



Marinette County 4-H Newsletter October, 2016



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

Dear 4-H Families:

Happy National 4-H Week! October 2- 8th is a great time to celebrate and promote 4-H! According to the National 4-H Council, 4-H is the largest youth-serving organization with seven million young people participating around the world. Youth in 4-H are 4X more likely to make contributions to their communities and 2X more likely to make healthier choices. The theme for 2016 is "#4HGrown."

Ways to celebrate and promote 4-H:

- Have a green balloon day. Give away 4-H balloons
- Create a you tube video with your club promoting 4-H
- Play Wheel-of-4-H where participants guess and fill-in the blanks for 4-H facts & events
- Make 4-H buttons to wear and distribute (call the office to borrow the button maker)
- Invite friends, neighbors, or classmates to an upcoming 4-H event
- Promote 4-H at your school's open house or community event
- Do a project demonstration at school or the youth center
- Show off the 4-H clover-on your locker, car, clothing, school supplies, wallet or purse, phone
- Send pictures with a 4-H article to your local newspaper
- Create a display to put up at your library, café, grocery store, or other places youth gather
- Have a club potluck where everyone brings something green or white
- Send thank you notes to people who have inspired you in 4-H

- Have a 4-H fashion day where everyone wears their 4-H t-shirt, pins, hats, or other 4-H attire.

The UW-Extension Office has display boards, 4-H banners, stickers, balloons and brochures that you can use at parades, events or other promotions.

Celebrate National 4-H Week!

Lisa Devine-Barribeau
Marinette County 4-H Youth Development Educator
University of Wisconsin - Extension

STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH) PROJECT STARTING IN MARINETTE COUNTY

THE ROBOTS ARE COMING! All Marinette County 4-H members are invited to check out the new county-wide STEM Project! Areas of possible interest include Legos, robotics, computer programming & technology and more. The first project meeting will be **Sunday, Oct. 30**, 12 noon to 3:00, at the Pound Town Hall. Project leader, Jodie Bartnik, will take you through a robotics demonstration, you will do some hands-on activities, and discover your areas of interest. If you are interested in the project but can't attend this meeting please call Jodie at 715-927-3177.

STEM TRAINING A SUCCESS!



Leaders and members programmed robots, adjusted flight patterns for their homemade airplanes, and learned about new STEM related projects and activities during the training facilitated by Joanna Skluzacek, 4-H STEM Specialist on September 14th. The group is planning a county-wide STEM Project for Marinette County 4-H members. Shown above are Thomas and Seth programming their robot. Picture 2 is training attendees (pictured: Ben & Lisa Patterson, Joanna Skluzacek, Jodie & Michael Bartnik, Thomas Bartnik, and Seth and robots. Not pictured: Deb Heitman and Lisa Devine-Barribeau.)



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO NEW 4-H ROYALTY!

Please join me in congratulating our new 2016-2017 Marinette County 4-H Royalty, Queen Delanie Schroeder, Country Reins 4-H Club. Delanie received her crown during the county fair where she gave an inspiring speech about her involvement in 4-H. Part of

her duties will include participating in 4-H events, handing out awards, and promoting 4-H in various ways. Our new Queen has been in 4-H for 7 years and has been very active in the county horse project. She has a dynamic smile that you can't miss. Watch your next newsletter for a message from the new 4-H Queen, Delanie.

Thank you to last year's Royalty, Queen Olivia Brabant, Lucky Dogs 4-H Club, and King William Retza, Golden Opportunity 4-H Club. We enjoyed having you represent 4-H in Marinette County.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY/LEADER RECOGNITION

Save the date! Our annual Member Achievement and Leader Recognition event will be **Sun., Dec. 11**, featuring a potluck & awards ceremony. All members, parents and leaders are encouraged to attend! Our hosts this year are Nelligan Lake and Forever Green 4-H clubs. More details will be in the November newsletter.

