

**Marinette County  
4-H Newsletter  
October 2019**



Greetings from Aimee Elkins, 4-H Program Coordinator, Marinette and Oconto Counties:

Hello 4-H volunteers and participants! First of all I would like to commend everyone who worked so diligently to make the Marinette County Fair another successful one this year. It was wonderful to see all of the projects and entries that you all worked so hard on, and to see so many giving of their talents and time in such a variety of ways. I had the pleasure of meeting some of you at the fair, and I look forward to the many upcoming opportunities I will have to meet more of you. Until that time comes, please feel free to reach out to me.

For those of you wondering who I am, let me share a little bit, to help you get to know me. I grew up in the Oconto area and participated in 4-H for several years in my youth. I have so many fond memories, and gained so many skills during my time in 4-H. I graduated from Oconto High School and continued on to receive my Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. I have spent my career in a variety of different roles supporting children, families, and colleagues ranging from providing in home autism therapy, foster care and adoption certification, child care regulation, and abuse and neglect prevention home visitation. ☺ I met my husband while I lived in Arizona shortly after college. We made the decision to reside and raise our family in the same community I grew up in. Our family consists of 3 young daughters and a small zoo of various animals. We love spending time together outdoors when we are able, as well as traveling, and going on adventures.

I am very excited to be part of the time honored organization of 4-H in a new capacity and I look forward to coming alongside each of you as we all use our heads, heart, hands, and health to better the communities we share. I appreciate all of your patience and understanding as I settle into this new role.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Aimee



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



Some of you may have noticed our new logo, and be thinking-ok, that's great, but what does this mean for me? UW-Extension has fully transitioned to UW-Madison, Division of Extension as of July 1, 2019. UW Madison is committed to supporting education throughout the state via Extension programming, and having the full support of such a Prestigious Institution is a wonderful asset for 4-H. Now that we are UW-Madison, and are a part of such a long-standing, reputable University, we will start to be held to some of the same standards. Areas that are going to likely affect 4-H the most will be around safety, liability, and insurance (risk management). Some changes are already taking place, and some will likely be yet to come. Please keep in mind, any changes to procedures are taking place with the utmost safety in mind for our youth, volunteers, and staff. Some of the changes so far include: a) a new version of Volunteer in Preparation Training to reflect the latest information regarding, safety, liability, and risk management b) the mandated reporting procedure c) the process of signing contracts and requesting proof of insurance, d) Chartering. I will continue to keep everyone up to date on any new information as it is available. Please always feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. We will all be learning all of this together.



**VIP Training:** As much of the information in this course has been updated I will plan to hold this training as our Annual Leader training for the year. This way all of our new volunteers, experienced volunteers, and myself will have the opportunity to walk through all of this together and be on the same page. I am working on gathering materials and setting dates for this. More to come...

**Chartering:** Along with this changeover there are some changes with deadlines in regards to Chartering. Completing this process is vital to maintaining our strong tradition of 4-H. The process of chartering ensures the clubs ability to use the 4-H name and emblem and to uphold the mission of 4-H through youth-adult partnerships and educational programming. Chartering also provides the information necessary to remain a strong non-profit organization within our State and Federal government entities. Chartering uses information primarily from the fiscal year which ends annually on June 30<sup>th</sup>. In order to remain compliant all of this information needs to be reviewed and submitted for state and federal review promptly. In the past we have used a submission date of 11/1/19-however

this will not allow adequate time with our new deadlines. **I am asking that everyone please do their very best to submit their charters no later than 10/15/19.** (Next year this date will likely be even earlier) I understand this may be difficult for some-let us know how we can support you. Please utilize fellow youth and adult leaders to assist in reviews when able. When considering your schedule for the upcoming year you may not know details prior to electing officers-however you likely have an idea of what months you will meet and what topics you may cover-and that will be just fine. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this.



I understand that change can be difficult, but I know we will all get through this together and something beautiful will come of it. As always, thank you all for everything you do to support our youth and our communities. I am really looking forward to connecting with all of you more in this upcoming year. Keep up the great work!

Aimee

## You're Invited...



### TIME TO CELEBRATE: ANNUAL 4-H MEMBER & LEADER ACHIEVEMENT DAY

You are invited to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our members and leaders! There is lots to celebrate in Marinette County!

- Who:** All 4-H members, parents & families, volunteers and leaders
- When:** Sun., Nov. 17, 1:00 pm potluck & awards & recognition to follow at 1:45 pm.
- Where:** Crivitz Village Hall, Hwy A, Crivitz

Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass. Plates provided. Also, each club should bring a dessert. We wish to thank our hosts for this year's event: Middle Inlet Moonshiners and Golden Opportunity 4-H Clubs.

