

Wood County 4-H YOUTH CONNECTIONS



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WELCOME MALINA CARATTINI!

Join us in welcoming a new face to the Wood County 4-H office, Malina Carattini.

Malina will be serving a one-year term as an AmeriCorps member, working with various community partners.

A recent honors graduate and three sport stand-out athlete at Mosinee High School, Malina is a freshman at UW-Stevens Point, majoring in Health and Wellness. She is also a member of the Pointer Women's Track team.

Malina loves outdoor activities including camping, hiking and kayaking. Growing up, her favorite 4-H projects were photography and flowers and houseplants—especially succulent gardens!

Malina is excited to be a part of Wood County 4-H and to work with youth.



PLEDGE:

*I pledge my HEAD to clearer
thinking, my HEART to greater
loyalty, my HANDS to larger service
and my HEALTH to better living, for
my club, my community, my country
and my world.*

4-H PURPOSE:

*Engaging youth to reach their fullest
potential while advancing the field of
youth development.*

WOOD COUNTY 4-H STAFF

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4-H RE-ENROLLMENT

All youth and adult volunteers must re-enroll in 4-H annually.

There are training requirements for both new and returning volunteers that must be completed before your enrollment will be approved.

Why Should I Re-enroll Early?

Once you complete your re-enrollment:

- Members & leaders can register for events (like Fall Forum)
- Club leaders have an accurate roster
- Families will get project or grade specific information
- Volunteers have liability coverage
- 4-H programs & activities will have up-to-date health information
- You will receive county and statewide 4-H communications

How Do I Re-Enroll?

- If you need help with the re-enrollment process, [review the 4HOnline Re-enrollment Help Guide.](#)

If you have any questions about re-enrollment, call the Extension Wood County Office at 715-421-8439.

VIP TRAININGS

Are you a new 4-H volunteer? All new volunteers must complete the Volunteer in Preparedness (VIP) training before being approved.

There are a number of options to complete this training, both in-person or virtual:

Virtual

- The state 4-H office has set up a number of virtual trainings. To see dates and times and register for one of the trainings, visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/4-h-foundations/volunteers-in-preparation/>

In-Person

Laura will be hosting 2 in-person trainings this fall:

- Thursday, October 19; 5:30-7:30pm; Marshfield Public Library—Felker Room
- Saturday, November 18; 9:45-11:45am; Marshfield Public Library—Felker Room

Register for the in-person trainings here: <https://bit.ly/VIPTrain>

TEEN LEADERS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Join the Wood County Teen Leaders for their Cornhole Tournament, October 8, starting at 3:00pm at North Wood County Park. You don't need a partner to sign up—teams will be created after registration closes but before play begins!

Register at bit.ly/4-Hcornhole23

A promotional poster for a cornhole tournament. The background is a vibrant green grass field. At the top, the text 'WOOD COUNTY TEEN LEADERS PRESENT' is in white. Below it, 'CORNHOLE' is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters, and 'Tournament' is in a black cursive script. A yellow banner in the center contains the date 'OCTOBER 8, 2023', the age range 'YOUTH GRADES 3-13', and 'STARTS AT 3PM'. Below this, the location 'NORTH WOOD COUNTY PARK, BY MAIN PARK PAVILION' is written in yellow. To the left, a blue arrow points to the text 'SIGN UP BY SEPT. 30TH'. In the lower left, there is an image of two cornhole boards, one white and one blue, with a red and white striped bag and a blue and white checkered bag. To the right of the boards, the text 'SIGN UP INDIVIDUALLY AND BE PAIRED UP BEFORE PLAY BEGINS MEET NEW FRIENDS!' is written in white. At the bottom right, a yellow box contains the registration link 'bit.ly/4-Hcornhole23'. In the bottom left corner, there are two logos: the UW-Madison Extension Wood County logo and the 4-H logo. At the very bottom, a yellow box contains a disclaimer about EEO/AA employment and equal opportunities.

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CHARTER INFORMATION

The 2023-24 Annual Charter Application is now available. All 4-H clubs and groups are required to complete the charter application each year. The charter is what gives 4-H clubs and groups permission to exist. All charters must be submitted by **November 1, 2023**.

There are few changes to the charter this year. It will once again be submitted online. Here is a link to the charter application: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/wisconsin-4-h-annual-charter-application/>

Contact Laura if you have any questions.


NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week is coming up on October 1-7, 2023. National 4-H Week is a great opportunity for 4-H clubs and projects to share their love for 4-H with others, recruit new members, and also thank those in the community that have helped support the 4-H program.

This year's theme is "I  4-H"

We will once again be having a Lawn Display Contest, sponsored by the Leaders Association.

Competition Guidelines:

- The display should tell a message about 4-H, the theme is "I  4-H"
- All displays must be easy for the public to see (front yards, stores, banks, club corners, schools, etc.) and must be displayed for the entire week.
- Only one display per family or club; a family may do their own display and help their club make a display.
- Displays will be judged on conveyance of clear 4-H message, attractiveness, neatness, location and originality.
- Displays should include the club name and meeting information.
- A color photo of the display must be emailed to the Extension Wood County Office at woodcounty4h@woodcountywi.gov by October 15th to be judged. Include the club name or family name and location of the display.

