



Marinette County 4-H Newsletter May, 2021 Extension Marinette County 1926 Hall Avenue, Resource Center Marinette WI 54143-1717 715-732-7514 • Toll-free 877-884-4408 <u>https://marinette.uwex.edu</u> <u>aimee.elkins@wisc.edu</u> <u>nancy.servais@wisc.edu</u>

Dear Marinette County 4-H Families:

It is hard to believe the end of the school year is right around the corner. With that however, comes all of our amazing summer opportunities! I am really looking forward to getting to know more of you throughout the summer, as it is becoming easier to have in-person events again. Starting a new position shortly before the outbreak of a world-wide pandemic made that pretty difficult this past year. Just like all of you, I am ready for everything to get back on track! It has been great to see so many of our county clubs and projects making plans already, and I know that will continue to keep growing. You have all been so patient, and resilient throughout this past year, and I admire you greatly for that. Be sure to review the newsletter thoroughly for updates from the state office, local happenings, and opportunities to re-connect. Let's keep working together to make the best better!



Wishing you a safe and healthy end of the school year!

Aimee Elkins, 4-H Program Educator Marinette and Oconto Counties



With the easing of some restrictions for summer, we are planning to hold the <u>2020</u> Achievement Day (which was to be held late last year). The event will be at the Fairgrounds. Lunch will be at noon and awards will follow at 1 pm. More information will be forthcoming. Our hosts are Merry Go Getters and Pike River 4-H Clubs.

TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

Tractor Supply Company and Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to promote this Spring's Paper Clover Campaign. Each year Tractor Supply Company (TSC) does two fundraising campaigns that benefit Wisconsin 4-H. The Spring campaign is April 28 through May 9. For every \$1 paper clover sold at a Wisconsin TSC, 90 cents comes back to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to be used for leadership activities.

TRIP/ PROGRAM UPDATES

Youth Conference - The plan is to have a one-day, inperson Regional Youth Conference on Tues., August 17 for youth 7-12 grades. Plans are very tentative. The goal is to have 4-6 sites around the state and the focus will be on post-secondary pathways & leadership development.

Virtual CWF - National 4-H Council is moving ahead with a Virtual CWF experience and we will be offering the opportunity to WI 4-H youth and providing some funding from a WI 4-H Foundation Grant. Registration information and program details will be e-mailed to all youth 9-12 grades the first week in May.

National 4-H Congress - The National 4-H Congress Board of Directors is planning on holding National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA at the end of November. We are not sure what that means for Wisconsin 4-H, but we are cautiously optimistic and hopeful that we will be able to travel and participate. Registration and any programming information that we have, will be e-mailed to all youth 10-12 grades the first week in May and we will keep you updated as additional information becomes available.

WI 4-H International Program Updates - ALL States 4-H International Exchange Programs (Inbound and Outbound) have been cancelled for this summer.

SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDANCE

The following information was shared with 4-H volunteers late Friday, April 30th:

Dear 4-H Volunteers,

Summer is almost here! Because you've followed the safety guidelines, we are now able to expand our program options for Extension summer programs. Thank you for all you do to support youth in your community!

Our summer program guidance begins June 1, 2021:

 \cdot Indoor events are at 50% of room capacity up to 350 people

· Outdoor events may have up to 500 people

 \cdot Time limits have been removed for indoor and outdoor day programs

• Eating continues to be allowed outdoors

 \cdot Physical distancing six feet apart continues to be required

 \cdot Face coverings continue to be required indoors, and, are only required outdoors when 6-feet of distance cannot be maintained

• There is information on the website to support planning:

- o When to use Pods
- o Eating indoors
- o Operating Food stands

· Any overnight programs will require pre-approval

 \cdot We honor any additional guidelines from the local County Health Department

Remember that the best resource is always your local 4-H Educator and it is important to continue to plan activities and events with them. Our website contains up-to-date guidance and resources to help you plan.

In addition to COVID guidance, we are working to assure that safe, high-quality 4-H experiences are available throughout the State.

 \cdot We have created a new webpage to share some of what is planned this summer:

https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-summerprogramming/

 \cdot We've updated some policies. Please take the time to read the policies and discuss anything that is unclear with your 4-H Educator.

 \cdot If you are planning a camp or travel, you will need to work closely with your 4-H Educator.

The process for securing facilities and buses has changed.

We appreciate your hard work and dedication through the challenges of the last year. We thank you for your patience and ask for your continued commitment to Grow 4-H!

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Wisconsin Summers

Wisconsin Summers: Bugs and books. Hopefully no bugs, but we have a book. Join us for a book and conversation.

