



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

Farewell 4-H Families (for the last time)!



By the time you get this 4-H newsletter my office will be empty. It has been a pleasure to serve you over the last 7 ½ years. Things have come full circle for me — I was a 4-H member in Brown County, a 4-H Leader in Oconto

County and a 4-H Youth Development Educator in Marinette County. Thanks for the friendships and all who made me feel so welcome in Marinette County. Building a sense of belonging is one of the things 4-H families do so well.

How do we make new members, families (and new educators) feel welcome in our clubs and projects? Here are 3 things you can do to involve the whole club in making new people feel welcome:

- **Be a source of information** — joining 4-H can seem overwhelming for new families. They may not know where to get information. The online enrollment system can seem intimidating. Offer help in getting enrolled, share the 4-H website and other resources. Assign a mentor to help new families with questions.
- **Create a positive welcoming first impression** — make meetings fun and welcoming by greeting people as they come through the doors, introducing everyone and playing get-to-know-you games.
- **Encourage involvement** — get new families involved right away! Remind members about club

and county experiences and trips, help them sign up for projects and inform them about county-wide project meetings, ask them to share a skill or talent with the club by giving a demonstration, teaching a project, or joining a committee.

The more welcome a new member or family feels, the more likely they are to continue in 4-H. Everyone's involvement makes a difference!

4-H Rocks!

Lisa Devine-Barribeau

**WELCOME NEW 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEMBERS!**

During our 4-H Achievement & Recognition Event on Dec. 2nd, the 4-H Leaders Association held elections for President, Secretary and Youth Reps. Please join me in welcoming our new secretary, Teia Lea, and Lisa Witak who was re-elected to serve as President. Youth Representatives are Alexis Witak and Sierra O'Mary. Terms are for two years. They will join Vice President, Anne Biernasz, and Treasurer, Wendy Nelson. Best of luck to this amazing group of board members as they help shape Marinette County 4-H!

**4-H VOLUNTEERS WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR
BACKGROUND CHECKS TO BE DONE BY GIS**

Every four years, 4-H leaders need to undergo a background check in order to continue their volunteer role with UW-Extension. Emails will be sent to those leaders who are due this year. Please check your in-box for an e-mail from GIS (General Information Services). GIS is the company contracted by the state to conduct background checks. The e-mail will come from GIS, Angela Schultz, CBC Coordinator for UW-Extension. Please complete the information needed within five days of receiving the email. If you have trouble with the process, contact the 4-H Office for help.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which has the potential to turn a life around."

– Leo Buscaglia

This month, take advantage of all the opportunities you have to make a difference in the lives of young people around you.

4-H MEMBERS AND LEADERS RECOGNIZED AT ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION EVENT

Marinette County 4-H Achievement and Recognition Event was held in Crivitz on Saturday, December 2nd. More than 200 awards were given out to 4-H members and leaders. Hosting the event were members of the Beaver Four Leaf Clover and Forever Green 4-H Clubs. The afternoon started with a potluck lunch followed by introductions of UW-Extension staff and 4-H Royalty, Queen Alexis Witak, from Merry Go Getters 4-H Club, and Princess Lindsey Michalski, from Middle Inlet Moonshiners 4-H Club. Receiving acknowledgments were general club leaders, 4-H Leaders Association Board of Directors and youth and adult committee members. Leaders were acknowledged for their years of service ranging from one year to forty-eight years. 4-H Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Mike and Jodie Bartnik; Lifetime Volunteer Award went to Anne Biernasz; 4-H Community Servant Award was awarded to Barb Kolosowski; and the Friend of 4-H Award was given to Jim Bushmaker.

Youth members received awards in various projects and for participation on committees, camp youth staff positions and high achievements. The 4-H Golden Clover Award was awarded to Chelsea Michalski, Middle Inlet Moonshiners 4-H Club. The James Crowley Dairy Leadership Award was presented to Lily Charapata, Merry Go Getters 4-H Club. The 2017 Outstanding Youth Leader Awards went to Thomas Bartnik, Forever Green 4-H Club, and Kiana Kotecki, Country Reins 4-H Club.