Prizes:

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| • Family Entry: | 1st place: \$10 | 2nd place: \$6 | 3rd place: \$5 |
| • Club Entry: | 1st place: \$15 | 2nd place: \$10 | 3rd place: \$5 |

Some promotional materials are available through the Wood County 4-H Office. Please contact our office if you are interested in additional materials.

Winners will be announced at the awards recognition in November.

Starting on October 1st, we will have county-wide 4-H displays at local Wood County libraries

including Lester Public Library in Arpin, Pittsville Community Library, McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids and Everett Roehl Public Library in Marshfield. To make this display incredible, we need YOUR exhibits! If you would like to have your exhibit(s) included, contact your club leader or Christine Jensen () to make arrangements for delivering items, as each library has a different timeline of when the exhibits will be on display.



Thank you for helping us celebrate National 4-H Week and share 4-H with the people of Wood County!

In addition to the library displays and lawn decorating contest, here are ways that you can participate every day of the week:

- Wear your 4-H shirt to school
- Ask a newspaper reporter to attend a meeting or club special event
- Take cookies or other treats to local businesses and supporters
- Visit a nursing home
- Set up a table at your school
- Pass out invitations to your friends for the next club meeting or special event
- Organize a presentation to 3rd and 4th graders at your school
- Encourage your friends to attend a 4-H club meeting to learn more about 4-H



WOOD COUNTY BEEKEEPING PROJECT

Introducing the Wood County Bee Keeping Project!

Project will begin this winter. Prior beekeeping experience or beekeeping equipment not required.

Wisconsin Honey Producers Association, Inc. is hosting a Youth Scholarship Program for youth between 12-18 years old. <https://www.wihoney.org/inside-whpa/youth-beekeeper-scholarship-program/>

Applications must be postmarked by October 1, 2023.



CALLING ALL CLUB TREASURERS AND FINANCIAL MANAGERS

Club Treasurer Training on Saturday, November 18, 2023; 12:30-3:00pm at Marshfield Public Library - Felker Room

It takes a lot to manage a club's finances - like paying the bills, balancing accounts, and writing treasurer reports. Join Laura for a fun, hands-on session! Clubs are strongly encouraged to send both their youth treasurer and adult finance manager. This training is free and you'll walk away with some great goodies!

If your club has not yet elected new officers, this is a great training for youth who may be interested in being treasurer—all are encouraged to attend!

Register by November 10 at: <https://bit.ly/2023Treasurer>

FALL FORUM

Mark your calendars for Fall Forum, November 4-5, 2023 at the Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, WI.

Fall Forum is a statewide conference that brings 4-H youth and adult leaders together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and build excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H. It is for youth in grades 7-13, adult volunteers, and staff. It's a great opportunity for youth and volunteers to discover and explore their sparks and make new friends from all across the state. Everyone will leave inspired and ready for a great 4-H year!

This year's event will include:

- An inspiring keynote address by Tim Talen.
- Opportunities to participate in dozens of youth- and adult-led workshops on Saturday
- Choose your own adventure interactive activities on Saturday night
- Introductions to [Wisconsin Leadership Council Candidates](#)
- Updates from the Wisconsin Leadership Council and Wisconsin 4-H Program Leadership
- And so much more! You won't want to miss it! [2023 Fall Forum Schedule DRAFT](#)



Registration is now open in 4HOnline; you must be re-enrolled for the new 4-H year before registering for Fall Forum!

4-H CLUB VISITS

Looking for a guest speaker for your club? Jasmine is always excited to visit your club meeting and bring a fun activity for your members! Some of the things she can do are:

- Foodie demos
- STEM activities
- Cultural activities
- Team building games

Get in touch with her if you are interested in having her come to a future club meeting. Her email is jasmine.carbajal@wisc.edu

WOOD COUNTY YOUTH LLAMA PROJECT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Did you know that youth in Wood County can learn to work with llamas in 4-H (whether or not they own their own animals)? The Wood County Youth Llama Project makes it all possible!

Support this incredible county-wide project that welcomes youth from 4-H, FFA, and Scouts at their upcoming Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, October 1 at the American Legion Clubhouse in Marshfield with food served from 8:00-11:30 am.

Many thanks to American Legion Post 54 for their ongoing support of the Wood County 4-H Youth Llama Project!