Book: I Wish You All the Best, includes topics of friendships, depression, acceptance, pronoun use, bullying, love, gender nonconformity, and family dynamics

When: *Tuesdays from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm* Going From: *June 15th to July 6th*

Register here: <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual.../</u> vlcparticipate/

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







Show us how CREEN your thumb is! Join us in growing BIC pumpkins, HEAVY zucchini, LONG carrots, and WIDE sunflowers in 2021. Receive starter plants and seeds from your local 4-H Program Educator. Plant them. Check in with a pic. Join us monthly for a 30 minute lesson in dirt, gardening, weather, food preparation, and preservation if you can. HAVE FUN! ALL CRADES WELCOME

Sign up by going to: <u>tinyurl.com/GardenGiants21</u> or call your local Extension Office

> PLANT PICK UP: MAY 17 - 21, 2021 OPTIONAL MONTHLY CHECK IN DATES: THURSDAY, MAY 20 THURSDAY, JUNE 17 THURSDAY, JULY 15 THURSDAY, AUGUST 19 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16





4-H VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

VIRTUAL FITNESS CLUB



HAVE FUN LEARNING ABOUT ENDURANCE, MUSCLE STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, AND MINDFULNESS IN OUR BEGINNER-LEVEL FITNESS PROGRAM

FREE Program Series! Open to 3rd-6th Graders Tuesdays at 6:30-7:30 pm April 6, April 20, May 4, May 18 Register at: https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/signin

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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In search of older youth and adults who are willing to get together to plan summer experiences. We are still waiting for specific guidance from the state regarding our summer programming but having some plans, and alternate plans in place as soon as we can will help ensure a successful summer. Please contact me at <u>aimee.elkins@wisc.edu</u>.

WI 4-H HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The WI 4-H Hall of Fame was established to recognize individuals and organizations with significant contributions to the WI 4-H Youth Development program on any level. Potential recipients include 4-H volunteers, 4-H pioneers, external collaborating organizations and businesses, community leaders, and retired Cooperative Extension staff. Any group or individual is eligible to nominate for consideration by the state level selection committee. All nominations must be submitted electronically to: <u>lpine@wisc.edu</u> no later than *May 20*. Recognition of those chosen will take place during Fall Forum in November. For more info and forms, click on https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hhof/nominations/



DON'T FORGET THE VIRTU-AL LEARNING COMMUNITY

The site shows you all currently scheduled VLC events and opportunities offered through the Virtual Learning Community and

our partners. If you would like to see a calendar of all 4-H/Extension opportunities, please view it at <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-</u><u>community/</u>. If you see an event you are interested in, click on it for more information.

NEXT 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for May 17th at 6:30 pm. At the Crivitz Fire Station. A Zoom connection will be offered if you request it.



2021 BREAKFAST ON FARM

Sunday, June 27th, 7:30 am-noon, at the Brian and Brenda Hartwig Farm, W4744 Town Hall Road, Peshtigo.

Pancakes, eggs, sausages, cheese curds, maple syrup, applesauce, milk, juice, coffee, and ice cream sundaes. Adults - \$7; Children 6-10

- \$4; Children 5 yrs & under - free. There will also be a petting zoo, Moo-Mania comedy show, kiddie tractor pull, face painting, balloons, kids bouncy play area, viewing of barns and cattle, wagon rides and music.

If you have any questions, contact Corey Kuchta at 920-660-4182.

COUNTY 4-H RAFFLE

Plans are also underway to hold the county 4-H raffle again this year. Tickets will be prepared for families to sell as in the past. Should be available before June 1.

COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES TO BE BROUGHT A DAY EARLIER

Non-animal Fair items need to be entered on *Wednesday, August 25th.* Face to face judging will take place from noon until 8 pm.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

August 5-15. Junior Livestock Shows: Junior show exhibitors must be between the ages of 12-19 by January 1st of the current year and have completed YQCA certification. For more info, visit <u>https://wistatefair.com/</u> <u>competitions/junior-livestock/</u>

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

WI TOWNS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The WI Towns Association, Rural Mutual Insurance Company & Scott Construction, Inc., will be awarding \$7,000 in scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2021 from a public or private high school in WI that plan to enroll in a WI public or private college or a university in 2021. The winners are determined by judging of an essay contest. Essay topic: "What lessons can town governments take from the COVID-19 pandemic to improve their emergency management systems and prepare for and respond to future disasters?" Postmark by **May 28, 2021.** For info and an application, visit https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/





ANIMAL SCIENCE

COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN DATE

May 15, 10-11am, at the Fairgrounds for sheep/goat (no swine weigh in, but pictures will be due by this date also). Swine pictures can be e-mailed to <u>marinettefair@yahoo.com</u> or printed and brought to sheep/goat weigh in or given to Lisa Witak prior to that date. Anyone needing RFID tags should contact Lisa before the weigh in date. Tags are \$2 each for beef/swine and \$1.50 for sheep/goat.