4-H SPEAKING CONTEST & MUSIC FEST COMBINED

Mon., March 19, at the Crivitz High School, at 6 pm.

Speeches judged separately - original and non-original categories. Judges MAY give a Best of Show in each category. Cash prizes of \$5, \$4 & \$3. Start your speech by introducing yourself: your name, club's name and title of your speech. You may recite a poem, a reading or give an original speech. Please register by **Wed., Mar. 14**, by

sending in your name, club, grade and topic. See rules in this newsletter on page 9.

The Music Festival will also be held on **Mon., March 19**, at Crivitz High School, after completion of speeches. Solos, ensembles, groups, Cloverbuds, vocals, instruments, or combinations. You can use your talents to entertain up to ten minutes. Costumes (if used), music, and props should be used in good taste. Ask the office for a set of rules. Each member can enter two categories. Any clubs or members interested in competing, please fill out the entry form on the bottom of page 8 of this newsletter, and return it to us by **Wed., Mar. 14**.



4-H PAINT CLASS HELD DECEMBER 28



Fifteen 4-H members, parents and leaders turned into artists under the direction of art teacher and former 4-H member and leader, Jenah Barribeau. Each snowperson had its own unique style. The group enjoyed snacks, painting, and a fun game together.

CEDAR CREST SELECTS ICE CREAM 4-H FLAVOR WINNER

Superior Shores, developed by the Whittlesey Creek 4-H Club of Bayfield County, was chosen as the winner of the 2017 Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest. Selected as the winner from the field of dozens of contestants, Superior Shores will be available statewide in time to celebrate June Dairy Month in 2018. The winning flavor features vanilla ice cream with chocolate "rocks" and a "wave" of blueberry and raspberry fruit swirl. The club describes its creation: "at the top of Wisconsin, on the shores of Lake Superior, sits Bayfield County. *Superior Shores* ice cream represents the chill of Lake Superior's water (vanilla ice cream), the rocky shoreline (chocolate

rocks) and waves of blue and Superior water fun (blueberry and raspberry fruit swirl)!" This flavor will be available in three-gallon tubs and on sale throughout the summer at ice cream parlors that serve Cedar Crest Ice Cream.

As the winning club, Whittlesey Creek 4-H Club will enjoy a Cedar Crest Ice Cream Party & a \$300 cash prize.

COME FLY WITH US...4-H TRIPS

4-H travel experiences are scheduled for 2018. If you are a member in grade 6 or above, now is a good time to consider participating in state and national trips. For trip details contact the 4-H Office. Youth members who want to apply for partial funding (75% of registration) for 4-H travel experiences should complete an application. Applications can be obtained on-line through the county Extension website or from the 4-H Office & are due to the 4-H Office by **Feb. 2**. Interviews will take place **Feb. 19th**, at the Pound Town Hall, 6 pm. Next application deadline is **Oct. 1**.

4-H COUNTY COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

We need more volunteers (youth and adult) for all of our Committees. A reminder that you need to sign up for committees each year. Committee sign-up has been extended to **February 15**. If interested in volunteering, please see the sign-up sheet on the last page of this newsletter.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Marinette County has a liability insurance policy for volunteers. Leaders are covered under this policy if they are enrolled as a 4-H Leader and they have completed the Youth Protection Training. This insurance is not accident insurance. Accident insurance can be purchased for specific events to supplement health insurance. Please call the 4-H Office to verify insurance coverage for activities that could be considered "out of the ordinary" and might increase risk. As a 4-H leader, it is important to reduce liability risks as much as possible. Be sure to provide safety instruction in all risk situations and take precautions to assure safe activities.

EXPAND YOUR WORLD BY HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL FRIEND

Wisconsin 4-H promotes intercultural awareness and understanding and challenges youth and families to become better global citizens by providing opportunities to establish close relationships with people from different cultures through international home-stay and hosting experiences.

Month-long outbound and hosting opportunities are available through Wisconsin 4-H and our partnering organizations in Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Costa Rica, Argentina, Finland, and Norway, as well as opportunities to host year-long high school students from Japan, South Korea, Mexico, or Eastern Europe. International learning workshops are offered at the county, district and state levels, and adult volunteer leadership positions are available as well as youth exchanges.