The following members will be recognized during our annual achievement event: All youth who submitted a record book or easy completion form, Cloverbuds who submitted books, James Crowley Dairy Leadership award winner, June Dairy month winners, National 4-H week window display winners, 4-H graduates, Golden Clover award winners, Outstanding Youth Leader award winner;

Leaders and youth who served on county-wide committees, members of the 4-H Leaders Association Board, members or leaders that coordinated a special 4-H event or project, volunteer of the year award winner.

Presentations will be given by youth members who attended 4-H trip experiences during 2019.

All 1st, 5th, 10th, 35th and 50th year leaders will be recognized. The leaders who will be honored are: 1ST YEAR—Angie Angus, Lynn Dunkes, Andre Gazal, and Karen Holt; 5TH YEAR—Michael Bartnik, Kari LaCount, and Sara Walters; 10TH YEAR—Susan Hitt, Wally Hitt, and Jennifer Sellen; 35TH YEAR—Anne Biernasz; and, 50TH YEAR—Ember Rickaby.

### ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS-SEEKING 2 YOUTH REPS, PRESIDENT & SECRETARY

Board elections will be held during Achievement Day/Leader Recognition on Sun., Nov. 17. Terms begin in Jan., 2020. Association meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of every month (rotating locations) with the exception of Aug. & Dec. (no meeting). In addition to descriptions below, board member responsibilities include planning the annual 4-H calendar & annual budget & working with Extension Coordinator to determine 4-H policies and goals, determine training needs, make decisions about the county 4-H program and carry out other business of the Association. This is a great way to get involved!

**President:** (two year term) Presides at all meetings of the Leaders Association and acts as Chair of Board meetings. President and Extension Coordinator work

together to solve problems and plan educational opportunities.

**Secretary:** (two year term) Keeps minutes of all meetings of the Leaders Association and turns them into the 4-H Office for the 4-H newsletter. Brings copy of minutes to each meeting. Works with the Extension Office in getting out correspondence and communications when necessary.

**Youth Reps (2):** (1 or 2 year term) Works as active member together with other board members and 4-H Program Coordinator in a youth-adult partnership model including attending regular meetings, collaborating on 4-H Leader Association projects, providing input & making decisions, & setting goals for the county 4-H program. Representatives should be at least 12 years old.

## TRIP PRESENTATIONS AT ACHIEVEMENT DAY

If you were one of the lucky ones to participate in a 4-H sponsored trip this past year, we'd like to hear from you! Short presentations (up to 5 mins.) will be done at our Achievement Day celebration & potluck on November 17th. Call the 4-H office to schedule your presentation and let us know if you need any equipment or handouts. It's your time to talk about what you learned and encourage other 4-Hers to participate.

## 4-H RECOGNITION NOMINATION

Who has touched your life this 4-H year or made a difference in your club or the county program? Start thinking of who you would like to nominate. Categories include: Friend of 4-H, Volunteer of the Year, Outstanding 4-H Alumnus, and Outstanding Youth Leader. Nomination forms with award criteria were included in the club packets at the Fair and will be due to the 4-H Office no later than **October 10**. Awards are given out at the Annual Achievement & Leader Recognition Day.

## OUTSTANDING CLUB AWARD

Due to having Achievement Day earlier, the Outstanding Club Award will again be using the paper application. Award criteria includes: leadership, activities and community service participation, meeting structure. The applications are due to the 4-H office no later than **Oct. 15**. Forms were included with the club packets distributed at the Fair. Awards will be given out during our annual achievement event.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO NEW 4-H ROYALTY!

Please join us in congratulating our new 2019-2020 Marinette County 4-H Royalty, Queen Alexandria Broderick from Forever Green 4-H Club, Princesses Sydney Dunkes, from Badger Buds 4-H Club and Sierra O'Mary, Kountry Kids 4-H Club.

Thank you to last year's Royalty, Queen Lindsey Michalski, from Middle Inlet Moonshiners 4-H Club, Princesses Melany Brieno, Golden Opportunity 4-H Club, Alexandria Broderick, Forever Green 4-H Club, and Sierra O'Mary, Kountry Kids 4-H Club.

We enjoyed having you represent 4-H in Marinette County.



