

Wood County 4-H YOUTH CONNECTIONS



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MAY 2024

Dear Wood County 4-H families, volunteers, leaders, and youth:

I want to share with you an update about my professional life and also gratefulness for you!

I have accepted a position in Dane county as a Bilingual Community Youth Development Educator. This position is still under our Positive Youth Development Extension Institute, however, I will be focusing on creating a career-pathways program for high school students and I will continue teaching the Juntos program. Please know that applying and accepting this new position was a very hard decision to make. I have enjoyed working with you all in programs like 4-H Foodie, Creative Arts Day, and Teen Leaders.

I am so grateful for how easily you all welcomed me when I took this position in Marathon and Wood county. Thank you for embracing the opportunities where I was able to share my culture with you. It is very hard to think about not seeing you at camp, the fair, or in the many other spaces we share. Please keep in touch. My email address will stay the same.

I will still be around until the first full week of May. I also hope to see you at statewide events.

Thank you to all of you for making an impact in my life. Trust me when I say that I will not forget my positive experience in Wood county.

Your Bilingual 4-H Associate Educator,



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.



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Wood County 4-H, WI

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SHOOTING SPORTS SHOTGUN PROGRAM

Greetings!

Now is the time to get ready for the Central Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports shotgun program! Mark your calendars now for our upcoming program dates:

Orientation: Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Practices: All practices will be held at the Marshfield Trap and Skeet Club from 5:30-7:00 pm. The Club is located at 8347 Hwy A, Marshfield.

- May 5: (Orientation and shooting for beginners) Trap field will be open.
- May 12: Trap Practice
- May 19: Trap Practice
- May 26: Trap Practice
- June 2: Skeet Practice
- June 9: Skeet Practice
- June 16: Summer Blast
- June 23: Skeet Practice
- June 30: Five Stand Practice
- July 7: Five Stand Practice
- July 14: FUN SHOOT



Additional Information:

- Youth must be at least 12 years old to participate.
- Youth must graduate a WI DNR Hunter Education Course to participate. Proof of completion required. Find classes now!
- Youth are encouraged to bring their own shotgun, and guns will be available for use if needed
- Gauges 12 and smaller can be used.
- The CW4HSS shotgun program will have 12 and 20 gauge ammo available. You supply your own ammo for all other gauges.
- Only Shot sizes 7 ½ to 9 are allowed.
- Heavy magnum loads are NOT allowed.
- Loads with a maximum speed of 1290 FPS are allowed.



Questions: Contact Scott Huber at 715-460-4198 or scott_huber@tcenergy.com.

If you know young people who would be interested in joining the shotgun program and need help enrolling, have them reach out to Scott.

IT'S A PLANTING PARTY!

Spring is here - the season of new growth and beauty! Join others who want to celebrate all things green and growing at our Planting Party!

We'll be planting containers to grow outdoors. Youth can select either a flower planter or a pot of spaghetti. Yep, you read that right. Develop your green thumb while growing a decorative flower garden or a container veggie garden that's perfect for homemade spaghetti sauce!

This party is open to ALL AGES.

BYO (bring your own) container. A 5-gallon bucket is great for the spaghetti garden. If you choose to plant a flower garden, bring a container with a 12-14" diameter.

Date: Saturday, June 1 from 9:00-11:00am near Arpin.

Cost: \$10 per person includes plants and soil.

Register by May 14 at <https://bit.ly/202plants>



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CENTRAL WI AG TOUR

When you think about agriculture in Wood and Marathon Counties? What do you think of? Most of us think of dairy farms, corn, soybeans, alfalfa, and cranberries. There's a lot more going on here than you might realize!

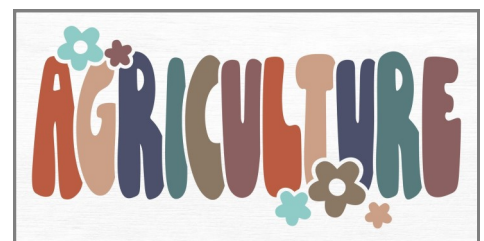
Youth in grades 4-13 are invited to join us as we hop on a bus and discover how diverse agriculture is right here in our own backyards.