Applications are due **June 1** or til all delegates are placed. For more info and applications, visit: <http://wi4hinternational.org>

WI WATER QUALITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

This topic will be presented **Mon., March 5**, 6:30, at the UW Marinette Campus, Rm 117. Snow date: March 6. Sponsored by Home and Community Education. Public invited and there is no fee. Speaker: Dr. Renee Richer.

4-H ARTBEAT!

On-line registration has begun! For 4-H members in grades 3-5 & their parents and leaders. It will be held **March 16-17**, at Upham Woods, in WI Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts & more. Both youth & adult participants stay in cabins. Fee is \$50, inc all materials, special snacks, lodging & breakfast & lunch on Saturday. Registration deadline: **February 15**. For additional info, visit <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat/>

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

By now, only those (new and returning) members who have completed their on-line enrollment forms and leaders who have completed the volunteer protection requirements are receiving this newsletter. **General leaders, please check with your group to make sure everyone is registered.** New members must join by May 1 in order to exhibit at the Fair.

SPRING GARDEN CONFERENCE

Sat., March 24, at the UW Campus, Marinette, 8 am-3:45 pm. Cost: \$40 inc. speakers, handouts, lunch & refreshments. Workshops, extra fees. Look for registration info on the UWEX website shortly: <http://marinette.uwex.edu>
☎ For further info., contact Scott at 715-732-7510.

4-H CLUB GRANT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Mutual of Wausau Insurance Corporation 4-H club grant program is to support 4-H clubs in youth development & to promote civic & leadership responsibilities. Grants will be awarded in the amount of \$400 per club. To be considered, your

application must be received at the company's home office by **April 1**. For an application, contact the 4-H office.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

CO. 4-H LEADERS ASSOC. SCHOLARSHIPS

To be eligible, you must have been in Marinette County 4-H at least four years and be a 4-H graduate of Marinette County or eligible to graduate. Open to high school seniors, freshmen and sophomores in post-secondary education, including college, university or technical school and a full-time student. Up to five \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Scholarship applications are available in the Extension office. Deadline: **March 1**.

4-H HORSE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: **March 1**. Information and application form are on the state 4-H website in the horse handbook at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/>

WI 4-H FOUNDATION 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding WI students pursuing higher education. Applications must be received via e-mail by **March 15, 2018**. To be eligible, students must have been a WI 4-H member for at least one year, have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2018-19 academic school year. Visit <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/> for more info.

WI STATE FAIR DAIRY PROMOTION BOARD

The Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships to be used during the second semester of the 2018-19 school year. Third and fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities are eligible to apply. Additional scholarships will be available to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science.

Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair. Application deadline is **Friday, March 23**. For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com. The application is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>

MECHANICAL SCIENCES & NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRON.

FARM MACHINERY/TRACTOR SAFETY CLASS

March 24 - May 5 - 8:30 am-12:30 pm, at Oconto Falls. Fee. Can register on-line at <https://www.nwtc.edu/> or phone 888-385-NWTC. For additional info, call the Trades & Technical office 920-498-5457. *A non 4-H sponsored event.*

UW Extension will be offering classes in July for a fee of \$35 as last year. Keep watching your newsletters for more information.

WILDLIFE FOREVER STATE-FISH ART CONTEST

Open to K-Gr 12. Deadline: **March 31**. Children must draw any state's official fish in its natural habitat and write an essay about that fish. Winners in each grade group (K-3, 4-6th, 7-9th, 10-12th) selected. Visit: <https://www.wildlifeforever.org/home/state-fish-art/how-to-enter-contest/> *A non 4-H sponsored event.*

CAMP NEWS

CAMP 2018 IS ALMOST HERE!

Camp 2018 is almost here! Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are not able to provide camp at Camp Bird this year. Although there are changes, we are very excited to be able to offer you a wonderful camp opportunity this year.

Please check out the website for Upham Woods 4-H Camp.