EXTENSION OFFERS FREE POULTRY MAN-AGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES

UW-Madison, Division of Extension, is offering a free webinar series designed to assist home and small scale poultry producers in their management endeavors. The series will take place on Wed. evenings between May 12 & June 2, with each event beginning at 7 p.m. The live discussion events will feature the opportunity to ask questions of presenters.

The 4 sessions in this series will focus on:

- May 12 = Small flock meat chicken management
- May 19 = Small laying flock management

May 26 = Small scale commercial poultry mgt.

June 2 = Ducks, Turkeys, Guineas, and other nonchicken poultry

Discussion will be led by Ron Kean, UW-Madison, Div. of Extension Poultry Science Specialist. Kean will showcase management techniques and tactics that create healthier flocks and more efficient management practices for the type(s) of production focused on that evening. Legal parameters involved in raising and selling poultry or poultry products will also be discussed, and will be a focal point during the May 26 event oriented toward small scale commercial producers.

Participation in any, or all, of the events in this series is free, but registration is required ahead of the event, by visiting <u>https://go.wisc.edu/poultryseries2021</u> If you have any questions about these webinars, you can contact Scott Reuss, Marinette & Oconto Counties' Agriculture Agent with UW-Madison, Division of Extension, at <u>scott.reuss@wisc.edu</u> or 715-732-7510.

YQCA

This year Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) will only be available virtually. The web-based sessions cost \$12 per person. The web-based session is available at <u>https://yqca.learngrow.io/Course/List</u>. Use your 4-H online username and password to log in. Completion of the YQCA training is a requirement for selling an animal in the Livestock Auction.

AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAY

Marathon County – June 16

Time: Registration begins at 8:00 AM Location: Wisconsin Valley Fairgrounds, 1201 Stewart Ave., Wausau, WI 54401 Events Offered: Dairy Judging Qualifying Contest; Dairy Showmanship Contest

Tentative Schedule:

Contests will begin promptly at 9:00 AM.

Registration
Orientation in Respective Areas; Dairy
Showmanship Contestants Report
Dairy Showmanship Contest Begins;
Dairy Judging Begins
Lunch On Your Own
Oral Reasons – Senior Dairy Judges
Activities complete; Recognitions will
be mailed to participants

To be eligible, pre-registration must be submitted to the WI 4-H office via 4-H Online by June 1. The individual must be a 4-H club member and in grades 3-13.

Registration fees will be \$12 per participant and will need to be paid by credit card through 4HOnline or by check on the day of the event. Checks should be made payable to UW-Madison Extension. No refunds will be given if the participant has paid and can't make the event. All participants will need to pay the registration fee.

The host counties will NOT be providing lunch on the day of the event. All attending. who plan to eat will need to pack a lunch or find a local restaurant. Host counties will provide some suggestions of restaurants close to the fairgrounds.

Each participant must register individually via 4HOnline. Due to UW-Madison Extension COVID programming guidelines, we need to track each participant individually in the event that contact tracing is needed. Contact the State 4-H Office with any questions: <u>lpine@wisc.edu</u> or (608)262-1222

STATE DOG EVENTS

State Dog Obedience, Showmanship, Rally and Dog Bowl will be held in Tomah, WI, **August 20-22.**

State Dog Agility Show, hosted by LaCrosse County at Canine Sports, in Middleton, WI ,**August 14**.



<u>PULLORUM TESTING FOR POULTRY SHOWN</u> <u>AT COUNTY FAIR</u>

Any birds over four months of age need to be pullorum tested. There will be testing days scheduled at the Fairgrounds. If you have any questions, contact Rich Kempka, who recently became certified, at 920-897-2070.

4-H Horses



COUNTY HORSE PROJECT

Marinette Co. 4-H Horse Project Meeting Minutes May 3, 2021 Christiansen Horse Arena, Porterfield

Call Meeting to Order - 6:31 Pledges Roll Call Welcome new members Previous meeting minutes read by Kiana Treasurer's Report presented by Stevie Unfinished Business-none

New Business:

•Update on project status until October-Kevin oCurrent officers continuing

- New handbook
- •Ribbons/trophies for this year's fair
 - •Horse project is supplying for this year
 - •Purchased for the fair last year but were never used
- Sponsorships
 - •No sponsorships this year
 - •Maybe a sponsorship for a schooling show this year(?)
- $\circ Information$ source for 2021 fair
- •No open show this summer
- •Election of vice president & one adult advisor to complete terms

•Vice president: Audrey C.