Thursday, June 20; time will be shared once the schedule is finalized.

We ask that everyone meet at Hsu's Ginseng for the tour, and from there we will board the bus. Pick up will be in Pittsville at the end of the day. Stops include Hsu's Ginseng, Lonely Oak Farm, UW-Madison Marshfield Research Station, Badger State Fruit Processing, and more!

Cost is \$10.00 per 4-H'er. Registration is required at: <https://bit.ly/AgTour2024> Space is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will close on May 31, or sooner if the bus fills.

Sponsored by 2018 Farm Technology Days and Wood County Farm Bureau.



AG DAY AT THE RAFTERS

We are excited to offer the Progressive Agriculture Safety Zone program at the Rafters Ag Day on June 16th! This will be a great opportunity to help educate families about agriculture and safety in a fun, hands-on way!

We'll need volunteers to lead at 8 different stations. Ideally, we'll have a partnership of youth and an adult at each station. Volunteers will help decide which stations to offer.

Youth and adults who join us to offer these fun programs will receive FREE tickets to the Rafters game that afternoon.

Clubs can volunteer together or families can volunteer individually. Any way you look at it, this will be a great day to meet new friends and help young people learn in a really fun environment!

If you are interested in helping, fill out this Google Form to be sure you are included in future communications for planning and volunteering: <https://bit.ly/RaftersAg>



Progressive Agriculture
Safety Day® Program



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP 2024

How does a day spent around the lake sound to you? What if I told you we'll canoe, shoot archery, fish, build campfires, and cook our own lunch? This year we'll even add in some woodworking for wildlife. It sounds like a blast, doesn't it? So join us for Outdoor Adventure Camp 2024!

Where: Dexter County Park

When: Thursday, July 18 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Who: Youth age 10+ (4-H membership not required). Parents are welcome to attend.

Cost: \$10 per person (includes canoe rental, lunch, and other supplies).

Lunch is included. Youth are welcome to bring their own fishing rod and life jacket, but we can provide these items.

Register by Monday, July 1 at <https://bit.ly/OutdoorCamp24>

Thank you to Connexus Association for sponsoring Outdoor Adventure Camp 2024!



EXPLORE NATURE AT CLOVERBUD & EXPLORER DAY CAMP

Make new friends as you explore our beautiful natural world at Cloverbud & Explorer Day Camp! We'll delve into discovery using all of our observational skills. This fun day camp will include all of the best parts of camp: friends, food, arts & crafts, nature, and games!

Date: Tuesday, July 23

Location: Riverside Park, Pittsville

Time: 9:00am–12:00pm

Cost: \$5 per camper

Register by Monday, July 8 at: <https://bit.ly/Cloverbuds2024>



RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE CHALLENGE

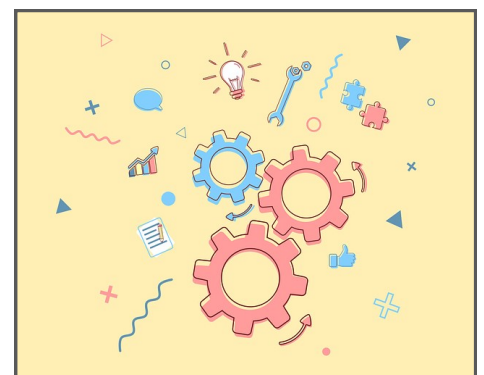
A Rube Goldberg Machine is a really complicated machine that completes a very simple task. These machines are fun and creative engineering challenges.

Join us on Tuesday, July 30 at the Lester Library in Nekoosa from 10:00am–11:00am.

The program is open to all youth age 10 and up; there is no cost and no registration required.

To learn more about Rube Goldberg machines, check out this fun video from Minnesota 4-H: <https://extension.umn.edu/4-h-showcase-events/4-h-engineering-design-challenge>

For more information, contact Laura at laura.huber@wisc.edu.