Upham Woods Open Enrollment Camp:

- **Date:** Fri., June 15 (arrival 2:30pm) - Mon., June 18 (departure 11:00am), 2018
- **Location:** Wisconsin Dells
- **Price:** \$180 (we have some funding options that will bring the cost closer to our usual camp costs plus bussing) *Costs pending approval by 4-H Leaders Association*
- **Ages:** 3rd - 6th grades
- **Capacity:** 120, first come, first serve
- **Deadline:** no specific date listed.
- **Registration:** 4-H'ers will register using 4HOnline. Non 4-H members can go Upham Woods website and download a registration packet. Registration is NOW OPEN and can be done NOW through 4HOnline.
 - o **Transportation:** As we get closer to camp dates, county

educators will work together to arrange bus transportation to and from Upham Woods.

- o **Adult support:** Like many state based 4-H activities, the camp is requesting a camper, chaperone ratio of 10:1. We will be looking for adult volunteers to support campers throughout this experience. Contact the Marinette County 4-H Office to volunteer at camp. There is no fee for adults to attend Upham Woods Open Enrollment Camp.
- o **UW-Extension Staff at Upham Woods** will be the camp hired staff. County educators will not be attending camp with campers. Onsite staff will provide the 4-H youth development experience.
- More information about Upham Woods Open Enrollment Camp:
<https://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/open-enrollment-summer-camp-and-outpost-trip/>

We realize this is different than previous years, but firmly believe this will be a wonderful camp experience! It is strongly suggested that youth attending Upham Woods are comfortable traveling the 3 hr. distance to camp and being away from home.

Please contact the 4-H office with any questions.

SAND LAKE CONSERVATION CAMP

Wed.-Fri., June 20-22, 2018 at Camp Bird Youth Camp, Crivitz, WI. This camp is for Wisconsin & Upper Michigan youth attending grades 6-8 in September. It provides positive outdoor experiences, fosters an appreciation for nature, and introduces a variety of conservation & natural resources careers. Topics include wildlife ecology, water quality, fisheries, outdoor skills, and general summer camp activities. \$100 fee until May 18; after May 18 is \$150. Cut-off date is June 1 and space is limited; registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration packet will be available by the end of February. For more information, call 715-732-7784 or visit: <http://www.marinettecounty.com> & search for "Sand Lake" or "Sand Lake Conservation Camp". *A non 4-H sponsored event.*



ANIMAL SCIENCE

RABBIT AND POULTRY SKILLATHON/JUDGING

Golden Opportunity's Leader, Ember Rickaby, asked that we share the following information. Leaders from several different counties are planning a rabbit and poultry skillathon/judging event for this area. It will be co-sponsored by the Northern Poultry, Pigeon and Rabbit Club. I will be setting up a training session probably for February or March, so anyone interested in rabbits or poultry should make sure they are signed up for these projects to make sure they are on the contact list.

YOUTH PIG PROJECT SCHOLARSHIPS

The WI Pork Association Youth Committee is offering these scholarships which are designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities. 4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a \$50 scholarship used to offset costs associated with their 2018 pig project. Forms must be submitted no later than **Feb. 1**. Youth may download the application form at www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project *A non 4-H sponsored event.*

SMALL RUMINANT CLINIC

The Indianhead Sheep & Goat Breeders Association clinic will be held **Sat., Feb. 3**, at the WI Indianhead Technical College Conference Center, in Rice Lake. 8 am registration. It is an educational event for sheep and goat producers, and 4-H and FFA youth. Fees. To view the schedule, click on www.indianheadsheepandgoat.org. For a registration form visit <http://barron.uwex.edu> Pre-registration deadline is **Jan. 26**; late registrations cost additional.

FUR AND FEATHER SWAPS

March 10. WI Bird & Game Breeder Show & Swap, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, Expo Center, 601 Martin Ave., Fond du Lac. 6:30 am-1:30 pm, with set-up on Friday. Admission \$3, 17 & under free. No turkeys or hoof stock. For info, contact Jim Bleuer at 920-379-6188.