## RECORD BOOK DATE REMINDERS

**Record Book Due Date & Judging Schedule:** Record books are due to your club general leader at a date he/she specifies. General leaders must have record books (with completed 4-H Member & Leaders Record Book Check Sheet and "Marinette County 4-H Award Nominations" sheet) to the 4-H Office by 5 pm on **Tues., Oct. 1**. If you are judging, books may be brought with you **Wed., Oct. 2**. Judging begins at 5:00 (or time you can attend) in the Jury Assembly Rm., Courthouse Annex lower level. A leader or parent from each club is asked to help with judging. Pizza provided by the 4-H Leaders Assoc.

## TRAIL OF TERROR TRIP PLANNED

The Co. 4-H Leaders Association is sponsoring a trip to the Trail of Terror at 4295 Co. J, Oconto on **Sat., Oct. 19**. Their website recommends it for those 12 yrs & over but is at parent discretion as to age allowed to attend. Admission paid by Leaders Assoc. but transportation will not be provided. Sign up with 4-H office by **Oct 9** if interesting in attending.

## SLEDDING PARTY BEING PLANNED

The Leaders Association is planning a sledding party to be held in Wausaukee on a Sunday sometime this winter. Watch for more details to come! Hope to see lots of members/leaders and your friends at this event!

## 4-H DAIRY PROMOTION PROGRAM

Presented by the Dairy Farmers of WI, all WI 4-H youth organizations are invited to participate. Any club who conducts a local cheese and/or dairy promotion and educational activity are eligible to complete a report online to vie for \$50 toward mdse. Submissions should be entered no later than **Nov. 1**. For more info and form, visit <http://www.wisconsinmilk.org/dairy-promotions/4-h-dairy-promotion-program>

## TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

The Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign will be held Oct. 9th - Oct. 20th. During this time, customers can add \$1 to their purchase at checkout to support leadership activities. The WI 4-H Foundation is offering a great way for clubs to promote 4-H and help make this campaign more successful. 4-H clubs are being asked to partner with their local TSC (Marinette) to promote 4-H at the store. The first club to volunteer at each store will receive \$50 from the WI 4-H Foundation. If interested, contact Joanne at the WI 4-H Foundation at [Joanne@Wis4HFoundation.org](mailto:Joanne@Wis4HFoundation.org) or 608-262-1597.



# 4-H TECH CHANGEMAKERS

#4HTechChangemakers



The Tech-Changemakers Project is making a big impact in Northern WI, but we could use your support to help it grow. On 9/16/19 an event took place in Crivitz to highlight the partnership 4-H has with Astrea, and Microsoft to promote digital literacy in our communities. Our partners were very impressed with the work that is already being done and are looking forward to supporting more 4-H youth in providing digital literacy sessions to our communities. Please contact Aimee with any questions or if you are interested in supporting this great work.

## 4-H TRIPS

Teens interested in attending trips should fill out the Marinette County Sponsored Event Application. Due **Oct. 1**. Will be interviewed on **Mon, Oct. 21**, at 6 pm. All information regarding age requirements and trips are attached. Following that, applications are due **Feb. 1**.

## RE-ENROLLMENT IN 4-H

The 2019-2020 project year begins on Oct. 1. You can drop/add projects until May 1. New members can join anytime and take exhibits to the Fair if enrollments are in by May 1, 2020. Re-enrollments should be complete by November 30th. At that time, the insurance is ordered.

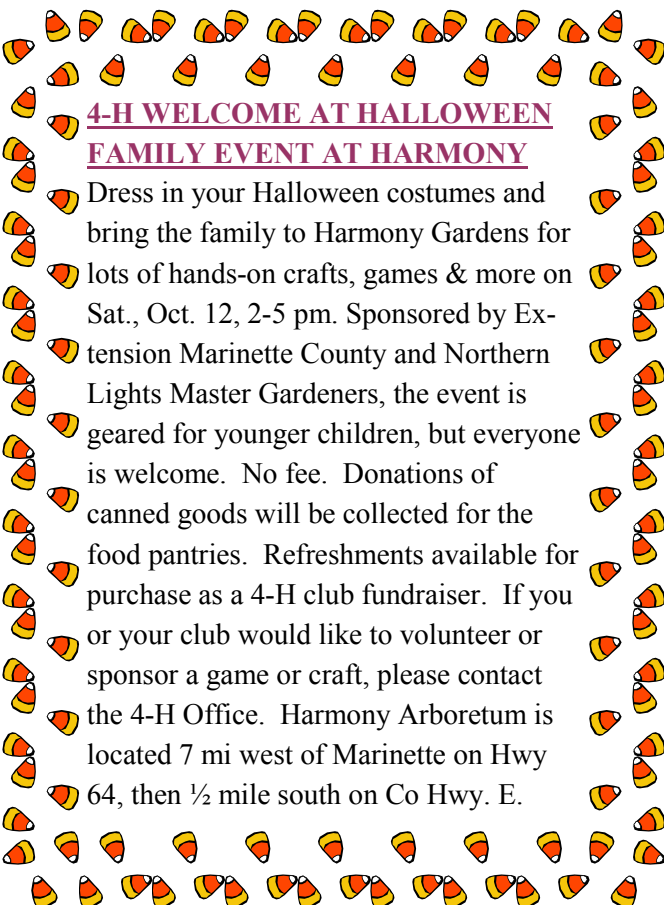
What is a project? Every subject listed in the Project Selection Guide is a project.