Adult advisor: Lisa Spencer
Schooling show before fair (?)
Decided to do it on July 17th
Fundraising ideas to help pay for the show
Car wash?

Coupon cards?

sponsorships?

Announcements/Reminders:

•Next meeting June 7th at 6:30pm at Marinette County Fairgrounds-arena open at 5pm, if you want to ride before the meeting. Be sure to bring current Cogginsoriginal and copy to leave with project advisors.

Adjourn at - 6:54.

STATE HORSE PROJECT DATES TO NOTE

• State 4-H Hunt and Dressage Show & Clinics— Sheboygan County Fairgrounds—June 25-27

• WI State Adult and Youth Horse Association Meeting—Rothschild—August 23

• State 4-H Gymkhana—West Allis State Fair Park— September 11-12

• State 4-H Horse Expo—West Allis State Fair Park— September 17-19

For more information, visit: WI State 4-H Horse Association Handbook (current location): <u>https://</u> fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-hhorse-assn-handbook/

ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Marinette County 4-H Association Meeting April 26, 2021—Grover Town Hall & Zoom

Attendance: Tina Peterson, Kari LaCount, Lisa Witak, Anne Biernasz, Jennie Pillath, Dorothy Kaminski, Sue Deschane, Kathy Gabriel, Barb Kolosowski, Julia Lepinski, Ember Rickaby, Deb Heitman

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm by President Lisa Witak.

Pledges were recited.

Update from Aimee- June 1st new guidance from state should be coming out for summer programming. These should be less restrictive, but unsure at the moment of exact details. Due to the lateness of these new guidelines, it is not possible for overnight summer camps, but should be possible for day camps. Participation details for the fair and clubs who might be helping with Breakfast on the Farm will be looked at after June 1st. Aimee expressed her appreciation for all club leaders and what they have been doing during this difficult time.

Secretary's Report. Motion to accept the secretary's report from the newsletter was made by Barb K. and seconded by Jennie P. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Kari reported very little activity. Scholarships were withdrawn along with Achievement Awards being bought. Jennie P. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Sue D. seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Food Stand- Aimee is optimistic that it could be done. Further discussion during New Business.

Raffle- There appears to be a possibility of doing one in some form. A motion was made to move forward with getting a state number, purchasing tickets, & asking clubs to donate was made by Jennie P. Seconded by Sue D. Motion carried. Any questions or possible donations can be directed to Barb K.

Awards/Trip- Aimee provided an update. Many are exploring the option of a virtual conference and what this could look like. Youth Conference is looking like it could be virtual, but it is still being planned as to what it will contain.

Royalty- Currently there are 2 ladies interested. Dorothy asked the board if it is alright to allow the 2 from last year to run again. Last year, they were "Fair Royalty," but this year can be considered "4-H Royalty." Dorothy will be reaching out to all four youth.

Scholarship– Two were awarded this year. Lisa read a "Thank You" from Aaron Sellen.

Old Business:

Marinette Flower Pots- Aimee was able to get contact information for possibly moving forward with this project. A discussion about a possible design contest and whether or not there would be time. A suggestion was made that if we can sponsor one, this year could be a general 4-H theme and look into a design contest for next year. Anne is going to continue working out the details. New Business:

Fair Update- Lisa reported that non-animal fair entry day will be Wednesday, August 25th between noon and 8pm. There should be face to face judging during this time. Animal entries will continue to be on Thursday. A question was brought up regarding Open/Senior Fair entries and judging. Lisa said this will be up to the judges' discretion whether to judge on Wednesday or wait until Thursday morning. Lisa also reported that the premium books should be out soon. Anne said the dog show will happen and she is looking into training being held at the fairgrounds.

Food Stand- There was a discussion on what this might look like this year. Possibilities of limited menu or days/ hours along with mask use inside the food stand. At this time, there are too many unknowns to really make decisions. Bark K. made a motion to have a food stand. Jennie P. seconded it. Motion carried.

Achievement Day- Achievement Day will be held on Sunday, July 11 at the Fairgrounds. Noon for potluck and 1pm to begin awards. Lisa and Barb's clubs will still work together to work on the details. Bark K. made a motion to have Achievement Day with the specific day and Kathy seconded it. Motion carried.

