

Change is everywhere. The leaves are turning colors showing that change can be beautiful. When I stopped at a few of Marinette's parks earlier this month, the temperature had dropped to 37 degrees. This change turned out to be very uncomfortable. Heavy rains have made our rivers and waterfalls rage. The change in water levels showcased the power and wonder of nature. Some of you may have experienced snow already, a change that makes some of you very happy and some of you very annoyed.

4-H is no stranger to change either. Last month, I introduced myself as the new 4-H Program Coordinator – a career change for me and a change in staffing for you. What other changes are coming? Some of you have completed your club charters and have noticed the request to create goals for expanding access to our 4-H clubs which is a change from what has been asked in the past. One of our goals is to make sure that we are serving our communities as best as we can and making sure we offer opportunities to everyone.



Long Slide Falls after heavy rain

Take some time to think about what changes you can make in your own club. Can you find a way around obstacles that are stopping your friends from joining 4-H? Are there families that might not feel welcome or included in your club? What changes can you make?

Change can be a lot of things. It can be uncomfortable, painful, scary, refreshing, powerful, and even beautiful. As I continue to get to know all of you, I'm excited to hear your ideas, your thoughts, and your plans. I plan on scheduling time to attend one of your club meetings in the coming months, and I'm excited to see what changes you make on the world around you!

Ben

BECOMING A 4-H VOLUNTEER - FOUR STEPS

All 4-H youth development volunteers are required to complete 4 steps before volunteering with youth.

1. Enroll and annually sign the Volunteer Behavior Expectation and Assumption of Risk (done as part of online enrollment). Your club leader can help you.
2. Pass a criminal background check (initial and every four years). Within a couple weeks of completing your online enrollment, you will receive an email from GIS.
3. Participate in a face-to-face VIP (Volunteer in Preparation) training provided by UW-Extension Coordinator (attend only once). Contact 715-732-7514.
4. Complete UWEX Volunteer Mandated Reporter Training (done online).

REMINDER: CLUB INSURANCE/SUPPORT

There are still clubs who have not paid their 2017-2018 invoice for insurance and support. Please submit to the 4-H office as soon as possible.



Don't Forget...

ANNUAL 4-H MEMBER & LEADER ACHIEVEMENT DAY

You are invited to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our members and leaders!

- Who:** All 4-H members, parents & families, volunteers and leaders
When: **Sat., Nov. 10**, noon potluck & awards & recognition to follow at 12:45 pm.
Where: St. Mary's Church 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: Badger Buds and Kountry Kids 4-H clubs. See last month's newsletter for more details.

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 10th. 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, Treasurer and Secretary will be held during Achievement Day/Leader Recognition on Sat., Nov. 10. Terms begin in January, 2019. 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). Last month's newsletter includes a description of the duties for these positions.

ANNUAL LEADER TRAINING MEETING

Local Annual 4-H Volunteer Leader Training sessions have been set for Oconto and Marinette Counties! The theme of this year's training is *All Together, Not the Same*. Together, we'll explore how our clubs can welcome community members of all backgrounds.

As part of the charter and club renewal process, all clubs must have at least one representative attend a training session. There is no minimum number of representatives from each club. Youth leaders are encouraged to attend.

You do not need to attend your specific county's training. A full list of trainings statewide as well as supplemental materials for your club can be found here: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/annual-leader-trainings/>

County	Date	Time	Location	RSVP/Notes
Oconto	Monday, Jan. 7	6 – 7:30pm	Oconto County Courthouse - LEC – Room 1389 301 Washington St. Oconto, WI 54153	RSVP by 1/2 Call 920-834-6845 or email Benjamin.hoppe@ces.uwex.edu <i>Light snacks will be provided</i>
Marinette	Monday, Jan. 28	6 – 7:30pm	Crivitz Village Hall 800 Henriette Ave. Crivitz, WI 54114	RSVP by 1/23 Call 920-834-6845 or email Benjamin.hoppe@ces.uwex.edu <i>Light snacks will be provided</i>

WELCOME NEW 4-H FAMILIES

There are many opportunities for members & families...meet new people, attend club & county activities, learn new skills & have FUN! During your first year of 4-H, ask lots of questions & ask for help if you have difficulty understanding something. Club leaders & other 4-H families in your club are great resources and can help answer many of your questions. You can also contact Ben or Nancy at the Extension office by phone or e-mail. Hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon. through Fri. (Doors lock at 4:30 pm.)