March 18. Beaver Pigeon & Bantam Poultry Swap, Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds, 503 N Jackson Ave, in Jefferson. 6:30- 11 am. \$2 buyers; \$5 sellers, under 12 free. Poultry, rabbits, cavies, pigeons, cage birds, equipment. For info, contact Dan Schwandt at 920-763-8030.

March 31. Fur & Feather Swap, Marinette Farm & Garden, 630 Hattie St., Marinette. 8 am-noon. No adm. fee. For info, contact Joe at 715-596-0284 or Doug/Mary at 906-753-4153.

REGISTERED GUERNSEY CALF CONTEST

This calf will be awarded to the WI youth, age 10-17, who writes the best essay on their choice of two topics. Entries must be postmarked by **Feb. 16**. Sponsor: WI Guernsey Breeders Association. For more info, contact the 4-H office. *A non 4-H sponsored event.*

WI DAIRY & BEEF WELL-BEING CONFERENCE

March 20-21, at Tundra Lodge & Resort, Lombardi Avenue, in Green Bay. Fees. New this year is a pre-conference geared specifically toward dairy workers. Provided in both English and Spanish, attendees will learn how everyday tasks can influence animal well-being. Fees. For more information and registration, visit:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/animalhusbandryconference/>

COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN DATES ANNOUNCED

March 17 for steers. **May 12** for swine, goats, sheep.

COW JUDGING CONTEST

The Jan. 10 through March 10 issues will feature five classes of dairy cattle for you to evaluate in the Annual Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest. Entry forms can be found in the publication or for group entries, contact judging@hoards.com for the 2018 judging pamphlet. Teams that have entered in the past two years are scheduled to receive their pamphlets by mid January 2018. Same classes, same judges, same contest! Entering online is an option for the 2018 Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest. Make your selections and move the cows into the order you want. Save your picks and come back later to finalize your placings. But, once submitted, your choices are locked in. Deadline is **March 22, 2018**. Good luck! Visit <https://hoards.com/flex-295-cow-judging.html>. *A non 4-H sponsored event.*

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DERBY

Sat.-Sun., April 7-8, at Oregon High School, in Oregon, WI. Sponsored by: Professional Dairy Producers. This is an experience for high-school students to explore potential agriculture careers through hands-on labs and interactive learning sessions. Students will develop leadership skills and make new friends along the way. Participants will dissect real livestock organs with guidance from top researchers and faculty at UW-Madison, explore a wide range of dairy industry careers from those living the life, get close access to inspirational, world-class keynote

speakers, and connect with others, some from farms. Registration fee of \$89 inc. materials, tour, transportation and meals. Deadline: **April 1**. To register or for more information, visit www.pdpw.org, click on 'Programs' and scroll down the list to find this program. *A non 4-H sponsored event.*

MAQA TRAINING REPLACED WITH YQCA

Wisconsin has replaced the MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) program with the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program. This new and interactive program provides youth options for annual quality assurance certification. **Exhibitors of the following species in Marinette County must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program:** beef, dairy, dairy goat(s), meat goat(s), poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine and poultry in order to be eligible to sell in the 2018 Marinette County Youth Fair. In addition, it will be required for those who intend to show beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, poultry and rabbits at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair.

The YQCA training will provide a common framework for food animal quality assurance programs which will strengthen the youth educational experience, improve the care of food animals, and promote a higher level of consumer food safety. In addition, youth will learn about other species of animals; not just the species they show. Each year, youth will complete one new module in each the following categories: Animal Welfare (basic needs, proper animal handling, biosecurity, etc.), Food Safety (medications, medicated feeds, withdrawal times, avoiding residue, etc.), and Character Education (ethics, goal setting, career exploration, etc.).

The YQCA program was peer-reviewed for content and age appropriateness. It is supported by Wisconsin 4-H and FFA leaders. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training content and modules will demonstrate a progression of topic knowledge in designated age categories (age as of January 1):

- Junior (8-11 years old)
- Intermediate (12-14 years old)
- Senior (15-18 years old)
- Young Adult (19-21 years old)

The new YQCA training is an effort to provide flexibility to accommodate busy seasonal schedules while providing relevant age-specific food animal quality assurance training. Youth exhibitors will complete three interactive online modules and quizzes which can be accessed according to your schedule. In Wisconsin, face-to-face trainings may be offered in specific counties for juniors

(8-11 year olds) only. On average, it will take 60 minutes per year to complete all the required online training modules or in-person training-depending on age.

