



Gifts. Presents. They're everywhere this time of year. After all, there's entire days in November dedicated to shopping for gifts (or for ourselves). There are so many events throughout the course of the year that involve gifts of some kind.

Throughout history, gifts were given for a variety of reasons. In ancient Egypt, people gave gifts to pharaohs as a tribute, and the gifts were then stored in massive places like the pyramids. In Medieval times, gifts were given to kings and lords to show loyalty and secure protection. Giving of presents, gifts, and donations is a huge part of our society today, and we do it for many reasons. For some, it's part of religious tradition. For others, giving gifts is done to celebrate an important event, like a birthday, a wedding, or a holiday.

What is a gift anyways? In Latin, the word for "present" is *dōnātiō* – it looks like the word donation for a good reason. That word is formed from the verb *dōnō* which means "to give". The focus on presents, gifts, and donations is something that we can give to others, not on something we're looking to receive. When we do give, we often think using the question "What?" What can we give? What can we buy?

This year, I want you all to think about "how" your club can give instead of "what" your club can give. How can you make a difference in the life of someone in your community? How can you use your skills and talents to make a difference for your club? Instead of focusing on what somebody can unwrap, take some time to think about how you can give your time and your efforts to somebody who needs it.

In my short time in my position, I've seen our 4-H clubs come up with amazing ideas for giving back to our communities. Offering to rake leaves or shovel snow for people who cannot do it themselves, starting a food drive for a local food pantry, and entertaining adults in community living homes are all shining examples of **how** you 4-Hers are making a difference. Keep up the great work and let me know ways that your club is giving this year.

Ben

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

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.



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER IN PREPARATION TRAINING

Date: Monday, December 10
Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm
Where: Wausaukee Village Hall
428 Harrison Avenue
Wausaukee, WI 54177

A Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) training for new 4-H volunteers will be offered in December. This training is mandatory for all new 4-H volunteers. This interactive program will last about 1.5-2 hours and cover topics that include:

- Overview of Cooperative Extension
- Volunteer roles and responsibilities
- Best practices when working with youth
- Resources available to you

If you are interested in attending this training, please RSVP by Friday, December 7th by emailing benjamin.hoppe@ces.uwex.edu or calling 920-834-6845. Please contact us if you would like more information about volunteering for 4-H. We always could use more volunteers!



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>

IMPORTANT: THANK SPONSORS FOR CHECKS

If you received a check and/or trophy from a Fair sponsor, and you haven't sent a thank you, please take the time to do it now. Tell them you appreciate their generosity and support of 4-H programs and the Fair.

FAIR CHECKS

Please cash your fair check AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE IT. Fair checks cannot be withheld from members for any reason including failure to provide a record book or completion form. Checks were earned through participation in the county fair and funds come from state aid, not the 4-H program.

4-H YOUTH LEADER

Any 4-Her with project experience may be a Youth Leader in that project. You may help someone or you may be a project assistant or the club leader for the project. It is a great learning experience. Enroll on-line as a youth leader and talk to your club or project leader about your interests.

4-H TRIPS

Teens interested in attending trips or applying for Key Award (top county 4-H recognition) should fill out the Marinette County Sponsored Event Application. Due **Feb. 1**. Will be interviewed on **Mon, Feb. 18**, at 6 pm. All information regarding age requirements and trips is available through your leader, 4-H office or on the 4-H website at:

<http://marinette.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4h-forms/>

PLEASE READ

It is important to remember that if you have not completed your enrollment form on-line, you are not covered by insurance. Also, this will be the last newsletter you will receive, if you haven't re-enrolled.

Visit <https://wi.4honline.com>

SESQUICENTENNIAL/CENTURY FARM AWARDS

The WI State Fair honors farms and homes of 150 and 100 years. Applications are available at the Extension Office. Call Nancy at 732-7514. Deadline to apply is **March 1**.

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.

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.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

WI 4-H FOUNDATION 2019 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, 2019. 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 2019-20 academic school year. Keep checking <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/> for more info.

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. Scholarship applications are available in the Extension office. Deadline: March 1.