RE-ENROLLMENTS

Remember, the deadline for on-line enrollments is November 30th. Instructions in this newsletter. (Website: <https://wi.4honline.com>)

With so many choices, here's some tips from WI State 4-H specialists on how to choose a 4-H project:

- Make a list of the things you really like to do or want to know about.
- Talk over your list with your parents, leaders, and friends. They may recognize some special things you are good at that you don't even realize you do well.
- Compare your list with the projects offered.
- Ask yourself if you have the equipment, money and time to do the projects that sound interesting.

With some projects, you'll have a choice of signing up for beginning, intermediate or advanced levels. If you've had a lot of experience with the subject matter, you may want to skip the first or beginning level of a project. Some projects also have grade recommendations. **These are only recommendations.** If this is your first year in 4-H, choose only one to three projects to concentrate on.

Cloverbuds should sign up for the Cloverbud project. Cloverbud materials can be found at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hcloverbuds/>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you are a high school senior planning to attend post-secondary education, it is time to start applying for scholarships. Many scholarship deadlines are as early as November or December. Listing your participation as a 4-H member looks terrific on an application! In addition to opportunities the 4-H office is aware of, it is wise to check with your school guidance department and community library - they have books and materials filled with scholarship options. Contact the office if you'd like more information on scholarships.

ASTRONOMY AT THE ARBORETUM

Dec. 4, 5: 15-6:30 pm, at the Harmony Arboretum Demonstration Gardens, County E. Intro to stars, constellations, star lore and other space-related topics, inc. a stargazing tour. Dress for weather; hot beverages will be provided. Event will be cancelled if raining or overcast. For more info, contact 715-732-7780.

2019 EAST METRO REGION WINTER LEADERSHIP CAMP



Attention youth leaders in grades 6-8 and adult 4-H volunteers! Don't miss your chance to participate in the 2019 East Metro Region Winter Leadership Camp. It is always a great weekend full of leadership development and fun! From team-

building, group facilitating, and goal setting to sledding, night hikes, and campfires, there will be something for everyone! Mark your calendars now for a terrific time...this year's 4-H East Metro Region Winter Leadership Camp will be held **February 8-10, 2019**, at Camp TaPaWingo near Mishicot, WI.

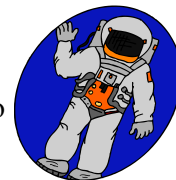
Older youth from throughout the East Metro Region will come together at 4-H Winter Leadership camp to work on improving their leadership skills through hands-on, interactive leadership sessions. Youth will gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to apply being a youth leader in their club, county, and school. Along with leadership learning, youth will have opportunities to participate in a variety of recreational activities that may include sledding/tubing, snowshoeing, crazy games, and other outdoor activities.

Adult leader volunteers are also needed as chaperones to support youth in learning leadership skills and experiencing the great outdoors.

If you're interested attending, please contact the UW-Extension Office for an application.

SPACE CAMP

April 25-29, 2019. Any youth in grades 6-8 may register to go to Space Camp. It's a camp experience where you learn and experience a ton of different aspects about life as an astronaut, working at NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth! Register through 4-H Online. Registration will open **Nov. 7** and close at midnight **Jan. 1, 2019**. Selections limited to approximately 165 delegates. More info available at:



<https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/space-camp/>

CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING AT UPHAM WOODS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Session 1: *March 9-10, 2019*

Session 2: *April 27-28, 2019*

Registration will open in January 2019. Camp Counselor training is an excellent opportunity for counselors, adult volunteers, and 4-H staff alike to come together in collaboration to prepare youth to excel in their summer camp counselor role. Applicable for both beginning counselors (as participants), experienced counselors (as leaders), adult volunteers, and 4-H staff. A variety of opportunities exist at Counselor Training Weekend:

Counselors participate in training that builds confidence and provides youth development strategies to be successful with campers

Tracked training modules: sessions for counselors, sessions for adult volunteers. More information available at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/outreach-programs/public-programs/counselor-training-weekend/>

4-H FOUNDATION LICENSE PLATES

Available now. The 4-H Foundation license plate fees include an issuance fee of \$15, plus an annual \$25 tax-deductible contribution, in addition to the regular registration fee. This contribution goes to the WI 4-H Foundation. Vehicles that qualify: automobiles, motor homes (annual registration only), and motor trucks (4,500; 6,000; or 8,000 lbs gross weight inc. dual purpose farm and dual purpose motor home; and, 12,000 lbs gross weight farm truck).