Maintaining current information, developing creative modules on an online learning platform costs a significant amount of money, and youth exhibitors will pay depending on the training option. Youth completing the online modules will pay \$12/person/year, and face-to-face trainings offered for juniors (youth age 8-11) only will pay \$3/person/year.

To complete the YQCA online training or register for face-to-face training, log into <http://yqca.org>. Follow the step-by-step instructions to create a user identity and password. All payments for either online or in-person training will be made using the YQCA website. Additional material fees (beyond the \$3.00 payment to YQCA) for in-person training may apply, and if so will be collected at the time of the face-to-face training.

Two in-person trainings will be offered for juniors (8-11 year olds). The dates and locations of the trainings are listed below. Space will be limited, and registration will be taken only through the YQCA website (<http://yqca.org>).

In-Person Trainings for Juniors (8-11 year olds) ONLY:

Thursday, April 19 - Pound Town Hall, Coleman 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 12 - Gillett Community Center, 200 E Main Street, Gillett 9:30-10:30 am

It is recommended to print the completion certificate at the end of the online session as the ten-digit certificate number will be required on your paperwork for training verification. The certificate and ten-digit certificate number can only be accessed through your account at <http://yqca.org>.

If you are not YQCA certified, you will not be eligible to sell at the 2018 Marinette County Fair. Training must be renewed every year for YQCA. Exhibitors must complete all online modules, or attend the entire in-person training to be certified. Please choose the option that works best for you!

If you have any questions about YQCA, please contact Sarah at (920) 834-6845. If you know of any new 4-H, FFA, or Scouts members which might be showing livestock this year, please pass this information along to them.



HORSE PROJECT

4-H HORSE ASSOCIATION HANDBOOK

The handbook has now been updated for 2018 and is located at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/>

NEW WEBSITE AVAILABLE FOR HORSE LOVERS

Just like you, Megan found the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Project had a huge impact on her life. She launched WalkTrotGo.com late last year to help give back to the horse community. It's a free horse event directory website with over 30 event categories. Events can be sorted by address, making it easy for 4-H kids everywhere to get horse information and find other 4-H horse events. Check it out! *Not a 4-H sponsored event/site*

MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2017

Marinette County 4-H Horse Project
Grover

Meeting called to order at 6:40

- Motioned by Chelsea Michalski

American Pledge led by Lindsey Michalski

4-H Pledge led by Morgan Beaudou

Treasurer's Report given by Kayla Hemstock

- Motioned by Timi Hemstock
- Seconded by Samuel Hemstock

Secretary's Report given by Morgan Beaudou

- Motioned by Kiana Kotecki
- Seconded by Lindsey Michalski

Sportsmanship Report

Old Business

- Community Service
 - Disability visit
- New Family Mentoring
- Fair Booklet Review
- Fundraising Project
 - Seroogy Bars
 - Calendars
 - Fans
 - Sponsorship Goal

SPEAKING CONTEST

The purpose of the contest is to encourage you to learn how to speak in front of a group - a skill you can use now and for your lifetime! The 4-H Leaders Association gives cash prizes (\$5, \$4, and \$3) and judges will make constructive comments for your use. Cloverbuds receive a ribbon.

❖ The Speaking Contest will be held at the Crivitz High School on Monday, March 19 beginning at 6 pm.❖

CATEGORIES:

- **Interpretive Reading:** The reading of any story, play cutting, narrative, poem, or article prepared or written by someone other than the participant.
- **Original Presentation:** A speech, story, or poem written by the presenter.
- **Memorized Presentation:** Any memorized speech, prose, or poetry (original or non-original) . No notes allowed. A prompter may have a copy.
- **Impromptu or Story-Telling.**