DFA SCHOLARSHIP

To recognize outstanding students for pursuing careers in the dairy industry or a related field, Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. has a scholarship program. The Foundation awards scholarships to three categories of students:

- Incoming freshmen: High school seniors or recent graduates who have been accepted to college, but have not yet started classes
- Undergraduate students: Students who are currently participating in an associate's or bachelor's degree program, but have not yet graduated
- Graduate/professional students: Students enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program

Applications are due Jan. 15. For more info & application, visit: <http://www.dfamilk.com/careers/scholarships>

WI PORK ASSOCIATION

For WI high school seniors recognizing individuals pursuing a career in agriculture. Preference given to those possessing leadership abilities & interests in the swine industry. One \$500 and one \$400 scholarship awarded. Deadline: **Dec. 1, 2018**. Visit <http://www.wppa.org/wisconsin-pork-association-scholarship/>

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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 click on <https://wisconsin.gov/Documents/formdocs/mv2969.pdf>



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW 4-H QUEEN

My name is Lindsey Michalski. I am a Sophomore at Crivitz High School. I am a member of the Middle Inlet Moonshiners 4-H club, where I am currently President. I live outside of Crivitz with my parents and my two older sisters, who are in college. My favorite hobbies include riding horses and photography. I was Marinette County Fair 2017-2018 Princess. The experience introduced me to new opportunities 4-H had to offer and involving myself with a diversity of new people. As a part of royalty, I had the opportunity to engage in local parades, 4-H events, Breakfast on the Farm, and countless other events which promoted 4-H in our communities. I enjoyed running for Marinette County Fair Queen and was honored to be chosen as Queen for the 2018-2019 year. This year I plan to continue to promote 4-H by participating in various community events, 4-H activities, and volunteerism in the surrounding communities.





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/>



COUNTY HORSE PROJECT

Monday November 5th @ Grover Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 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

→ NONE

New Business

→ *Welcome Ben Hoppe (New 4H Coordinator)*

→ *Handbook and constitution review*

- ◆ Scavenger hunt game for within the yellow handbook

→ *Scrapbooks!*

- ◆ Start getting more involved in the non-animal display @ the fair (**anyway not just scrapbooking**)

→ *Lending Library*

- ◆ Can take any magazine or book to learn more information on your horses
- ◆ Can bring any book or magazine that you have at home to add on to the collection

→ *Community Service Ideas*

- ◆ Bring items for a food pantry? - Kennedy Chmela
- ◆ Picking up garbage?
- ◆ Help clean up at Zoo? DeYoung? - Lindsey
- ◆ Angel Tree? - Kennedy Chmela
- ◆ Bell Ringing?
- ◆ Toy drive? - Jeana Martins
- ◆ Wrapping presents? (More info needed) - Jeanie
- ◆ Shoveling?
- ◆ Raking leaves?

Education

→ Golden Opportunity

- ◆ Talked about horse treats and how to make them at home on your own
- ◆ Quick facts were stated about what's in the treats and how it affects your horse

Announcements/ Reminders

→ December 3, 6:30PM Grover Town Hall with education by End of the Trail

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM (MSC)

Respectfully submitted, Kennedy Chmela

ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Marinette County 4-H Leaders Association

November 10, 2018 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Witak at county Achievement Day at St Mary's hall in Crivitz.

Nominations for Vice President:

Anne Biernasz nominated by Barb Kolosowski

Motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Anne Biernasz by Barb Kolosowski, second by Jennie Pillath. Carried

Nominations for Treasurer:

Barb Kolosowski nominated Wendy Nelson, Wendy declined per Anne B

Sierra O'Mary nominated Kari LaCount

Motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Kari LaCount by Jennie Pillath, second by Wally Hitt. Carried

Nominations for Secretary:

Alexis Witak nominated Jodi Witak, Jodi declined.

Anne Biernasz nominated Barb Kolosowski, Barb declined.

Emma Gerue nominated Heather Schramm.

Motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Heather Schramm by Sierra O'Mary, second by Barb Kolosowski. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Alexis Witak, second by Wally Hitt. Carried



BASKET OF CLOVERS

- Thanks to our 2017-18 4-H Leaders Association Board consisting of Lisa Witak, President; Anne Biernasz, Vice President; and Wendy Nelson, Treasurer. Your work often goes unnoticed but it makes such a difference in being able to keep 4-H running smoothly and allowing our leaders and members to grow! Thank you for your leadership!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

3	Mon.	County Horse Project Mtg., Grover Town Hall, 6:30 pm
7	Friday	Deadline to register for Volunteer in Preparation Training (see pg 2)
10	Monday	Volunteer in Preparation Training, Wausaukee Village Hall, 5:30 pm

NO 4-H ASSOCIATION MEETING IN DECEMBER.