WOOD COUNTY YOUTH LLAMA PROJECT

BREAKFAST BUFFET

ALL YOU CAN EAT

-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 2023-
AMERICAN LEGION CLUBHOUSE

2100 S Maple Ave, Marshfield WI

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

ADULTS --\$10.00

4-12 -- \$5.00

Children under 3 –free

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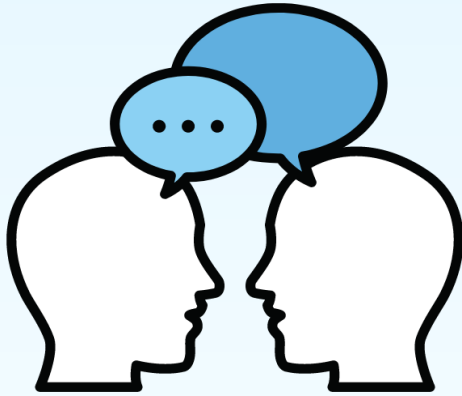
Waffles, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,
Ham, Sausage, Gravy/Sausage,
Applesauce, Toast, Hash browns,
Milk, Coffee

Chinese Raffle Drawing

Sponsored by the
American Legion Post 54

Let's Keep Talking

A Parent and Caregiver Series



3rd Tuesday of the Month

6:00 PM

JP Adler Room

Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library

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Coalition for Youth



August 15 Internet Safety – How to keep you and your children/teens safe

The Marshfield Police Department will help us explore current internet trends, safety concerns for youth and adults, and how to best protect yourself and your family.

September 19 Drug Trends and Overdose Prevention

The Wood County Health Department and the Marshfield Police Department will team up to let us know about current drug trends, how to best help prevent overdoses and community resources. This presentation will include Naloxone (Narcan) training.

October 17 Suicide Prevention Training

QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is a practical and proven suicide prevention training. We will discuss warning signs related to suicide and mental health struggles and provide information on the three steps to help prevent suicide. This presentation will be in person only, with the School District of Marshfield Mental Health Navigator, Joanne Greenlee, LCSW, MSW.

November 21 In Plain Sight

The Wood County Health Department will demonstrate how and where youth hide substances in their bedrooms and school supplies. The Wood County LEO program will help us discuss helpful ways to approach youth when/if you find substances. This is an in person only event.

December 19 Managing Stress

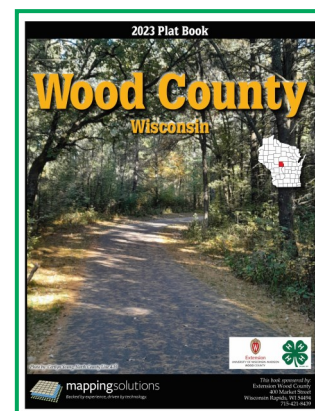
Community Mental Health professionals will talk about stress and explore strategies for stress management and other coping skills.

2023 PLAT BOOKS

The 2023 Wood County plat books are now available!

The books are \$35 each, and book sales directly support Wood County 4-H! Clubs that reach out to local businesses and ask them to have books for sale at their business receive \$5 from every book sold.

Contact the Extension Office to check out books and start raising funds for your club.



4-H ART DISPLAY

From October 2023 -January 2024, Wood County 4-H artwork will be featured in New Visions Gallery at the Marshfield Clinic Marshfield Center!

What artwork have you created that you want to see displayed in a real art gallery?

All artwork displayed in our youth exhibit need to follow these Gallery guidelines:

- Do not exceed 150 lbs. in weight.
- No one dimension shall exceed 80 inches
- Two and three-dimensional works are welcome.
- Electronic media works (projected, shown on a computer, etc.) may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.
- Framed works should be glazed with Plexiglas
- Framed or mounted works to be hung should include a sturdy wire or d-ring hanger/s attached to the piece/frame that can hold the weight of the piece securely.
- Work will not be offered for sale.
- Each piece should be labeled on the back with the same information sent to the gallery prior to the exhibit.
- Work which depicts violence, medical procedures/medical imagery, religion, profanity, racism, political statements, or other potentially upsetting images will not be accepted for exhibit.
- The gallery reserves the right to exclude any works that present complex exhibit problems, is not properly prepared for installation, or do not adhere to the policy regarding artwork on display in Marshfield Clinic Health System properties.



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New Visions Gallery



Submit your artwork to be included by using this form: <https://bit.ly/NewVisions2023>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events.

- **LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25; 7:00pm**—Hewitt Village Hall
- **NATIONAL 4-H WEEK: OCTOBER 1-7**
- **WOOD COUNTY YOUTH LLAMA PROJECT BREAKFAST BUFFET: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1; 8:00-11:30am**—American Legion Clubhouse; 2100 S Maple Avenue, Marshfield
- **TEEN LEADERS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8; 3:00-5:00pm**—North Wood County Park; Arpin
- **VIP TRAINING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19; 5:30-7:30pm**— Marshfield Public Library—Felker Room
- **FALL FORUM: NOVEMBER 4-5**—Green Lake Conference Center; Green Lake
- **VIP TRAINING: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18; 9:45-11:45am**— Marshfield Public Library—Felker Room
- **CLUB TREASURER & FINANCIAL MANAGER TRAINING: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18; 12:30-3:00pm**—Marshfield Public Library—Felker Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the most up-to-date list of events for Wood County 4-H, view our online calendar at: <http://wood.uwex.edu/4-h/>



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