Summer Activities- Aimee is looking into the possibility of having day camps. At this time, details are in the exploration stage. Clubs are encouraged to do activities that they feel comfortable doing this summer.

Officers- Due to the way 2020 turned out, officers and terms will need to be reviewed. The Treasurer and Vice President were supposed to be up last year with the President and Secretary up this year. A discussion was had as to what to do. Per the bylaws, a leader is only supposed to hold a specific office for 2 consecutive terms. A discussion was had to amend the bylaws to end term limits. Jennie P. made a motion to amend the bylaws to remove the term limits and Barb K. seconded it. Motion carried. Lisa will work with Aimee to draft the amendment.

Sue D. will look into Wi-Fi in Crivitz to see if meetings can be moved back to Crivitz. Ember expressed her appreciation for the Zoom option. Dorothy made a motion to adjourn and Sue D. seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Next meeting will be on Monday, May 17th at 6:30. Location will be Grover or Crivitz.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Heitman



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Exploring 4-H for New Families

4-H Projects

4-H engages youth in project-based education. Through project learning, youth can dive deeper into their interests and **passions**, ultimately **mastering** new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be hands-on to create a memorable learning experience.

What is a project?

A project is simply a topic area that **sparks** a youth's interest! Projects can be offered at a club or group setting, or on your own outside of the club. 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. 4-H members in 3rd grade and higher are eligible to sign up for any 4-H project. Almost all 4-H projects can be divided into these nine broad project areas:

- Animal Sciences
- · Family, Home, & Health
- Arts & Communication Community Involvement
- Outdoor Education (Natural Sciences)
- Cultural Projects
- Plant & Soil Sciences

A tenth project area is specifically for grades K-2, known as **Cloverbuds**. It is intended to be more developmentally appropriate for our youngest members.

More details about specific 4-H projects and statewide project learning opportunities can be found on our website: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/

Photography

What resources are available?

Each county's 4-H program differs in how project learning opportunities are offered. Some programs offer countywide, short-term workshops. Others may have countywide programs with set dates and meeting locations. Some 4-H clubs may have adults specifically devoted to certain project areas.

STEM

What if my county or club doesn't offer a project?

Anywhere can a great place for project learning where a trusted adult or older youth serves as the teacher. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects from shop4-h.org or your local Extension office.

What is a project leader?

Project leaders provide a safe environment to learn about a project area in which they have experience. Adults can volunteer as a project leader to share their specialized skill set with youth!



Have a minute? Please provide feedback by filling out this 5-question survey





EXPERIENTIAL ARNING MODEL 1. Experience 5. Apply DO 2. Share APPLY REFLEC . Generalize 8. Process

Adult Edition

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Start Your Own



Pick a Project!

Go through the list below and circle the letters of the things you like to do best. At the end, tally your results to find your major project areas of interest. For your first year, it's best to pick only one or two projects from your top major project area. You can always add more later!

H. I like to build with LEGOs	E. I like to sew	H. I like rockets
C. I like to help younger kids	F. I like learning about insects	G. I grow crops for my animals
H. I want to be an engineer	D. I enjoy my family traditions	B. I like to take pictures
G. I like fairy gardens	F. I like hunting	D. I want to learn about my own history
H. Rube Goldberg Machines interest me	E. I like to help around the house	H. I am interested in how robots work
C. I would like to be a camp counselor	A. I like to ride horses	B. I like puppe <mark>ts</mark>
A. I like taking care of sick or baby animals	B. I like to draw or do crafts	F. I care about the environment
B. I like to make scrapbooks	G. I want to have a flower garden	C. I like to lead and organize events
H: I like to work on engines	H. I want to learn about computers	E. I like to bake or cook
G. I want to learn how to grow vegetables	E. I would like to be a teacher	C. I want to be a leader
B. I like collecting things	H. I like radio-controlled cars	H: I like geography and maps
H. I am interested in outer space	F. I like being outdoors	A. I like snakes
E. I like babysitting	G: I like to garden	B. I like to act or sing
E. I like to decorate my room	H: I like to build things	C. I would like a project to help me find a future career
F. I like riding ATVs	H: I like to code	A. I like teaching my dog tricks
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Totals: A: F: G: H: В:

A: Animal Science

B: Arts & Communication C: Community Involvement

D: Cultural Projects

E: Family, Home, & Health

F: Outdoor Education

G: Plant & Soil Sciences

H: STEM

Adapted from Ohio State University's "Making the Best 4-H Clubs Better, Version 2.0 Pick a Project," by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator UW-Madison Division of Extension

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