SUN DROP MUSEUM AND WHITEWATER RAFTING INTEREST FORM

Clark, Marathon, Portage and Wood County will be joining together to visit Twig's Sun Drop University Museum and travel to Shotgun Eddy's Rafting and Adventure to go rafting. 4-H'ers in grades 7-13 are invited to join the adventure!

Please fill out this interest form to let educators know who is interested from each county: <https://forms.gle/dndaWkiabkN3bGoaA>.

Date: Tuesday, July 23

Estimated Cost: \$45 Per Youth

Bus stops will be in Neillsville, Junction City and Rothschild. Specific details will be shared after attendees are finalized.

Application Deadline: May 26, 2024

Space is limited. If more youth apply than we have space for, a drawing will be held. Those not selected will be put on a wait list.



MULTI-COUNTY DAY EXPERIENCE

INTEREST FORM AVAILABLE NOW



Rafting Adventure



July 23, 2024
Counties: Clark, Marathon, Portage Wood
Grades: 7th and older
\$45 Per Youth
Interest Form Due: May 26, 2024

DAIRY JUDGING

The schedule has been set for Dairy Judging meetings this spring and summer.

The remaining dates are listed below. If you plan to attend a particular session, but don't attend the meetings regularly, reach out to Matt Dorshorst (715.340.7271; matt.dorshorst@gmail.com) to confirm the date and time, in case changes are made.

- **Sunday, May 5, 2024 1:00pm**
Grass Ridge Farm, Matt and Paul Lippert (Holstein and Jersey)
5882 County Road E | Pittsville
- **Sunday, May 19, 2024 1:00pm**
Rick and Peggy Bangart Family (Holsteins)
204586 Bangart Road | Stratford
- **Sunday, May 26, 2024 1:00pm**
Josh and Sarah Moga, Marshland Dairy (Jerseys)
209465 Abe Lincoln Ave | Spencer
- **Sunday, June 2, 2024 1:00pm**
Hornland Farm (Holsteins)
N6952 County Road K | Loyal
- **Sunday, June 9, 2024 1:00pm**
Forward Genetics (Emma, Sara, Wyatt and Claire Dorshorst)
8371 Mill Creek Drive | Marshfield
- **Sunday, June 16, 2024 1:00pm**
Adam and Jenna Borchart Family (Holsteins)
6276 Klondike Drive | Auburndale
- **Tuesday, June 18, 2024**
Area Animal Science Days Competition
Shawano County Fair Grounds | 990 E Green Bay St, Shawano



THRIVENT MEMBERS CAN HELP FUND 4-H PROGRAMS!

Are you a Thrivent member? If so, please consider helping us fund county-wide educational opportunities like Discover Wisconsin, camp, Central Wisconsin Agriculture Tour, and more!



Thrivent supports its members in creating community change and spreading generosity through Thrivent Action Teams. Members can apply for a Community Impact Card to support educational events and service activities. These cards are \$250 of support for educational programs that benefit community members. There is no cost to the Thrivent member.

For more information, go to www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams or contact Laura in the Extension office.

KEY AWARD

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program is one of the highest recognitions a 4-H member can receive. This award recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community.

Congratulations to Mallory Cepress, our 2024 Key Award winner. Mallory was recognized at Creative Arts Day.

Mallory is a junior at Marshfield High School and has been an active 4-H member for the last 10 years. As a member of Richfield 4-H, she has served as Historian, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and President. She is also a member of Wood County Teen Leaders, the youth liaison for the Central Wisconsin Shooting Sports program, a Junior Fair Board youth representative and Creative Arts Day committee co-chair. Through her 4-H years, she has participated in and achieved great success in a variety of projects, including swine, cultural arts, shooting sports, rabbits and more.

Mallory has participated in many events at the county, state and national level, including Creative Arts Day, Project Discovery Day, Fall Forum and the American Spirit educational experience.

In her own words, "Being a 4-H member in Wood County holds a lot of value in my life. Being apart of 4-H means that everyday I have the opportunity to grow as a leader and human being. I have the constant opportunity to serve my community, achieve my goals, and find success in my projects. Being a 4-H member has sparked countless friendships, partnerships, and interests in my 4-H journey. Being a 4-H member means that I have been prepared for future success in relationships, education, and eventually a career."