JANUARY

2	Wed.	Deadline to RSVP for Jan. 7 Annual Leader Training, in Oconto (see pg 2)
7	Mon.	Annual Leader Trng., Oconto Co Courthouse LEC Rm 1389, 6-7:30 pm
21	Mon.	4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz Fire Station, 6:30 pm
23	Wed.	Deadline to RSVP for Jan. 28 Annual Leader Training, in Crivitz
28	Mon.	Annual Leader Trng., Crivitz Village Hall, 6-7:30 pm

Dear Marinette County 4-H Leaders, Members and Parents:

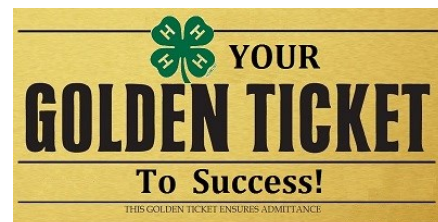
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On behalf of Marinette County Cooperative Extension, I want to thank you for collaborating with UW-Extension on educational programs. We appreciate your support and partnership as we provide education designed to meet the needs of the diverse residents of Marinette County.

Sincerely,
Ben Hoppe
Marinette/Oconto County UW Extension
4-H Program Coordinator



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2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MARINETTE COUNTY 4-H

Please note: Dates are subject to change.

JANUARY

- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 21 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz Fire Station
- 28 Annual Leader Trng., Crivitz Village Hall
- 28 WI 4-H Showcase Singer/Drama Co./Art/
Press Team Applications Due

FEBRUARY

- 1 County Awards/Trips Application Due
- 8-10 Winter Leadership Camp, Mishicot
- 18 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz Fire Station
- 18 County Awards and Trips Interviews

MARCH

- 1 County 4-H Scholarship Deadline
- 15 WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships Applications
Due
- 15-16 4-H Art Beat! Upham Woods, WI Dells
- 18 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz High School
- 18 Music Fest & Speaking Contest, Crivitz HS

APRIL

- 2-15 State 4-H Conf Youth Registration On-Line
- 5-11 National 4-H Conference, Washington DC
- 15 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz High School
- 15 Drama & Variety Fest/Demonstration Contest
- 25-29 US Space Camp, Huntsville AL

MAY

- 1 Last Day to Join 4-H To Show in Youth Fair
- 1 Last Day to Add or Drop Projects
- TBA Horse Bowl
- 20 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz Fire Station

JUNE

- TBA Badger Dairy Camp
- 12-20 American Spirit East
- 15-Jul.14 Citizenship Washington Focus
- 17 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz Fire Station
- 24-27 State 4-H and Youth Conference, Madison

JULY

- 1 Start of New Fiscal Year
- 5 Fair Entries Due
- 15 4-H Association Mtg., Wausaukee Fairgrounds
- Open Enrollment Summer Camp, Upham
Woods, WI Dells

AUGUST

- 1-11 WI State Fair, West Allis
- 17 Dog, Cat, Vet Science, Exotic Animal
Judging at County Fair
- 21 Art Camp Applications Due (tentative)
- 22 Entry Day at Marinette County Fair
- 22-25 Marinette County Fair, Wausaukee
- TBA State 4-H Dog Obedience/Showmanship Show

SEPTEMBER

- TBA State 4-H Gymkhana
- TBA WI State 4-H Horse Expo
- 16 4-H Association Meeting., Crivitz Fire Station
- 29-Oct. 2 National 4-H Dairy Conference

OCTOBER

- 1 Start of New 4-H Year
- 1 Awards and Trips Applications Due
- 1-5 World Dairy Expo, Madison
- 5-6 4-H Arts Camp, Upham Woods, WI Dells
- 7-13 National 4-H Week
- TBA Record Books Due
- TBA Record Book Judging, Courthouse
- 21 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz Fire Station
- 21 Awards and Trips Interviews, Crivitz Fire Sta.

NOVEMBER

- 1 4-H Charters Due to UWEX
- 18 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz Fire Station
- 29-Dec. 3 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta GA
- 30 4-H Re-Enrollments Due

DECEMBER

- TBA 4-H Achievement/Recognition Day



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.