In addition to the fees mentioned above when you request these plates, you pay the regular registration fee for your vehicle if your current plates expire within three months or you have no plates. For more information and application



JOIN MARINETTE COUNTY 4-H STEM PROJECT

If you like to tinker, enjoy discovering new things, working on computers, Legos, building rockets, or just plain experimenting...STEM is for you! Anyone who is interested, please contact Jodie at 715-927-3177.

4-H ADOPTING TREE AT STEPHENSON ISLAND

Marinette County 4-H is once again 'adopting' a tree on Stephenson Island, in Marinette. If you have an item that could help to decorate the tree (ideally would be about 8"x8" and must be weather-proof), please contact Lisa Witak. Trees can be decorated starting the week of November 25 until November 30.

SCHEDULE A PREVIEW DAY TO VISIT UW MADISON COLLEGE OF AG & LIFE SCIENCES

Prospective students are encouraged to visit campus by attending one of the Preview Days, especially during the academic year (November – March). Preview Days help prospective students get acquainted with the program, campus, and staff. Students will tour the CALS agriculture campus, see the FISC Residence Halls, visit classes, and talk with current Farm and Industry Short Course students. Advance registration is required.

Select a date to register for a Preview Day:

Note: Registration closes four (4) business days before the event or when the number of registrants reaches capacity, whichever comes first. Click on <https://fisc.cals.wisc.edu/prospective-students/preview-day/>

Friday, November 16, 2018

Friday, December 7, 2018

Several days prior to the Preview Day students will receive an e-mail regarding the schedule, directions, parking, and overnight accommodations.

It is also possible for students to set up an individual visit with a member of the Farm and Industry Short Course staff to learn more about the program. For more information, please call 608.263.3918 or email at fisc@cals.wisc.edu.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

Sponsored by the Marinette Co. Land Information Committee and Land & Water Conservation in cooperation with the WI Land & Water Conservation Assoc. (WLWCA). Participants are encouraged to base their posters on the theme of "Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper." Posters must be 14"x22". Other sizes will be disqualified. Cash prizes to the first three places in each of the five divisions. Entries must be received by Land & Water Conservation on or before *Nov. 29, 2018*. First-place winners from the county contest will be entered in the Lake MI Land & Water Conservation Association area contest. More info can be obtained at <http://www.marinettecounty.com/departments/land-information/environmental-education/environmental-awareness-poster-contest/> or contact the Land Office for rules at 715-732-7780.





ANIMAL SCIENCE

HAY BUYERS AND SELLERS

Extension has a website, free of charge, (listings remain for 60 days) to persons having hay to sell or desire to buy. <http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/>

FALL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Thurs., Nov. 8, Pioneer Farm Educational Center, 29200 College Farm Rd., in Platteville. Registration begins at 8:30 am with contest starting at 9:15 am. Lunch and awards at 11:30 am. Pre-registration due by **Nov. 5** to Alicia Prill—Adams, prillada@uwplatt.edu or 608-342-1119. Cost: \$5 per team members and coach. No limit on team members. To cover judging basics, taking notes, giving reasons, answering questions and data interpretation. Classes could include feeder steers, market hogs, breeding animals of beef, sheep, swine and goats. Livestock availability will be key in the classes offered. Tour of farm available. Sponsored by UW-Platteville Block & Bridle Club along with the Meat Animal Evaluation Class.

MULTI-COUNTY 4-H CAT FUN SHOW

Sat., Nov. 10, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, N5990 Country Aire Rd., in Plymouth. Check-in and Vet-in: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Show starts at 10 a.m. Deadline: Entries close on **Nov. 3** or when a maximum of 80 cat entries are reached, whichever comes first. Fee: \$10 per cat/kitten. Awards: all breed ring, specialty ring, showmanship, decorated cage, photography contest, art contest and cat/cat and owner costume contest. Food and raffles. For more info or form, contact Nancy at the 4-H office.



HORSE PROJECT

COUNTY HORSE PROJECT UPDATE

At our last meeting we elected the following officers:



- President – Lindsey Michalski
- Vice President – Kiana Kotecki
- Secretary – Kennedy Chmela
- Treasurer – Kayla Hemstock
- Advisors – Jeanie Goodwin & Kevin Kotecki

We had a large turnout for our meeting and are looking forward to planning activities for the year.



Thanks go to three members: Kayla and Olivia Hemstock and Lindsey Albaugh, who represented our project at Tractor Supply during Paper Clover Days and also earned money for the project with a bake sale. Great job!