SUMMER QUILT CAMP

2024 4-H SUMMER YOUTH QUILT CAMP

Sponsored by Piecemakers Quilt Guild in conjunction with UW Cooperative Extension



The completed throw contains 30 strips down and 4 columns across plus borders.
The completed quilt contains 42 strips down and 5 columns across plus borders.

Featured Quilt: Layer Cake Coin Quilt (modified)
Finished size
Throw: 46" x 64" or
Twin: 57" x 88"

Who: Youth in 6th grade and up

Where: Hewitt Village Hall
7688 McLean Dr Hewitt, WI

When: Monday, May 13
5:00-7:00PM at JOANN's in Marshfield.
Guild members will be available to help select fabrics.

Monday, June 10 - Friday June 14,
9:00AM-3:00PM
Cutting and sewing top together

Tuesday, August 6
9:00AM-noon
Work on binding

Participants will need to purchase fabric and thread for the top and backing. Several different fabrics will be needed:

- Coordinating fabrics (shown as purples):
6-8 different fabrics (more is fine), various shades of the same color *
Throw: 3/8 yd Twin: 3/4 yd
- Contrasting fabric (shown as teal):
Throw: 7/8 yd* Twin: 1 3/8 yd*
- Binding fabric:
Throw: 1/2 yd* Twin: 5/8 yd*
- Backing fabric:
Throw: 3 1/2 yd Twin: 5 yd

Check the internet for JoAnn's coupons.

* It never hurts to purchase an extra 1/8 to 1/4 yd to allow for mishaps.

After registering, letters will be sent with more information. Piecemakers Quilt Guild will supply cutting equipment and provide assistance in cutting and sewing of the quilt. The guild will also provide each quilter who completes their top on time, batting and machine quilting of the finished top.

Camp is limited to 10 participants, with a minimum of 5 participants. Please check the dates as there will be no makeup dates.

Quilters are encouraged to bring their own sewing machines. A limited number of machines will be available.

Registration deadline is May 10. Please mail registrations to: Dawn Hasz
W1793 Hwy 10
Granton WI 54436

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I have made a quilt before

This is my first quilt

Years in quilt camp

I have a sewing machine

I will need a sewing machine

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 10, 2024

AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the dates for Area Animal Science Days!

More information will be shared as it is available.

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Dates

**SHAWANO COUNTY
JUNE 18TH**

**GREEN COUNTY
JUNE 20TH**



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**WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR
FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SHOOTING SPORTS SHOTGUN PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING: SUNDAY, MAY 5; 5:30pm**—Central Wisconsin Sportsmens Club, Marshfield
- **LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 27; 7:00pm**
- **4-H SUMMER CAMP: MONDAY, JUNE 10 -WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12:** Northern Lakes Impact Center, Rhinelander
- **TRIPLE CROWN SHOOTING SPORTS TOURNAMENT: FRIDAY, JUNE 14-SATURDAY, JUNE 15:** Central Wisconsin Sportsmens Club, Marshfield
- **TRIPLE BLAST SHOTGUN TOURNAMENT: SUNDAY, JUNE 16:** Marshfield Trap & Skeet Club, Marshfield
- **AG DAY AT THE RAFTERS: SUNDAY, JUNE 16: 1:05pm**—Witter Field, Wisconsin Rapids
- **CENTRAL WISCONSIN AG TOUR: THURSDAY, JUNE 20**
- **DISCOVER WISCONSIN: THURSDAY, JULY 11-SATURDAY, JULY 13**
- **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP: THURSDAY, JULY 18: 9:00am-5:00pm;** Lake Dexter County Park—Pittsville
- **LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 22; 7:00pm**
- **CLOVERBUD CAMP: TUESDAY, JULY 23; 9:00am-12:00pm**—Riverside Park, Pittsville
- **WHITEWATER RAFTING DAY TRIP: TUESDAY, JULY 23**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



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