Competition will be as follows:	<u>Classification:</u>	<u>Grade levels:</u>	<u>Time limits:</u>
	Cloverbuds	Up to grade 3	Up to 2 minutes
	Junior	Grades 3 and 4	2 to 5 minutes
	Lower Intermediate	Grades 5 and 6	3 to 6 minutes
	Upper Intermediate	Grades 7 and 8	4 to 8 minutes
Senior	Grades 9 and up	4 to 10 minutes	

1. Presentations in all categories must be in good taste and include an introduction written and presented by the participant. It must include the presenter's name, club, title of the piece being presented, and its source.
2. Memorized Materials are to be presented without the aid of note cards. In all categories, engagement of the audience (eye contact, gestures, etc.) should take place.
3. Costumes, props, or other visual aids are not allowed in any category. Don't dress to fit your theme, like wearing a western shirt with talk about cowboys.
4. To encourage all participants and judges to adhere to the time limits, you are allowed a 30-second grace period, but if your speech is more than 30 seconds over the time limit, you will be judged down one point.
5. Entries must be registered with the 4-H Office by the deadline noted in the newsletter.
6. Best of Show may be awarded at the judge's discretion in each of the 3 categories. Entries will be placed first, second, or third with no restriction on the number in each placing group. Cloverbuds compete for ribbons only.

JUDGES WILL PRIMARILY LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

What is the general appearance of the participant (neat and clean)? How is the participant's posture? Are gestures and eye contact made? Does the presentation grasp audience's interest from the start? Is there a clear introduction and title? Does the length fit the guidelines? Is the voice clear and pleasing? Is pronunciation acceptable? Are important points stressed by the use of voice modulation, restatements, etc.? If it is a speech: Is the main thought carried out throughout the talk? Is there a suitable conclusion? Is there evidence of adequate research? Is the material accurate?

HELPFUL NOTES: * Practice! * Plan carefully to fit guidelines/times. * Keep the introduction brief, present all of the material called for and use it to set the stage for your presentation.

COUNTY 4-H SPEAKING CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

Monday, March 19 • Crivitz High School

Please send to: **Marinette County 4-H Office, 1926 Hall Avenue, Marinette WI 54143-1717. Deadline: Wed., Mar. 14.**

Name of presenter(s) and club name: _____

Phone number: _____ Grade: _____

Title of presentation: _____

2018
4-H County Activities & Special Projects
Volunteer Sign-Up - Due February 15

YOUTH and ADULTS—As you plan your new 4-H year, please consider sharing your time and talent in one or more of our county activities and special projects. Please sign up to serve in your area of interest for the coming year. Whether you are new or are already helping in an area, please complete this sign-up sheet. If there is more than one person to a sheet, please put name next to choices. **Committee sign-ups are on an annual basis. You need to sign up each year to be on the Committee.**

Name(s) _____ Club _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please put your name next to the group you'd like to help with & return to UW-Extension Office. Limit of three (3) committees per person.

___ **Awards and Trips** - provides leadership in promotion of 4-H trips, works with Leaders Association and the County 4-H Office to determine candidate selection process. Meets February and October or as needed.

___ **Raffle/County Fundraising** - develops annual fundraising plan, makes recommendations on and helps coordinate and promote planned fundraisers.

___ **Food Stand** - provides leadership in developing 4-H food stand policies and procedures, recommends menu items, orders food and supplies, helps to evaluate, etc. Meets April-September, 1-2x/month as needed.

___ **Scholarship** - reviews scholarship procedures, assists in selection of scholarship winners.

___ **Royalty** - Prepares candidates, helps with all aspects of contest, secures judges, facilitates Royalty coronation at the Fair, awards& follow up. Meets April-August.

Yes **No** I am interested in serving as a Committee Chair or Co-Chair. List Committee: _____

4-H ACTIVITY COORDINATOR or COMMITTEE — Plan and implement special county activities. Can be youth or adult or youth/adult team. Duties include assisting with promotion and coordination of event, selecting judges, event follow up.

___ **Speaking Contest & Music Fest** (February/March)

___ **Drama & Variety and Demonstration Contest** (April)

___ **Super Saturday/Project 101 Day**

___ **Fair help** (office or at fair) (August)

___ **Other. Please list:** _____

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