Notes:

- Cloverbud age is 5K through 2nd grade. Cloverbuds enroll in the Cloverbud project only.
- At grade 3, you can join 4-H and enroll in one to three projects & can do a record book on projects. In the 4-H Project Guide, read the project descriptions to select a project. Some projects have more than one skill level. Select the skill level (lowest number) that fits. You will be judged at this level at the Fair. Members are encouraged to exhibit at least one item per project at the Fair. Do not enroll in more than one skill level. For example, in Dairy, you can exhibit any age animal at the Fair in Dairy 1, 2 or 3.

## 4-H INSURANCE

All enrolled 4-H members and Cloverbuds, grades 5K & up, are covered for certain 4-H events. If you have an injury during a 4-H event, call the 4-H office immediately for a report form. You must report your injury within 20 days.



## A NOTE FROM PIKE RIVER 4-H ADULT LEADER, VERONICA CHURCH

*A very nice one hour presentation was done by 4-H members Aengus Patterson and Zach Schroeder at the Niagara Public Library titled "Browsing The Internet and Social Media" on August 9th with 4-H Leader Lisa Patterson directing. The presentation was also held at the Niagara Senior Citizen Center on July 31st and included strategies to better internet searching, key terms, internet phrases, secure websites, the Google engine, the forms of Social Media available and was geared to help senior citizens to become more tech savvy and for answering questions by people attending. This informative and well put together free presentation was partnered with Microsoft created to teach adults about technology and the many benefits of it. A third presentation will be done on September 19th at the Niagara Public School and will touch on keeping kids safe online.*



## COUNTY HORSE PROJECT

### MINUTES OF THE MARINETTE COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT

#### **Monday September 9th @ Grover Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Lindsey. 18 members were signed in. After the pledges were completed, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Kennedy Chmela and were approved as read. The treasurer's report and Paper Clover Days Report was presented by treasurer Kayla Hemstock. There were no corrections to the report so it will be filed.

#### Unfinished Business

- Fair Follow up
- Filled out little boxes to reflect on the fair and discussed

#### New Business

- Support for members going to State
- Pay for Sami's stall fee
- Acknowledged everyone who qualified for state
- New Officers for 2020
- Paper clover days at TSC - 10/9-20/19 volunteers

Saturdays: 10/12 or 10/19

- Begin to make time slots/sign up sheet (9-11 & 11-1)
- Fall Horse Leadership Conference - grades 7 and up
- UW Oshkosh (Nov 15-17) Good learning experience (Oct 11 is the deadline to sign up)
- Re-enrollment
- Sign up for Clubs to present Education
- Tack Swap?
- Create a date or see if we want to do it??

#### Announcements / Reminders

- Next meeting ; October 7, 6:30PM Grover Town Hall

#### Education

- Being an Officer

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kennedy Chmela

### COUNTY HORSE PROJECT NEWS



We had an exciting fair, welcoming many new exhibitors, with lots of fun and great weather!



Moving ahead, we will elect officers and advisors for the coming year at our next meeting on Monday, October 7th at 6:30. We are also planning on helping out at 4-H Paper Clover Days, October 19th at Tractor Supply.



Meetings will continue to be held at the Town of Grover Town Hall. Members are reminded that attendance at a minimum of four meetings during the year (September through August) is required in order to be able to show at the fair. We are planning for lots of fun learning at our meetings and look forward to seeing everyone there!



## **WI 4-H HORSE LEADERS CONFERENCE**

**November 15-17**, at UW-Oshkosh. For youth (7th grade & up) and adults. Before registering, re-enroll as a 4-H member for the new 4-H year if you have not done so already and complete/update your health and authorization forms in 4-H online BEFORE you send in your registration. Sponsored by: UW Extension 4-H Youth Development, WI 4-H Foundation, and WI 4-H Horse Association. Purpose of the workshop: to offer educational workshops which include both information and hands-on activity ideas for leaders to utilize when teaching youth; to provide a forum for strengthening communications relative to the 4-H Horse and Pony Project; and, to provide an opportunity for participants to network and share experience. Numerous workshop topics are offered throughout the conference by invited instructors. Registration deadline: **October 11**. For registration information, visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-leaders-conference/>

### **ASSOCIATION MINUTES**

#### **Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association September 16, 2019 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President, Lisa Witak. Present were: Anne Biernasz, Suz Deschane, Dorothy Kaminski, Kari LaCount, Jennie Pillath, Heather Schramm, Olivia Schramm and Lisa Witak.

