.

More information will be forthcoming.



#### **JULY 21ST SUMMER TRIP TO NOAH'S ARK**

#### **FOOD STAND MENU CHANGES**

The following was sent to General 4-H Club Leaders last week on behalf of Margaret Graese:

At our leadership meeting on Monday, 4/20, we reviewed the 4-H food stand preliminary order form for this upcoming fair (a copy is located on page 6). A couple of changes were made to it. I would ask that each club review it with their club members to see if it is easier to follow or if there might be other changes we could make that would make it even easier to follow.



A couple of the key changes made are noted below:

- Hamburger and Cheeseburger have now been combined into one line and are the same price so the members just need to circle one or the other based on the customer's order. Hoping this helps eliminate if customers ask for cheese on a burger and thinking we need to charge for the cheese then.
- Same thing goes for Double Hamburger or Double Cheeseburger
- The pie/brownie lines:
  - If ice cream is wanted with the pie or brownie we tried to clear that up so the members didn't have to circle the pie/brownie on the one line and ice cream on the second line and then run the potential of charging the customer incorrectly.

Contact Margaret with your suggestions at Office: 715-854-8006, Cell: 715-927-3577 or [mgraese@acsawdust.com](mailto:mgraese@acsawdust.com)



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

Please join us in congratulating our 2026 Marinette County 4-H Association scholarship winner. This year's recipient is Mackenzie Shepherd, Porterfield. Mackenzie is a member of Kountry Kids 4-H Club and will be receiving a scholarship in the amount of \$750.

### **WI TOWNS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Ten scholarships are being offered. Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Scott Construction, Inc. are again offering the following scholarships to winners of an essay contest.

Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis: All applicants must graduate from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2026 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or university in 2026. Essays will be judged independently on originality and subject matter in relation to the topic. The essays must also contain correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Judging will be completed by August 10, 2026. Recipients will be announced by August 24, 2026. Proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin public or private college is required to receive a scholarship. View complete details [here](#). Submit your essay along with this [background information sheet](#) to [kelly.richards@wisctowns.com](mailto:kelly.richards@wisctowns.com) by May 22, 2026.

2026 Scholarship Topic: "What strategies can be implemented by local government officials in collaboration with citizens to encourage and maintain civility?"

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

## **ANIMAL SCIENCE**

### **BADGER DAIRY CAMP**

Have you heard? Badger Dairy Camp is moo-ving back to the UW-Madison campus July 9-12! Interested in learning more about the dairy industry? Want to prepare for your college or career of interest? Excited to meet new friends? This would be a great opportunity for dairy project members! More information about the event is available at: <https://andysci.wisc.edu/badger-dairy-camp/>

**WELCOME TO DAIRY INNOVATION**

AGES 12 - 17 **9 - 12 JULY 2026**

**\$175 PER CAMPER**

Campers stay and dine at the UW-Madison Campus

Applications open April 1st  
Limit 100 campers  
First come, first serve

Join our mailing list  
<https://andysci.wisc.edu/badger-dairy-camp/>  
[badgerdairycamp@ansci.wisc.edu](mailto:badgerdairycamp@ansci.wisc.edu)

Department of Animal & Dairy Sciences  
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DAIRY INNOVATION HUB

Hands-on workshops, tours, networking with students/alumni, and recreational activities

### **COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN DATES**

Sheep/goat weigh-ins will be May 16, 8-10 am, at the Fairgrounds. (Must be on the Fairgrounds by 10 am.). Swine pictures are also due at 10 am on May 16. Pictures can be sent to [marinettefair@yahoo.com](mailto:marinettefair@yahoo.com)

### **COUNTY RABBIT PROJECT MEETING**

There will be a county rabbit project meeting on Sat., May 2, at the Wagner Town Hall, from 1-3 pm. This is for anyone currently enrolled in the rabbit project or interested in rabbits. We will be talking about supplies needed for making cages and members will have a chance to work with j-clips and hog rings, to see what works best for them. We will also practice showmanship and discuss other rabbit topics. If you have any questions, contact Ember Rickaby, Rabbit Key Leader, at 715-732-6986.





## MINUTES

### Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting Monday, April 20, 2026 at Pound Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Jennie Pillath. Attendees were Jennie Pillath, Sue Deschane, Julia Lepinski, Dorothy Kaminski, Sarah Ferdon, Anne Biernasz, Barb Kolosowski, and Margaret Graese.

Motion made to approve the secretary's report from the 2/16/26 meeting as presented in the March 2026 newsletter by Sue Deschane, second by Barb Kolosowski. Carried.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Sue Deschane, second by Anne Biernasz. Carried

Update from Sarah Ferdon

- Reminder May 1st deadline to add/change/drop projects. In addition, any youth who wishes to show at this year's Marinette County Fair, needs to be enrolled in 4-H Online by that date. Request will be made to have Nancy send a reminder to 4-H families.
- Reminder for 4-H Camp MAROCOSHA – dates are June 22 to 26. Attendees are able to leave camp to go to other commitments if needed. They are in need of fishing poles and other gear. Motion made to donate \$50 for fishing gear at Camp Bird by Barb Kolosowski, second by Anne Biernasz. Carried

Updates were provided for the various Committee reports.

- Food Stand
  - Reviewed a draft of the food order form and will send to Nancy to have sent to Club leaders

for their review and suggestions.

- We will need volunteers to clean after the fair this year as the previous volunteers are retiring from this task.
- Raffle
  - Tickets have been handed out. Reminder the tickets need to be filled out completely with name, address and phone number!
- Royalty
  - Currently 1 candidate still.

Old Business:

- Peshtigo Parks & Rec Flower Pots
  - Motion made to sponsor 2 flowerpots like we have in the past at \$60 each for a total of \$120 by Margaret Graese, second by Sue Deschane. Carried
- Summer Field Trip
  - Planning to go to Noah's Ark in the Dells with the tentative date of Tuesday, July 21st. Working out the details
- Movie
  - There were 7 tickets handed out over the last 2 movies.

New Business:

- Meal Tickets – Price Increase – discussed and while adding the additional meal on Wednesday, the price will remain at \$50.00.
- Save the Date – Friday, May 29th – Green Bay Blizzards hosting another “Dairy Night” – 2 tickets for \$20
- Election of Interim President – Margaret Graese nominated Jennie Pillath for interim President. Motion made by Margaret Graese for Jennie Pillath to be interim President, second by Sue Deschane. Carried

Discussion Only:

- Will the 4-H be doing anything at the fair in celebration for the 250th anniversary of the nation? Have someone dress up as Uncle Sam?

Next meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2026, at the Crivitz Fire Station at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:26 PM by Dorothy Kaminski, second by Sue Deschane. Carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margaret Graese