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 December 11th. 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 ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS

Board elections for Vice President and Treasurer (2 year terms) and Secretary (1 yr. term) will be held during Achievement Day/Leader Recognition on **Sunday, Dec. 11th**. Each term begins in January, 2017. Association meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of every month (rotating locations) with the exception of August and December (no meeting). In addition to descriptions below, board member responsibilities include planning the annual 4-H calendar and annual budget and working with UW-Extension Educator 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!

Vice President: Presides in the absence of the President and takes care of all the President's duties during the absence.

Treasurer: Collects and cares for all money of the Leaders Association, including camp account. Shall pay bills of the Leaders Association as approved by the board of directors. Assists with budget planning.

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

4-H Association Mission:

"Young people are our most important natural resource. Using fun learning experiences, 4-H makes youth into productive, competent, caring citizens, able to be a positive influence in society."

WELCOME NEW LEADERS!

Welcome to our newest 4-H Leader, Ben Patterson, Golden Opportunity 4-H Club. Ben grew up as a 4-H member and has been in 4-H with his children for several years. Ben got his feet wet right away by volunteering to chaperone the Fair Dorms during the fair. His interests are in goats, STEM and woodworking. Welcome Ben!

CLUB AND PROJECT CHARTERS DUE NOVEMBER 1

Charters will again be due to Lisa in the 4-H Office by **Nov. 1**. If you would like help completing the forms, please contact Lisa for an appointment. A paper copy was distributed to club general leaders with fair packets. As a convenience to clubs and groups, the annual 4-H charter has been simplified and is now available in a fillable format online. The charter renewal form can be filled in, printed

off, signed and it's ready to go. Since the charter has been updated, do not use old charters from years past. Charters are due **November 1**, however, the financial pages involve the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

For 2016 charters go to:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/clubs-and-groups/charters/>

For audit tools and club/project financial information visit: www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/clubs/money.cfm

REMINDER: RECORD BOOKS DUE

Record books are due to your club general leader at a date he or 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 [given to leaders in club fair packet]) to the 4-H Office by 5:00 p.m. on **Wed., October 5**. If you are judging, books may be brought in with you on **Thurs., October 6**. Judging begins at 5:00 (or whatever time you can attend) in the UW-Extension Conference Room. One leader or parent from each club is asked to help with judging. Pizza will be provided by the 4-H Leaders Assoc.

4-H WELCOME AT HALLOWEEN FAMILY EVENT AT HARMONY

Dress in your Halloween costumes and bring the family to Harmony Gardens for lots of hands-on nature crafts, nocturnal animals program, games, scavenger hunt, & pumpkin decorating on **Sat., Oct. 15**, 2-5 pm. The garden will be all spooked out for Halloween. Sponsored by Marinette Co. UW Extension and Northern Lights Master Gardeners, the event is geared for younger children, but everyone is welcome. No fee. Donations of canned goods will be collected for the food pantries. Refreshments available for purchase as a 4-H club fundraiser. If you or your club would like to volunteer or sponsor a game or craft, please contact the 4-H Office. Harmony Arboretum is located 7 miles west of Marinette on State Hwy 64, then ½ mile south on Co Hwy. E.

COUNTY-SPONSORED TRIP INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be held by the Awards & Trips Committee on **Mon., Oct. 17**, at the Pound Town Hall, 6 pm prior to the 4-H Association meeting. Must have filled out a county-sponsored event form. Next opportunity is in February.

RE-ENROLLMENT IN 4-H

The 2016-2017 project year begins on **Oct. 1**. You can drop and add projects until **May 1**. New members can join

anytime and take exhibits to the Fair if enrollments are in by **May 1, 2017**. 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.
- ✓ Members may graduate from 4-H the year they graduate from high school or the following year.

4-H INSURANCE

All 4-H members and Cloverbuds, grades 5K & up, are covered going to or from and at any declared 4-H event. If you have an injury, call Lisa immediately for a report form. You must report your injury within 20 days.