Marinette County 4-H Horse Project Grover Town Hall October 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Kennedy Chmela, Vice President.

21 members signed in. Kennedy appointed Kiana Kotecki to serve as secretary for this meeting. After the pledges were completed, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Kiana and approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Kayla Hemstock. There were no corrections to the report so it will be filed.

Unfinished Business

- **Report from State Horse Expo** – Sami Gretzon and Lynn Dunkes (Sydney's Dunkes' mom, as Sydney was not able to be at the meeting) reported that it was a great experience in terms of fun and learning, and both members did very well. Other members are encouraged to go in the future.
- **Paper Clover Days at Tractor Supply** – Kayla Hemstock volunteered to head up the event and several other members will help and do a bake sale. Many other members will be at WIHA that weekend so they can't help out.
- **Reminder about the Horse Leaders Conference in River Falls November 9-11.** Members were encouraged to go to 4-H online for the registration forms, and that we may be able to ask for reimbursement funds from the Leader's Association to help with costs.

Education

- A brief program about Robert's Rules of Order and participating in meetings was presented by Jeanie Goodwin prior to our elections.

New Business

Election of Officers and Advisors

Elections were carried out with the following results:

- President – Lindsey Michalski
- Vice President – Kiana Kotecki – who will also be our PR/Reporter
- Secretary – Kennedy Chmela - who will also continue to do Remind 101 texts

Treasurer – Kayla Hemstock

Advisors – Jeanie Goodwin & Kevin Kotecki as a team

Fundraising option – The idea of making calendars to sell as a fund raiser has been explored but was found to be too expensive to provide much income.

Signing up for education and snacks – Clubs signed up as follows

11/5/18 – Golden Opportunity; 12/3/18 - End of the Trail; 1/7/19 – Middle Inlet Moonshiners; 2/4/19 – Badger Buds; 3/4/19 – Country Reins; 4/1/19 – Country Reins; 5/6/19 – Middle Inlet Moonshiners

Announcements/ Reminders— • Next Meeting: November 5, 6:30 PM Grover Town Hall; • Fall Horse Leadership Conference – grades 7 & Up in River Falls November 9-11; • Re-enrollment- everyone is encouraged to do this as soon as possible so that we can communicate & have accurate lists/addresses.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanie Goodwin, Advisor

ASSOCIATION MINUTES

**Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association
October 22, 2018 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by President Lisa Witak. In attendance were: Lisa Witak, Anne Biernasz, Ben Hoppe, Sierra O’Mary, Alexis Witak, Josephine Uhl, Jennie Pillath, Deb Heitman, Suz Deschane, Wendy Nelson, and Barb Kolosowski.

Pledges were said.

Motion to approve the secretary’s report as written in the newsletter by Alexis W, second by Anne B. Carried.

Motion to approve the treasurer’s report and pay Barb K for stamps and reissue checks 6126 and 6133 by Alexis W, second by Sierra O. Carried. Barb K will check on the 2016 checks that are still outstanding.

Committee Reports:

Food Stand: Anne ordered spoons and forks

Awards and Trips: Interviews were held today

Fair Board, Raffle, Royalty and Scholarship-no report

Record Book judging went well and it was nice to see a lot of beginner books.

It was unanimously agreed to put up decorations for the adopt a tree program at Stephenson Island again this year.

Discussion was held on smart goals for the association charter.

Ben is working on 4-H promotion.

The November meeting is cancelled.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15pm by Sierra O, second by Jennie P. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Witak



BASKET OF CLOVERS

A round of applause goes to our leaders who helped judge record books in September. Thank you to Barb Kolosowski, Pike River; Sara Walters, Badger Buds; Wally and Susan Hitt, Pike River; Lisa Witak, Merry-Go-Getters; Anne Biernasz, Kountry Kids; and Suz Deschane, Middle Inlet Moonshiners.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

1	Thurs.	Club and Project Charters Due to 4-H Office
10	Sat.	County 4-H Achievement Day/Leader Recognition, St. Mary’s Church Hall, Crivitz
30	Fri.	Re-Enrollments Online Due

THERE WILL BE NO NOVEMBER 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

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2019
4-H County Activities & Special Projects
Volunteer Sign-Up - Due January 7

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: _____

Thank you! Please return to the UW-Extension Office by January 7th.

4HONLINE

Re-Enroll Members/Leaders

Created: July 15, 2014. Updated: Sept 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 2018-2019**.

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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