Pledges were said.

Motion to approve Secretary's Report as written in the newsletter was made by Jennie Pillath, seconded by Suz Deschane, motion carried.

Kari LaCount gave the Treasurer's Report, listing New Checks Written, Uncleared Checks, Deposits, Transfers and New Bills to Pay. The report included information on the Raffle and Food Stands as well. Next month there will be a short report on the profit of those two fundraisers. Motion to accept the report and pay outstanding bills was made by Heather Schramm, seconded by Jennie Pillath, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Food Stand - Food items that went over well were

discussed such as pretzels and cheese dip, club shifts, club participation and more. A question was raised on wearing gloves for some of the food prep, Anne will check on.

Awards and Trips - Interviews are planned for next month. Dorothy Kaminski raised a few issues regarding the interview process for both trips and Royalty. Issues discussed by the Leaders Association were: Grading applicants on how polished and appropriate their interview was. Did the applicant act appropriately for the interview, how were they dressed, were they prepared for the interview, did they take it seriously? Using a "Grading Sheet" like the ones used for the Speech Contest, etc. was discussed so that the applicant could get instant feedback on their performance during the interview. These grading sheets are very useful in the Speech Contest and other contests that are graded. as they communicate to the kids involved what "counts", what is important, what is expected, what things did they do great on and what things do they need work on? Further discussion on this will take place again next month.

Fair Board - Lisa Witak reported on questions for ribbons for all Clover Buds who enter something. Lisa has referred that question to Nancy Servais.

Raffle Committee - Barb Kolosowski provided information on the total tickets sold by club, expenses, etc.

Royalty and Scholarship - Royalty is signed up for the Peshtigo Parade.

An overall Fair Review was discussed with these issues being highlighted: There are not enough judges in the Arts and Crafts department (2) and it takes too long. Discussion was held on one line being for those 4-Hers who only have 1-3 entries, or have a separate line for those entering over 10 projects. Further discussion will need to be held on this after consideration of these ideas. Heather Schramm questioned if it was possible for all Best of Show Ribbon winners to get a small trophy and have it presented at the same time as the livestock winners receive their trophies. Further discussion will take place on this in the future.

New activities Sponsored by Leaders Association that were discussed were: Trail of Terror outing. Clubs need to let the office know by October 9th how many are attending and the event is scheduled for October 19, 2019. The Leaders Association is paying admission for

this event. Upcoming ideas discussed were: Gamblers Hockey Game and sledding party. It was decided to obtain more information on the Gamblers Hockey Game and possible timing for that event was winter January/February/March. A watercolor class was discussed, but it was decided not to do this event until possibly next spring as we just completed a painting class.

Discussion was held on possible repair costs for the Treasurer’s laptop and possible software updates. Kari LaCount updated everyone on some issues with the laptop she uses now for the Treasurer’s work, which is nine years old. Currently, she backs up all of the information every time she does anything so that is available in case the laptop has issues. Kari reported that the new software does seem to be loaded and doing alright on the laptop at this time. No repairs are needed at this time, but most likely a new laptop will be needed soon.



Fall Forum at Green Lake, Wisconsin in November was discussed. Leaders and Youth Leaders are encouraged to sign-up and attend.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. was made by Anne Biernasz, seconded by Suz Deschane and carried.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Schramm.



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

1	Tues.	Record Books due to 4-H office
2	Wed.	Record Book judging, Courthouse Jury Assembly Rm., 5 pm
7	Mon.	County 4-H Horse Project Mtg., Grover Town Hall, 6:30 pm
12	Sat.	Fall Family Fun Fest, Harmony Arboretum, 2-5 pm
15	Tues.	New deadline to submit club charters to Extension Office
19	Sat.	Trail of Terror trip. Admission pd by Leaders Association
21	Mon.	County 4-H Association Mtg., Crivitz Fire Station, 6:30 pm (interviews 6 pm)

#### NOVEMBER

17	Sun.	Annual 4-H Achievement Day, Crivitz Village Hall, 1:00 pm
18	Mon.	County 4-H Association Mtg., Crivitz Fire Station, 6:30 pm

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