PAPER CLOVER FUND RAISER

Oct. 5-16. During this fund raiser, Tractor Supply Company asks customers to donate \$1 to support 4-H.

CHAIN REACTION DAY

Sat., Oct. 22. Marinette County Elderly Services is requesting your assistance of just an hour or two to help elderly people in your area with necessary outside home chores such as raking, window washing & installing storm windows. If you or your club would like to volunteer, please contact 800-990-4242. *A non 4-H sponsored event.*

HONEY BEE POSTER CONTEST

Sponsored by the WI Honey Producers Association (W.H.P.A.). Theme: Honey bees pollinating for vegetables. Divisions: 2nd grade & under; 3rd-5th grades; 6th-8th grades; 9th-12th grades. Prizes for each division: 1st - \$35; 2nd - \$25; 3rd - \$15. Rules: size 11x14" poster board; print clearly on back your name, age and grade; include theme in design; posters become property of WHPA. Mail by **Oct. 25** to: Sharon Pufahl, W6432 Hwy O, Mauston WI 53948. (Most bees today live in bee hives. Paper wasps live in nests hanging from a tree branch. Not bees.)

2017 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

The Marinette Co. Land Information Committee and the Land & Water Conservation Division is once sponsoring this contest in cooperation with the WI Land & Water Assoc. Participants are encouraged to use the theme of "Healthy Soils are Full of Life." The theme must be used to be eligible for the national contest. The theme takes into account that productive soils are the foundation of any healthy ecosystem. Cash prizes are awarded to the first three places and honorable mention in each of the five age divisions. For an entry blank and more info., contact the 4-H office. Deadline: *Fri., Nov. 18.*



ANIMAL SCIENCE

FUR & FEATHER FALL SWAPS

Sm. animals, rabbits, livestock, pets or birds. Buy, sell, trade. Free. Public welcome. Held rain or shine. Participants are responsible for complying with all local and state regulations. Swaps 8 am to noon local time. Sponsor: Northern Poultry, Pigeon, Rabbit Club.

- **Sat., Oct. 1,** Marinette Farm and Garden, Hattie St (across from Walgreen's), Marinette
- **Sat., Oct. 8,** Peshtigo Feed Mill, in Peshtigo



EQUINE MGT & GRAZING FIELD DAY

Sat., Oct. 8, hosted by Todd and Kim Broullire, 1281 Broullire Rd., Niagara. (Broullire Rd goes south from Florence County Hwy N, approx. 2 miles east of Aurora, or 3 miles west of Niagara. Look for signs.) 10:30 am-2 pm. \$5 registration, inc. lunch and handouts. Topics: parasite mgt., grazing & forage mgt. in varying conditions, the Veterinary feed directive & how it will work, feeding to manage body condition score, hoof care considerations and time for questions. Call Scott Reuss at 715-732-7510 for more information.

WI 4-H HORSE LEADERS CONFERENCE

Nov. 11-13, UW-River Falls. For 4-H horse project leaders - youth & adult (minimum age 7th grade). Fee. Deadline to register: **Oct. 14.** No walk-ins accepted. See website for registration info., lodging and tentative schedule:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-leaders-conference>

MINUTES

Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association September 19, 2016 minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm at the Crivitz Fire Station by President Lisa Witak. In attendance were: Lisa Witak, Anne Biernasz, Suz Deschane, Jennie Pillath, Barb Kolosowski, Jodie Bartnik, and Thomas Bartnik.

Pledges were said.

Motion by Barb K, second by Suz D to approve the secretary's report as written in the newsletter. Carried.

Motion by Barb K, second by Jennie P to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

Lisa's report: Lisa was unable to attend. Record book judging will be 10/6 beginning at 5:00 pm, fall forum registration is open online, Fall Fun Fest at Harmony is 10/15 2-5pm and youth/adult help is welcome. Club charters are due 11/1.

A presentation was given by Jodie and Thomas Bartnik regarding STEM training that was held and asked for funding help to start a county project.

No committee reports.

Old Business:

County Fair - some comments from exhibitors/parents: Judges need to look at the premium book descriptions because sometimes the entire description is not on the entry tag, pig barn people were very helpful to new members, the one photo judge was not helpful to the kids regarding how to do better or what they did well

New Business:

Record book judging at the UWEX conference Room in the courthouse 10/6 at 5 pm.

Achievement Day - date yet to be set, St Mary's Hall in Crivitz
Election of Vice President and Treasurer for 2 year term and Secretary for 1 year term will be held at Achievement Day
Annual Leader Training will be 11/17 and 11/18-one leader per club must attend.

Next meeting: 10/17 6:30pm at the Pound Town Hall with trip interviews at 6pm

Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm by Jennie P, second by Anne B. Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Witak



BASKET OF CLOVERS

- A *sparkling* thank you to the **Royalty Committee, judges, and other volunteers** for being a part of our annual 4-H Royalty contest. An extra thank you to **Dorothy Kaminski**, Committee Chair, for hosting the crowning event during the fair.
- Thank you to **Wisconsin Public Service** for providing free ice cream bars to youth exhibitors at the Fair.
- A *yummy* thank you to the **4-H Food Stand Committee** who worked many hours behind the scenes to make the Food Stand a success again this year.



- Thank you to the **youth and adult volunteers** who worked so hard with the 4-H food stand so that we can continue having money for 4-H trips, training and awards.
- Hats off to the **4-H Raffle Committee**, especially **Barb Kolosowski**, for coordinating such a big fundraiser and for all youth and adults who made it a hit!
- Thank you to **Suzanne Deschane** for compiling results for the trophy ceremony at the Fair.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

1	Sat.	2016-2017 4-H Year Begins - Start Online Enrollments
2-8	Sun.-Sat.	NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
5	Wed.	Record Books Due to 4-H Office by 5 pm
6	Thurs.	Record Book Judging, 5 pm -?, at UWEX Conf. Rm., Courthouse
15	Sat.	Halloween Family Event, 2-5 pm, at Harmony Arboretum
17	Mon.	4-H Association Meeting, 6:30 pm, at the Pound Town Hall, and County 4-H Sponsored Event Application Interviews at 6 pm
30	Sun.	STEM Project Activities and Meeting, Pound Town Hall, 12 noon-3 pm

NOVEMBER

1	Tues.	4-H Recognition Nominations Due to 4-H Office
1	Tues.	Club and Project Charters Due to 4-H Office
17	Thurs.	Annual Leader Training, 6-7:30 pm, UWEX Conference Rm.
18	Fri.	Annual Leader Training, 10:30 am-12:00 noon, UWEX Conference Rm.
21	Mon.	4-H Association Meeting
30	Wed.	Re-Enrollments Online Due

DECEMBER

11	Sun.	Achievement Day and Leader Recognition Event, St. Mary's Hall, Crivitz, 12:00 noon
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TEENS WHO FILLED OUT AND RETURNED THE **COUNTY SPONSORED EVENTS FORM SHOULD** ATTEND THE INTERVIEWS WHICH ARE BEING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, TENTATIVELY AT 6 PM. NEXT INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY.

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Marinette County 4-H Recognition Nomination

Due to the UW-Extension Office by November 1, 2016

Please use this form to submit a nomination for the awards listed below. Use a separate form for each nomination. Nominations should be considered on the past 4-H year (October – September) and may be made by leaders, members, 4-H groups and clubs. Winners will be selected by a team of adults and youth and will be honored at the annual Achievement & Recognition event in December.

Outstanding Youth Leader -- Recognizes a Marinette County 4-H member who has demonstrated excellent leadership skills in their work at the 4-H club, county or state level.

Friend of 4-H -- Recognizes a business, sponsor, group or non-4-H individual whose efforts have improved the 4-H experience for Marinette County youth members.

Volunteer of the Year -- Recognizes a 4-H member, leader or volunteer for their outstanding efforts in volunteer service through the 4-H program.

Outstanding 4-H Alumnus -- Recognizes a former member of Marinette County 4-H who has made significant contributions of time or talent to the county 4-H program and its members.

TYPE OF AWARD: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF NOMINATOR: (individual or club) _____

Reasons for nominating: _____

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Re-Enroll Members/Leaders

Created: July 15, 2014

Updated: September 3, 2014 – added Enroll as Youth/Adult choice; added post 12th grade.

OVERVIEW

This document explains the process of a family re-enrolling members and leaders in 4HOnline.

GETTING STARTED

To get started with the re-enrollment process, log into 4HOnline at <https://wi.4honline.com> with your family email and password.

On the family home screen, click on the orange button labeled **Continue to Family**.

On your Member/Volunteer list, find the family member you wish to re-enroll and click on Edit next to their name.

RE-ENROLL

At the bottom of the next screen, click on the button for **Enroll for 2016-2017**.

If the youth is over 17 years old, a box will appear asking if you wish to enroll as a youth or an adult. If the youth is graduating from 4-H and wants to continue as an adult leader, then choose **Enroll As Adult**, otherwise select **Enroll as Youth**.

You will now see the Personal Information that you entered when you first enrolled. Look over the information and make any corrections. If the youth was in 12th grade last year, you must select the grade for this year, either **Post High School Education** or **Not in School**. When you are done, click on **Continue**.

Next is the Additional Information screen where you will need to accept the agreements and answer the Photo Release and Accommodations questions. Click **Continue** when done.

The Health Form for members is optional at enrollment, but you could be asked to complete it in the future if you attend any events that require one. Click **Continue** when done.

If you are an adult volunteer and see the Volunteer Screening page, then it has been 4 years since the last time a background check has been completed. You need to check over the answers to the questions and correct as needed. This page will only appear every 4 years. Click **Continue** when done.

On the Participation -> Club screen, confirm the correct club is listed. If you serve in a volunteer role (but not as a project leader) click on **Edit** and select the volunteer type. Click on **Update** to save the change. Click on **Continue** when done.

On the Participation -> Projects screen, confirm all the projects you are enrolled in are listed. Add any missing projects. If you are dropping a project, click on **Edit** for that project and then click on **Delete**. After making sure all your projects are listed correctly, click on **Submit Enrollment**.

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"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

--Anne Frank

Maybe one question at the start of your next meeting is to ask each person to name one thing they'd like to change and one step they might take toward that improvement. How can we improve our club or project? How can we make our community a better place? Baby steps or big strides...they all count!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS BY CREATING A FUN ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

It's the start of the new 4-H year! This is the time when we often get new members in our clubs. One of the Essential Elements of positive youth development is creating a welcoming, safe and fun environment where members feel good about sharing ideas and there is a sense of belonging.

Take some time at each club meeting to allow members to get to know each other and enjoy being part of a group. Here are a couple of fun activities to try:

•Truth, Truth, Whopper

Give members some time to write down two things about themselves that are true, and one that is a "whopper." Each member will then share these facts about themselves and the rest of the club has to figure out which "fact" is actually a "whopper."

•Island

Take a rope and tie it into a circle. Lay it on the ground and have the members of your club try to get inside the circle without having any parts touching outside the circle. Once the club has completed this task have the group leave the circle and make it smaller. See how small your club can go! For larger groups begin by tying two ropes together. Remember safety first on this one.

•Something I Enjoy

Using Legos, playdough or another building material, have each member create a symbol or small structure that represents something they enjoy doing, for example a dog for someone who enjoys teaching their dog tricks or a computer for someone who enjoys computer games. Have members take turns telling about the structure or symbol they created and what they enjoy doing.



If you have 4-H to thank for your
drive, courage & determination today,
you are #4HGrown!
Show your pride this National 4-H Week!

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